

Bike Burlington Minutes April 7, 2020

Present at meeting: Randy Wright, Dan Meiroto, Shannon Johnson, Tyler Bickel, Nick Moranic, Kevin Mahoney, Tabby Schimmelpfennig, Tina Keane, Jill Ida, Herschel Schmidt, Steve Young, Tony Martinez, Gary Szymula, Sandy Elmore, Bev Sherbondy, Duane Sherbondy

Randy called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM. Meeting was held via Zoom.

Old Business

1. Bike routes and trails: Suggested change from Harrison Ave to Sweeny or Barret street; we don't know if Gary contacted the city yet.
2. Hatter's Ghost Bike: Tyler has the bike primed and has the decals. He hasn't been to the site yet. Randy asked if there was another place to put it since there has been work done at that corner which reduces the space. He suggested putting it at the river. Tyler replied that we don't know if the city would approve, but the county will leave it alone if we put it near the accident corner. He will put 2 metal fence posts in and bolt it to the posts. He hopes to find a place in the general vicinity of the accident.
3. RAGBRAI: Randy discussed that if RAGBRAI is cancelled we have to refund the support fee. Do we write checks or issue credit on PayPal? Tyler thinks it's cheaper to write a check. Shannon agreed that it is cheaper to write checks. Steve also said we should write the check. Tyler has heard that RAGBRAI will decide on the 15th if the ride is going to continue. Tyler has not signed a contract with Trailways yet. Randy suggested that we wait until the 15th and then decide on the next step. Tony said that he's done PayPal transactions with refunds and there generally is not a fee but we would need to check on it. Kevin asked we would consider another ride. Gary stated he heard that if RAGBRAI is cancelled they might consider another shorter ride later. Tony reported he had a meeting with RAGBRAI this morning and they said that there would be an announcement between the 15th and the 20th. Tabbi suggested that we consider a couple shorter club rides if RAGBRAI is cancelled. Gary suggested the Root River trail in Minnesota or the Elroy-Sparta trail in Wisconsin. Randy suggested we could also stay in Iowa and ride in Central Iowa Trail

or the trail at Cedar Rapids. Kevin discussed a ride on the rails-to-trails routes. Randy stated we'll wait until the 15th before a decision.

4. Wednesday Dinner rides: We can't do dinner rides, but do we do other rides? Tyler stated that larger groups will be pulled over and fined if there are 10 or more people. Randy asked how it will appear to the public if we're in a group and that we want to appear to be good citizens. Tony stated that the Tuesday and Thursday gravel rides are still going and they are groups smaller than 10. The Saturday morning rides are paused until this is over, probably June. Randy asked if we should organize rides. Tabbi suggested that we organize for the people who don't have contacts for rides. Steve stated that we shouldn't be riding the bus together or eating together but we could meet for a ride. Shannon suggested that we notify members that we hope to ride on Wednesday nights in small groups and if anyone needs someone to ride with they can contact another rider. Steve suggested we start at a central place and take off in small groups. Shannon said we could put in our food orders at a restaurant and come back later and pick up the food to eat somewhere else. Steve replied that we wouldn't need to have a plan for eating, just rides. Tyler suggested we park in the Kohl's parking lot and organize groups from there. Randy asked if we have several small groups would we want them to all go in the same direction? Tony commented that we'll have trouble keeping people in their small groups. Gary thinks that each small group needs to go a different direction. Shannon suggested that we put out an email with different locations and different times for leaving. One group could leave at 5:15 at Younkers, another at 5:30 from the RecPlex, and others from different places at the mall. Discussion followed. Tony suggested many people might not want to ride in groups at all. Randy stated that we can meet at the Westland Mall, Younkers side, at 5:15. Each group of 6-7 can leave independently. Shannon will put out something on the web page for tomorrow.
5. Bike Fleche : Cancelled
6. T-shirts, jerseys on main Bike Burlington page: There is a notice on the main page that these are on sale.
7. Bike rides: Randy asked if we should make plans for these. Gary suggested waiting till the end of the month for the Mississippi River Ride or Keosauqua ride

8. Snake Alley Criterium: Randy stated that these races are cancelled.

New Business

1. Tony talked to Drew about his bike. Drew has ordered his bike and paid half the cost. Tony told him that we had donated money. The bike is ordered from a custom builder.
2. Shannon reviewed the procedures for entering the meeting on Zoom with the participants tonight. Several people said the links in the email didn't work and they had to go to Zoom to enter by entering the meeting ID and password.
3. Steve asked if we need a meeting after RAGBRAI decides what they are doing. Randy suggested we wait a week and then send another email if needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Bev Sherbondy, recording secretary
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