Meeting date: Monday, March 10th , 2014

Meeting time: 5:30 pm at Clementine restaurant

Directors present were Jason Burch, Kyle Lawrence, Richie Vaughn, Jack Broaddus, Mike Bowen, Ben Sandel, and Rich Harris. Marcia was present in her co-treasurer function

Minutes were reviewed from the February Meeting. **Kyle Lawrence moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Bowen, approved by all.**

The February financials were reviewed by the board. The board reviewed Marcia’s checking account report. The full financial report was not able to be reviewed due to timing of month close documents and the early board meeting. There was a discussion regarding the budgetary report and formatting and information changes. There was also a discussion regarding the statistical analysis of our membership dues done for yearend 2013.

Kyle gave a membership update. There are 466 individual contacts in our membership program.. There are 390 late membership renewals.

**Old Business:**

* A discussion on Board term length, size, and rotation. Perhaps staggering the terms on the board to help with board turn over as elections. This is really to protect institutional knowledge.
* A short reminder on the board retreat next Monday, March 17th at 5:30 at Rich Harris’ house. Karen is going to facilitate with a doctoral student.
* Bike Summit update. Chris Scott, Becky Johnston, Nathan Barge, and Kyle Lawrence all attended. A very well attended Summit and a lot of good connections made. It was a very neat contrast between Harrisonburg attendance between last year and this year. Both were equal and awesome in their own respects and shed their own perspective on the Summit.
* Jason gave an update on progress working through temporary road signs for events with VDOT. He stated that he had a meeting with local VDOT officials and the meeting was very well received. VDOT officials are reviewing acceptable standards and hope to get back to SVBC soon with potential solutions.
* Rich gave an update on the preliminary meetings for the Bike Summit. Early meetings have shown that inviting other communities to visit our Summit. The area MPO has also discussed assuming responsibilities for the Bike Summit expenses and organization. A general discussion followed regarding the tremendous success of this event and how it is now seen as atremendous planning tool.

**New Business:**

* Jack asked the question regarding the World Bike races in Richmond this year about advertising/fundraising opportunities.
* There was a general discussion regarding the termination of the IMBA insurance due to the underwriters terminating IMBA’s policy. Kyle gave a brief background of the problems associated with the policy and why the SVBC chose to be a subscriber in the first place. We have some options. We can take out individual policies for specific events. IMBA hopes to figure out a policy by the end of the year but, as of this time, there aren’t a lot of options. Jack is going to discuss matters with some insurance folks that he knows. He explained that it is a unique risk component. Ritchie explained that she had just had a meeting with the USFS and they have several requirements. If working on USFS land, we are covered by their workman’s compensation. Perhaps a few internal trailwork meetings with trailwork leaders to review these issues and maintain a standard amongst those folks.
* Kyle gave an update on the Northend Greenway [NEG] outreach. He was curious about a potential joint event between the NEG and SVBC. One idea is to bring an author who writes about bicycles to town in June. This would help solidify the relationship between the two organizations and really educate and support the local community.
* Richie let us know that she is attending the parks and recreation department meetings and wanted us to know should we have anything to pass on.
* Kyle introduced the subject of Sunday hunting on public lands. With the private bill passing this past year, we want to be poised for the potential advance to public lands. We agreed to a membership poll to obtain group consensus. The board agreed that we need to be wary of the line between advocacy organization and political machine.

**Committee Reports:**

* The MPO bicycle/pedestrian plan is moving forward but still behind schedule. The Rockingham County portion (that’s not in the MPO) has not been finished and a date has not been set. The group discussed the importance of these two plans.
* The City’s “Bluestone Trail” bike path will be started this spring when it dries out. There are rumors floating about that there will be funding for bicycle school connections.
* The meeting was adjourned at 19:16.