

Laramie BikeNet Meeting Notes

Date: 6/2/2015, 7PM

Meeting Place: Front Street Tavern

Present:

Cynthia Dywan (President)

Bill Gorman (Vice President)

Annie Toth (Secretary)

Troy Axthelm

Patrick Johnson

Will Fortin

Nancy Sindelar (Commuter Specialist)

Evan O'Toole (MTB series, trail maintenance)

Jason

Heath Brown (Bike Park)

Note takers: Cindy and Annie

Topic: BikeNet Financial Situation

Discussion led by Cindy

This is a very close approximation to all the BikeNet Finances:

1. BikeNet (including Dead Dog and Dad Dog) has \$10,198 + \$1096.95 in Paypal account (which I'm intending to draw down)
2. 7220 Racing has \$6,667.67.
3. Rolland Cycling has \$349.17.
4. Laramie Mtn. Bike Series has \$3,774.54.

Total in all the accounts @ First Interstate Bank is \$21,086.34. Mike H.

Topic: Mission Statement

Discussion led by Cindy and Annie

Currently on website:

"Working to make cycling safe, convenient and fun - on the road, on the trail, and in the snow."

Will change to:

"Working to make cycling safe, convenient and fun - no matter where you ride."

The latter is currently in the BikeNet brochure.

NOTE: Annie changed the mission statement on website 6/3/2015.

Topic: Bike Park

Discussion led by Heath Brown and Bill Gorman

Many Laramie residents agree that Laramie needs a bike park! Heath's vision is a park that includes facilities for BMX, single track, skills, etc. The location for such a park are "loose" at this time, but possibilities include space by LaBonte park, space at the north end of 15th St., and the wetland area over by Spring Creek/17th.

Potential funding prospects for the park include Stoney Smith, Sarah Reis, Bell Helmet, and the county.

NOTE: Tim Sullivan, the county commission, has some grant funds they can apply for and he wondered if BikeNet has some ideas on what they could spend them on, bike trails, etc.

All present at the meeting voted that funding for the Bike Park should funnel through BikeNet as it is a 501(c)3 organization.

Topic: Diversity

Discussion led by Annie/Dewey

Annie received an email from BikeNet member Miguel Rosales inquiring about "diversity efforts" BikeNet has implemented or is planning to implement. Annie invited Miguel to the meeting to discuss but he could not make it. So, Dewey chimed in...

Dewey thought that BikeNet diversity efforts should target not just minorities, but age groups (really young and really old), as well as women, people interested in different types of bikes, and people of low income.

Ideas for diversity efforts include high school (7220 Racing) scholarships for students of low income families in order for them to purchase bikes. Such scholarships already exist to some extent.

Nancy also said that she'd like to see BikeNet involved in getting kids to ride their bikes to school. Dewey mentioned that Laramie residents in the past have tried Safe Routes to School programs, but that these are difficult to coordinate with local schools. Bike Trains are another idea, where an adult leads kids on bikes to school and they pick up more kids along the way.

Dewey and the Pedal House are also working on a Bike Commuter's map of Laramie.

Topic: Trail Maintenance

Discussion led by Evan

Evan is working on a cost share agreement with USFS, so that BikeNet can help USFS with any issues with existing trails. There is a lot of paperwork involved in creating

this agreement and it could be slow, but hopefully there will be 1-2 trail days this summer to fix high priority trouble spots.

Laramie Mountain Bike Series has permission to remove trees of concern.

Topic: Summer and Fall Events

Discussion led by Cindy, Annie, etc.

Below are a list of events that are happening (or could be happening if we find someone to organize.)

Dad Dog, June 20. Annie is organizing together with committee (and a lot of help from Mike H). Cindy is organizing kids race. People should register! This is a free race (adult/kids), and perks include free lunch and beer by Alibi and discounted Jalan Crossland tickets! Dewey can provide sound system - remind him a week ahead of time or so to contact ASTEC/Andrew Hays on campus about a microphone that will allow us to talk and play music.

TT Series, all summer. Annie is organizing. This is underway, happening on Thursdays at 5:45PM, Soldier Springs. Annie is working on getting some "Bikes On Road Signs." Dewey has some she can use for the summer but needs them back for an event in August. NOTE: Annie has Dewey's signs and is now using them on the TT course.

Freedom Has a Birthday, July 4. In the past, BikeNet has done bike valet parking, which people really like. We need volunteers and someone to coordinate.

Jubilee Days Parade, July 11. Do we want to have bikes in the parade? People dress up themselves and their bikes and ride. We need volunteers and someone to coordinate.

Big Hollow Roubaix didn't happen this year. Eric Wright can't put on any more. People expressed interest in reviving in a new format - more of a gravel grinder. We need someone to take charge of this task.

Cyclocross Series. Eric Wright also can't do this anymore. There is interest in continuing with different venues (farm land close to town, prison, etc.). Dewey is willing to work with others to get this going.

Commemorative ride for Laramie Wheelman, August 26th. Dewey/Pedal House is organizing. Ride to Red Feather Buttes and back.

Mini Adventure race in Curt Gowdy, Rev 3 adventures. Happening July 11.

Other ideas: BN fun meetings on bikes (e.g. scavenger hunts, alley cats, etc.). Dewey, Cindy, and Will are interested in organizing.