

## **Bike Burlington Minutes March 3, 2020**

Present at meeting: Randy Wright, Tony Wallace, Sarah Blodgett , Steve Blodgett, LeRoy Bickel, Tyler Bickel , Bev Sherbondy, Duane Sherbondy, Lori Beckman, Tony Martinez, Nick Morianic, Shannon Johnson, Steve Young, Gary Sczymula, Sandy Elmore, Dan Meiroto, Jill Ita, Keith Schulz, Tom Lambert, Barry Denny, Angi Campbell

Randy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed. Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Tony M to approve the minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

1. Bike routes and trails: Bev asked about changing signage on the route on south Main Street as was discussed at an earlier meeting. Gary stated that we need to work with the city on this. Tyler said that Joyce sent him a picture of the ribbon cutting for Dan's bench. He also talked about the county supervisor meeting he attended. There will be work on the Mediapolis road this summer and the Iowa City Road will be paved. The bridge by Case will be fixed late in the year. Flint Bottom Road and Gear Ave will be redone also.
2. Hatter's Ghost Bike: Tyler reports that Sherwood will have the lettering done and he hopes to have it in the ground by next month. Randy reported that there is work being done at the corner where it will be placed. Tyler will take a look at it.
3. RAGBRAI: Tyler reports a low sign up with 29 for the full week and 2 part time. Normal is 40-60 people signed up. He also notes that people who have never done it before usually come in between now and May. 14 of the riders are local, and the 2 part time riders are also local. He is thinking of taking only one bus and hopes to break even this year. At this time there are 31 on the bus. Tyler states that 20 people contacted him and said that they don't want to be political and they will do another state ride this year. Everyone going will get a custom jersey saying Bike Burlington on the side. Roger is not going and Tyler will check and see if he will help organize everything. He says with a low participation they may take the trailer and not put any bikes on the truck. The bus is less expensive this year because we're not going as far. The official deadline to sign up with RAGBRAI is the first of April. There is no

- deadline to sign up with our transportation but the price goes up later. Steve asked if everyone's numbers of riders are down and Tyler replied that he hasn't had a chance to talk to anyone else. Shannon asked how he is able to get the camping spots and Tyler replied that it's usually through the Chamber of Commerce. It will be harder this year because we're a smaller group. He asks for places close to the activities on a couple nights, close to porta-potties, close to showers, and close to food. By RAGBRAI rules, he needs to wait to start searching until May 1.
4. St Patrick's Day Ride: Angi reports the Facebook invite is out. Meet at 2:00 at the Buffalo and some people will eat and drink there first before the ride leaves. Roger will lead. Have lights, wear helmets, and wear green.
  5. Dinner rides: Gary reported that the committee has been working on suggestions. He passed out a tentative schedule. They are hoping to go to some different places this year. The rides will gradually increase mileage as we get into summer. Rides start March 11 with some options for the early rides. Keith stated that he thought River Rocks in Ft Madison was closed. Sandy called and verified that they would be open on a ride night. Gary included moonlight rides in September and October on the schedule. He also reported on a route to Stronghurst which several people rode recently. He passed around menus for the 2 restaurants there and discussed capacity of both places. Tony noted that there is some busy traffic on the route and Randy suggested we could put out some signs on the road the first few times we ride there.

### **New Business**

1. Bike Flèche: It will be May 17th on Sunday. Gary will reserve the shelter. More information next meeting.
2. Randy discussed selling t-shirts and jerseys. He asked if we could put something on the home page about the sale of these. Shannon will take care of it.
3. Tony talked about the changes in the race this year. There will not be a road race on Friday. There will be a twilight "flat and fast" Crit downtown Friday night. It will start on Jefferson Street, go to 8th street, to Washington Street, Main Street, and back to Jefferson Street. The last 2 races will be after sunset, the first race will be at 4:30. More people are presently registered for the

- twilight Crit than would be registered for the road race at this time. They anticipate at least as many riders as previously registered for the road race and less expense with this format. This race will not need to involve 2 Sheriff's departments and the motorcycle riders. Randy discussed volunteers for both races. Hay bales for Friday night would be stored under the bridge overnight, and replaced on the route Saturday. He also talked about the decreasing number of sponsorships and that instead of asking for large donations from a few sponsors they might ask for smaller donations, hoping to increase the number of donations. They may incentivize the donations. This will need to be coordinated with Downtown Partners. Custom socks are available which were offered for the Friday night ride.
4. Gary asked if we want to do a Mississippi River Ride or Keosauqua Ride for RAGBRAI training. He suggested the weekend of the 27-28 of June. It was noted that the Big Rove Ride is the same weekend.
  5. Lori discussed Drew Pieper is doing a go-fund-me page for a new hand bike. She asked if anyone is interested in donating. Lori moved that we donate \$2100 to Drew's go-fund-me page. Gary seconded the motion. Tyler suggested that we give the donation directly to Drew instead of through the go-fund-me page. Sarah moved we amend the motion to state that we will pay \$2100 directly to Drew with the intention of it being used for a bike. Steve Y seconded. Steve asked if there is a plan B on the bike; Tony stated that he will need to talk to Drew about this. Lori suggested that we can talk about this next month. Motion passed. Shannon asked that Drew contact her about getting the check.

The treasurer's report was given by Shannon. She included discussion of payments for RAGBRAI registration, reimbursement to Kim H for Snake Alley Criterium fees, and prepayment for the racerback jerseys which will be reimbursed.

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah, seconded by Tyler, motion passed.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Bev Sherbondy, recording secretary  
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