

Laramie BikeNet Meeting Notes

Date: 4/7/2015, 7PM

Meeting Place: Paddle House Gallery

Present:

Cynthia Dywan (BN president)

Annie Toth (BN secretary)

Dewey Gallegos (Woo Hoo committee chair)

Larry Foianini

Nancy Sindelar (Commuter Specialist)

Note Takers: Cynthia Dywan and Annie Toth

Topic: Membership

Discussion led by Annie

After the membership drive, the membership count for BikeNet was 232 members, and more have joined since. All members who were current (i.e. paid between April 1, 2014 and now) were issued a membership card with an expiration date of April 1, 2016. All members are in the database and an email address for each membership has been added to the Goggle Group list serve. Annie sent membership cards (.pdf versions) via email to all members. In the case of family membership, each family member received a card.

The membership cycle begins on April 1 of each year. If you become a member in year X, your membership expiration date is April 1 of year X+1. For example, if you become a member on September 2, 2015, your expiration date is April 1, 2016. If you become a member on Jan 2, 2016, your expiration date is April 1, 2017.

The plan for coming years is to have a membership drive in March to get most members to renew at about the same time. We will also send out a reminder email in March to all members that their expiration date is April 1 and that they should renew.

Currently there is no way to register as a student on-line. Annie will look into this, but can't make promises that she can fix it.

UW teams, such as the UW cycling team, can register for a family membership and pay \$25 so that they can participate in BikeNet activities such as the TT series. All members of the team that participate in BN activities must be entered into the database and sign waivers for insurance purposes. Annie will work with Alex Gray on the UW Cycling team to see this through.

Dewey brought up the topic of having lifetime memberships (\$350?), and this is something we will consider for next year's drive. Dewey also talked about having business memberships. These types of memberships could bring a lot of money into the

organization. Dewey thought that joining/donating to BikeNet should earn you some kind of schwag, such as a jacket or t-shirt or at least stickers (he mentioned Sticker Giant as a good company for this). These are something we will consider for next year's drive, too.

Dewey also asked if it were possible to have BikeNet member applications at his shop for people to join immediately. Cindy and Annie had no objection to this. (Since the meeting Annie brought some applications to Dewey; he said he would ask for check or cash; Annie and Dewey will meet up periodically so Dewey can hand off applications and money to her; Annie will enter info into database, send cards, add to Google Group and hand off money to Mike).

Topic: Website Content

Discussion led by Annie

BikeNet has a new domain (laramiebikenet.org) hosted through Weebly. Currently we have the most basic web editing plan so "Powered By Weebly" appears at the bottom.

Note: The database is still on the old domain (laramiebikenet.com) hosted through GoDaddy, and uses WordPress as the editor. Annie is the web content manager. She also knows a little about the database, but does not know how to do major structural changes to the database.

Annie emphasized that if BikeNet keeps growing that we probably want to consider investing in a better website (or at least upgrading Weebly) and database.

Annie asked for website content suggestions. Nancy suggested on the Calendar to put "Know of a local bike-related event not on the calendar? Please [contact us](#) so we can add it!" (Since the meeting this has been added).

Cindy would like to have pages for each committee. As Annie gets more specifics, she will add.

Topic: BikeNet Bible

Discussion led by Annie

As requested by Prez Cindy, Annie started writing the BN Bible, which has all important website, database, and Google Group information like passwords and how to do basic things. The Bible is stored on Annie's Google Drive within the BikeNet folder, and this entire folder has been shared with Cindy.

Topic: Fun Meetings

Discussion led by Cindy

Future fun meetings will be held on bikes! Other ideas include scavenger hunts and a cleanups (Roger Canyon and Cactus Canyon cleanup, the latter is located behind the old

Walmart; purpose is to try to bridge gaps). For meetings that involve bike riding or trail maintenance, and clean ups, all members must sign the waivers.

Topic: Modes of communication among BikeNet members

Discussion led by all present

Current ways that BN members communicate include: FaceBook, website, Google Group list serve, and Twitter. Dewey said he'd be the "Twitter Guy" for BikeNet. Cindy needs to get him the information for this.

As not all people use social media, we will continue to distribute important information through email also.

Topic: Laramie Pedestrian and Bicycle Assessment

Discussion led by Nancy

The Laramie Pedestrian and Bicycle Assessment is scheduled for April 27th from 1-4PM. This assessment is part of the USDOT Safer People, Safer Streets Action Plan. Nancy Sindelar will be attending the assessment. Attendees meet at the Albany County Library for a short presentation then break off into groups to discuss downtown and university area corridors. The goal of the assessment is to try to identify ways to increase walking and bicycling while decreasing fatalities to walkers and cyclists. The study area includes Ivinson, Grand, and Garfield from 1st to 15th Street and is intended to improve pedestrian and bicycling pathways that link the University to downtown.

Topic: Dad Dog Update

Discussion led by Annie

The Dad Dog is still on for June 20, 2015. A grant for \$800 from Cycle Wyoming has been received and the rest of the funding will come from BN. An insurance certificate has been obtained, the waiver completed and checked by a lawyer, and the flyer is nearly complete. The WYDOT permit is pending. The P&R permit is in processed. Kiwanis Park is reserved. Alibi will cater, Honeywagon will supply toilets. LVVFD will have ambulances on the course. WHP will be on the course, too, or possibly the Sheriff. Event Brite registration will open soon. BN members will be informed through email.

Annie will schedule a Dad Dog committee meeting for May sometime.

Topic: Officer Elections

Officers were elected by those present. The board will remain as last year:

- President: Cindy Dywan
- Vice President: Bill Gorman
- Secretary: Annie Toth
- Treasurer: Mike Harokopis