

Meeting date: Monday, September 10, 2012

Meeting time: 6:00 pm at Clementine restaurant

Directors present were Jason Burch, Basil Hangemanole, Travis Layman, Rich Harrison, Kyle Lawrence, and Jennifer Edwards. Marcia Lamphier was present in her co treasurer function.

No minutes from the last meeting because it was cancelled due to attendance issues.

Jason and Marcia gave a financial update on the current status of the club. There is 18,098.26 dollars in the bank account with more funds in an ING investment account.

Kyle, and Jenn gave an update on the open candidate forum for the city council election that we (SVBC) are co-hosting with the Northend Greenway, Dining Alliance and H'burg Green Network. The two forums are September 17th and October 2nd.

Kyle gave an update and request for board members to post to our two active blogs (trailwork and paved advocacy.) He requested we post a few pictures and a few words whenever we have a chance.

Kyle also gave an update on the Grand Fondo and how we (SVBC) are helping with the event. The ABC license will be in our name. Beer will be donated by New Belgium brewing. We need volunteers to help with the beer serving. We will be keeping 100% of the proceeds

Thanh had a successful confident bike class and is looking for a second League Certified Instructor. Several names were suggested as candidates. The board agreed that supporting the finances similar to how we helped Thanh.

The Board discussed the new website that Jennifer Wolfson has been working on. She has been working hard and a draft is available. The platform will be a Wordpress platform

Travis gave a presentation on the current week being Bike/Ped Awareness week. There has been a press release made by Rockingham County. It was sent to the DNR, WSPA, WHSV and other media outlets.

Basil discussed the current JMU cyclists that have been hit by cars. A general discussion occurred how to motivate JMU administration to promote cycling safety.

Kyle introduced the new event called the "Friendly City Grand Prix." Historically this has been known as the Blue Ridge Cup. The history of the event has been to travel to Charlottesville, Staunton, and Harrisonburg to participate in cyclocross type of events. The organizing group has decided to only do the event in Harrisonburg. It would be a series of events at Ramblewood park where there is ample room. Questions on the table are how involved do we want to be with the event and do we want to insure the event? General discussion centered around the classification as an "event"

or a “club ride.” Recommendations were that we call it an “event” and that you had to be a member to do the event. Someone will be listed as “in charge” for each of the rides. The board agreed that it will be an Event and you have to be a club member to participate. The date range will run from September 18th until sometime later in the fall.

Travis and Rich gave an update on the current status of the bike plan for the MPO area. Thanh has helped to see if the MPO could use the same consultant that the City of Harrisonburg used. The Rockingham County Advisory Committee said that the County was going to try and pitch in a little more money so that the bike plan could be performed to include the entire county in their study. Also going on in the county is that the advisory committee is expanding a little to help incorporate other stakeholders in the bicycling infrastructure for the county.

The RTP grant has construction scheduled to begin in 2 weeks. The crew will be staying in the Shenandoah Mountain Touring lodge out in Stokesville. The work will be finished by November 1st. This will be Narrowback and Lookout. The deal is that if they’re not done by November 1st, then the SVBC will not pay another mobilization fee. Thomas Jenkins and Kyle met with the Forest Service for another round trail grants. The Forest Service is very excited about our projects and the fact we’ve brought \$250,000 to the forest. Thomas and Kyle decided to do this because the RTP funding from the Federal government has extended the program for another 2 years.

There was a general discussion on the Action 20/20 workshop that is coming up on September 21st. To recap, the workshop looks at ways to get federal funding for high-dollar funding. The morning will start off with introductions and going through the new transportation bill (Map 21). Most of the people who are coming will probably not be quite educated on Map 21 yet since it is so new. The morning session will be a meet and greet also. This is also when Bonnie Riedesel will outline the current progress in our MPO area. Currently, registered there are 9 advocates and 10 key county/city staff members, staff from JMU and EMU, a city council member, and a VDOT employee. Ideally we would get one County director to attend, a Massanutten to attend, a Harrisonburg Police Department, and someone from JMU UREC. Also needed would be someone from the Rockingham County Sheriff’s department, Rockingham County Schools, Harrisonburg City Schools, and Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation. If a person can only make one hour, the ideal hour would be from 0900 to 1000. The keynote speaker would be Charlie Chenault.

The next board meeting will be October 8th. This would be a good time to recap our current state with regards to our goals and plans. Kyle asked if we could move the board meeting. An idea was made to move both the regular meeting and board meeting. Since we mess with Clementine’s schedule, we will only move the board meeting. It was rescheduled for October 15th from 5 pm until 6:30 pm at upstairs in Clementines.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:20.