

Laramie BikeNet Meeting Notes

Date: 2/3/2015, 6PM

Meeting Place: Banner Building, Rm 211

Present:

Cynthia Dywan (BN president)

Bill Gorman (BN vice president)

Annie Toth (BN secretary)

Evan O'Toole

Dewey Gallegos (Woo Hoo committee chair)

Nat Dyck (snow bike committee chair)

Alex Gray (representing the UW cycling team)

Erin

Topic: Membership drive on 1/30/2015

Discussion led Cindy, Bill, Dewey

Great success, initial count is 52 new members and 7 renewals. This doesn't include extra members who are part of a family membership.

Topic: Trail maintenance

Discussion led by Evan O'Toole

Evan met with US Forest Service last fall to discuss a "cost share" agreement so that BikeNet can work on the trails at Happy Jack. USFS will provide tools and materials (i.e. cattle guards) and BikeNet will provide volunteer labor. Evan is in the process of writing up the final details of the cost share agreement, which will include 2 weeknights/month and 2 Saturdays/summer of volunteer work. Once the final agreement is ready, he will again meet with USFS.

There was also a discussion about having somewhere - a FaceBook page or email address or something - where trail users could report problems with the trail (e.g. downed trees) so that BikeNet can take care of those problems.

Topic: Snow bike trail packing

Discussion led by Nat Dyk and Dewey Gallegos

Nat and Dewey and other Fat Bike riders are starting to think about winter trail maintenance. Nat asked the BikeNet board if they would be supportive mechanized trail packing of the trails at Happy Jack. He presented a proposal with a budget. The project would involve packing of snowfall over 2" with a 2 wheel drive motorcycle pulling a 2' wide roller. Items on the budget include a motorcycle, a roller, insurance, fuel, maintenance and repairs, and salary paid to the packer. The total with volunteer packers is estimated \$2585 per year for 10 years; with a paid packer \$4185 for 10 years. Nat is planning to ask for funding from the Parks and Rec board, Wyoming State Trails, the Laramie Enduro and BikeNet. He is also planning to start a donation program.

The motorcycle will be donated by an anonymous donor. Insurance is an unknown cost at this time - Annie will look to see if additional liability coverage for the vehicle can be bought through LAB.

Nat's main worries were not financial, but rather if this trail packing program was something that BikeNet wanted to support. Some causes for concern would be impacting other types of trail users (e.g. snow shoers and back country skiers), and the ability for BikeNet to support the program in the long-term.

Much still needs to be worked out with USFS. FS "is leery" of having two overlapping permittees (BN and MBNA) on the same piece of land and wants snow bikers/BN and MBNA to "join up." Nat is not keen on this idea.

FS also wants a estimate of the number of users. The "Fat Bike Group," as defined by FaceBook, is composed of 38 members. Trail counters may also be installed to get better estimates.

The three BikeNet board members present approved of Nat's moving forward with the trail packing initiative.

Topic: Bike-related bills on the state legislature

Topic led by Evan O'Toole

Currently there are several bills in the state house and senate that will affect cyclists. These bills are at various stages of development. The bills/files include:

House Bill 85

This bill has been passed by the house and received by the senate. It would require motorists to leave 3 feet for cyclists. House Rep Charles Pelkey supports this bill.

House Bill 206

This bill has been introduced to the house. This would require cyclists to have a photo ID, wear 200 sq in of yellow reflective material, and have rear lights at all times. Pelkey doesn't support.

House Bill 209

This bill has been introduced to the house. The bill involves transfer of public lands to the private owners; it is not directly related to cyclists but could impact mountain bikers.

Senate File 103

Involves a study of bicycle pathways and highway separation. Assigns a safety task force to determine where accidents happen and if separated bike paths will help them.

For more information visit the Wyoming State Legislature [here](#).

Topic: TT series

Discussion led by Annie

The main goal for this year's TT is increased participation. To do this, more organization/leadership is needed. Annie will take on this task and call upon help as needed.

These details are not final but:

Most likely the TT series will be Thursday nights at 5:45PM. Every week we will meet at 5:45PM on Soldier Springs Rd. at the mail boxes. This is about 1/4 mile south of where the road intersects with Skyline.

All participants must be BikeNet members or first time invited guests. This must be enforced for insurance purposes. All participants must sign a waiver, also.

Curtis McCann has agreed to do timing this year and is available on Thursdays.

Alex Gray from the UW cycling team was present at tonight's meeting. The UW men's team is interested in participating in the series. Alex asked for a "team membership," which the board approved.

The TT will be advertised through the BikeNet Google Group. Alex will also advertise through facebook and also possibly through flyers on campus. We can also thinking about having printed flyers at the bike shops and reaching out to the UW triathlon team.

Topic: Website

Discussion led by Annie

Annie brought up the topic of overhauling the website. Dewey said many BikeNet members expressed disapproval of the website at the membership drive, citing problems with navigation and a generally dislike for the aesthetics.

Annie, Cindy, and Ross are looking into options and will consult Bill and Nat.

Dewey also expressed that bikeshops that sponsor BN would like to access to the BN database so that they can easily search for members so they know who to give discounts to. This issue will be considered when the website is redone.

Topic: Insurance

Discussion led by Annie

on February 2, Annie renewed our GL coverage through LAB. Cost (~\$430) was much more than last year (~\$230) due to increased rates and increased membership. Annie will mail the certificate to the board so that multiple copies are available.

Topic: Dad Dog

Topic led by Annie

Dad dog is on for June 20th. \$800 grant received from CW. The ride/race will be free to BN members. The race will be at 9AM, ride 9:10AM, and a party in the park catered by Alibi will take place afterward. Cindy agreed to be in charge of the kids race and to determine the time and route for that.

Topic: Time and place of next meeting

Topic led by Cindy

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7 at 7PM. The place TBA by Cindy. Ideas include upstairs of Pedal House (screen and projector available), or some place we can get food and beverages.