

## **Laramie BikeNet Meeting Notes**

**Date: 9/2/2015, 7PM**

**Meeting Place: Altitude**

### **Present:**

**Cynthia Dywan (President)**

**Bill Gorman (Vice President)**

**Annie Toth (Secretary)**

**Evan O'Toole**

**Nancy Sindelar**

**Eric Wright**

**Curtis McCann**

**Nicole Peterson**

**Gillermo Brizuela**

**Dewey Gallegos**

**Brian Belk**

**Lance Proctor**

**Ross Cook**

**Lars Peterson**

**Larry Foianini**

**Jason Gonzales**

**Note taker: Annie**

**Edited by: Cindy and Bill**

### **Topic: Cyclocross**

Discussion led by Eric Wright

Eric has an MOU with the town to have cyclocross practices and a few races in LaPrele. The MOU is extended out 3 more years. Eric has dropped off a damage deposit. The practices this fall will be held on Wednesdays at 6PM in LaPrele. Participants will ride hard for a while and practice skills. As per the MOU, 2 races can be held this year. Rolland Cycling has funds for only 1 race. The date is TBA (later Eric told me it will be on September 27 and will be getting me a flyer soon). Annie will get Eric the BikeNet waiver and help to advertise through email. Curtis volunteered to timing for any practices or races. Dewey would like to organize a race also maybe. Eric's dream is to get together with Cheyenne and eventually have a cyclocross race series.

### **Topic: Bike Rack Donation**

Discussion led by Eric Wright

BikeNet will donate funds for a bike rack at Snowy Range academy. Eric will pick out a rack at a local bike shop and the shop will sell it at cost. BikeNet will arrange for a "Donated by BikeNet" plaque to be made to put on the rack. The budget for the rack is \$300.

Note: Annie consulted the Board and we will be buying an outdoor-specific plastic plaque for a few dollars at Star Signs and Awards. The plaque will say "Donated by BikeNet, 2015" and "Please Ride Safely" and Annie will try to get them to put the BikeNet logo on, too. The bike shop will mount it on the rack for us.

**Topic: Bike Park**

Discussion led by Ross Cook

Ross is a student at UW who is raising funds to build a bike park in Laramie. The money will be shuttled through BikeNet because it is not-for-profit and tax exempt. Ross is meeting with Dan McCoy at Parks and Rec and writing a proposal for the park. At this point, he is not sure exactly of the vision for the park but will certainly have places to practice bike skills.

**Topic: Scavenger Hunt**

Discussion led by Cindy and Dewey

The date for the scavenger hunt was set for September 20th. The idea is to break the city into 5 quadrants and have one theme per quadrant. The scavenger hunt committee will consist of Brian, Nicole, and Ross.

**Topic: Vedauwoo Volunteer Opportunity**

Discussion led by Cindy and Dewey

There is a group in Colorado that is arranging an event to work on roads in Vedauwoo. Dewey and Cindy think BikeNet should have a presence. Later, Cindy received an email that the event had been cancelled.

**Topic: T-shirts**

Discussion led by Evan O'Toole

Evan is getting together some kind of BikeNet t-shirt. He will take orders soon. He will only buy the amount ordered and no extra. A professional will do the design, a design contest would cause too many complications and BikeNet wants a professional-looking product.

**Topic: Dead/Dad Dog 2016**

Discussion led by Annie

Annie is unable to donate her time to bring back the Dead Dog next year. She will talk to Jon Haley of WithOut Limits, a company based out of Colorado, to see if they are interested in bringing the race back.

The paperwork and ideas can pretty much be recycled if we want to repeat the Dad Dog again in 2016. We will probably need to charge a small entry fee as free food and beer for all participants is not very sustainable.

**Topic: Bike Commuter Map**  
**Discussion led by Dewey**

A professional map maker in town agreed to create a bike-friendly map of Laramie. As of the meeting we have not heard back a progress report from said map maker.

**Topic: Laramie Pedestrian and Bicycle Assessment**  
**Discussion led by Nancy Sindelar**

The Federal Highway Administration, in cooperation with WYDOT and the City, conducted a Pedestrian and Bicycle Assessment of Laramie. The study area was Grand Avenue and the final report is now available. Nancy felt a problem area was near the intersection of Grand and 30th. Nancy will send the .pdf version of the report to Annie to distribute to BikeNet members. Note: Annie has done this and the report is available on the BikeNet website.

**Topic: IMBA Meeting in Glenwood Springs**  
**Discussion led by Evan O'Toole and Bill Gorman**

BikeNet funded a trip to the IMBA meeting for Evan, Bill, and Dewey. The purpose of the trip was so that they could learn how to work with state agencies to help develop and maintain trails. Working with the US Forest Service is slow and they do not have the power to make bike-specific trails. Working with the state is better and Evan hopes to work with other groups in town like the High Plains Harriers to eventually develop trails east of town. Evan has contacted the State Land office and got a positive response from them on establishing biking trails on the State section. The town of Newcastle has already done a similar thing.

**Topic:**  
**Discussion led by Nicole Peterson**

Nicole is sitting in on BikeNet meetings for a Bike Design Guide project she is working on with Rhonda Young at UW. The design guide will be specific to Wyoming and would replace or at least supplement the national design guide.

**Topic: Bike Polo**  
**Discussion led by Brian Belk**

Brian is organizing Bike Polo in town. He set up a Facebook page. Practices are open to all. The group might go to a tournament in Colorado.