

Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition Board Meeting

August 10, 2015 5:30pm

Attending: Kyle Lawrence, Misty Tilson, Dan Finseth, Mike Bowen, Rich Harris, Ritchie Vaughan, Ben Sandel, Tim Cupp,

- Welcome. Last month's minutes not available due to sharing glitch. [July 2015 minutes](#)
 - Approval tabled.
- **Finance report: Dan(5:40-5:50)**
 - August report
 - PayPal membership fees were transferred into SVBC account
 - Insurance paid
 - Community Foundation meeting with Revlon Hill. Potential to use them for nonprofit activities -- visibility, possibility for having them manage investment account, additional grant possibilities. Some fees associated - comparison with what we are currently paying is underway, as well as consideration of how much cash we have on hand. Possibility of having Revlon come speak.
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- **Membership Update:**
 - Current SVBC Members: 619 August /610 July / 620 June
 - Looked at historical overview; general upswing except for one dip which was attributed to change in system which cleaned up duplicates.
- **Old Business (5:50-6:30)**
 - Trail building insurance. We are covered. No lapse. All aspects of Mtn bike festival covered, and trail work and skills clinics.
 - Smithland Bridge: Project pushed back to 2020. Design can be opened back up but they don't have to. Meeting with Director of Public works and Mayor.
 - "Connect our Schools" Update-
 - City Staff is already compiling list of projects per city manager to add to bond.
 - The fact that these projects are included in the early stages of planning is a very hopeful sign.
 - Thank you notes -- still need to be written (after \$ received)
 - Request from the Rockingham County Sheriff ask: "if you had a road in mind that you would like to see one of our speed trailers set up on. I am setting them out in different locations throughout the Summer and want to help you all stay safe." **Will share info with RBAC. Kyle thanked sheriff for concern.**
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- **New Business (6:30-6:50)**
 - Next round of comments due for I-81 Exits 245 & 247 Interchange Alternatives Analysis Report and, if interested please Read the first SVBC comments
 - Additional comments need to be written. Due August 22.
 - High school team (youth cycling). Shenrock is team name Mike Bowen and Misty Tilson coaching--
 - 13 kids. Wide variety of talent.
 - Jerseys in works.
 - Spread word to folks who can help ride along. Practice Massanutten T-TH,

- volunteers need background check. SVBC will pay.
 - There will be a fall ride hosted at Stokesville. Volunteers will be needed -- but more info coming later.
 - Lost our IMBA Ride Center designation.
 - Can apply again in a year.
 - Virginia Bike Trails/Routes map
 - how do we get area routes on this map
 - We will keep ear open for any initiatives to update this.
- **Committee Reports (6:50-7:00)**
 - Youth Cycling Initiative: New name, jerseys, and fall team. (see above)
 - City of Harrisonburg:
 - Applied for Bicycle Friendly Community Designation. -- silver level
 - Bike/Ped plan continues.
 - Discussion re cyclist/pedestrian accident -- on sidewalk. When appropriate/legal to ride on sidewalk?
 - Need help with Bike/Ped count. Need a lot of volunteers.
 - SRTS: not much going on. Summertime.....
 - 2 clinics of how to bike to school
 - Bike/Walk Summit: Nov. 13
 - last year's topic was tourism. Collaborative project with economic impact. Good response.
 - still accepting responses
 - discussion re connecting Bluestone to Blacks Run to Monger to Cooks Creek
 - TRavis Layman, Bob Bersson heading this up
 - Dayton working on greenway to Silver Mill
 - working also on better mapping with MPO
 - This year's summit
 - Bicycling as an economic development tool.
 - RTP Grant: Project will be rebid with lowest bidder clarification. Money still needs to be spent by 2016 but at this point more action in spring.
 - Forest service - new contact in Bridgewater office. Add name to Bike Walk Summit invitees.
 - Bike Capital T-shirts selling well. More coming for social, and will be at other events.
- **Upcoming Event**
 - [Checkout the SVBC August Social agenda for a list of upcoming events](#)
 - **September 13 -- 33rd Annual SVBC Century**
 - **October 9-11 : 19th annual SVBC Mountain Bike Festival**
 - **Board Elections September.**

Next SVBC Board Meeting: **Monday September 14** in the basement of Clementine 5:30