

## **Bike Burlington Minutes July 7, 2020**

Present at meeting: Randy Wright, Jay McLain, Tyler Bickel, Bev Sherbondy, Shannon Johnson, Gary Sczymula, Vic Kohlhof, Herschel Smuck, Jill Ita

The July meeting of Bike Burlington was held at Happy Joe's restaurant. Randy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. No minutes from the previous meeting were distributed. (Note: no meeting was held in June)

### **Old Business**

1. Bike routes and trails: Gary has no news. Tyler reports there has been a group meeting with SEIRP but doesn't know any details. Randy has been asked by Rob Phillips of the city of Burlington if we need bike racks on the front of buses. Tyler noted that people who would use this would not be our group but might be the less experienced riders. He compared it with the bike racks downtown which were not used the first year but are used now. Randy stated that he told Ron the money might better be used for bike trails instead of bus bike racks. Gear Ave is not yet open. Iowa City Road is paved from where it meets Mediapolis Road to Pleasant Grove. Gary noted that next week is the ribbon cutting at the bridge at Wapello.
2. Hatter's Ghost Bike: Tyler reports he worked on it today and has the final coat of white on it. He still needs to put stickers on and clear coat it. Stickers will say "Mad Hatter" and date of the accident. Tyler feels the first bike was removed for road maintenance reasons rather than being stolen. This bike has been stripped on parts so it is not usable and less likely to be stolen. It will be bolted to a post out of the way of maintenance crews. Gary mentioned that the Dan Ring bench has now been replaced to its original spot.
3. COVID-19 concerns: Shannon asked about using the bus for our rides. She suggested we have a poll asking if people would ride the bus. It was decided she will put out poll to determine interest in using the bus. We also discussed availability of drivers and how to maximize safety. Vic suggested we also put sanitizer on the bus as well as wearing masks. Randy noted that meetings are a safety concern as well. Gary discussed the problem of transportation with other informal rides which have been occurring and that

people need to find their own ride back. Tyler suggested that if everyone wears a mask we could use the bus. We discussed the problems associated with transporting e-bikes. Tyler stated he had made a prototype of a ramp for them but it hasn't worked for all the e-bikes.

## **New Business**

### **1. Coming Events:**

Pigtails 8-8-20 and Big Rove 8-22-20 - Shannon reported that she had an email that sounded like they were making arrangements for it, but later is sounded like they may not have Pigtails. Both are still on according to the website. Baccoon is canceled. Bike Van Buren August 15-16, 2020 and camping-Shannon reports 12 people are registered. If you reserve a campsite you must pay for 2 nights. Most spaces are for trailers. Shannon will post a poll and who's interested.. Registration is \$38 and camping is \$11/night. There is also another ride, this one around the Amana Colonies, which is still scheduled.

Plan to ride and camp options-Randy suggested we might plan our own ride and camp option. Tyler added we could also organize a one day ride with mileage options. Randy thinks people enjoy the camping portion of rides. Shannon will do a poll asking if people are interested in a weekend ride with camping one night.

The Great Iowa Fall Ride by RAGBRAI Oct 2-4, 2020 Iowa Falls- (more details to be released Saturday July 26) There is not much information about this. Tyler asked if anyone is doing the virtual RAGBRAI but no one stated they are.

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- Jill discussed the boy who was hit on his bike. He is now improving. Randy asked if the Bike Club should do something. Members discussed this and several had already given their own donations to his fund. We discussed ways to teach bike safety and a possible event for this. Gary volunteered to organize it. Site suggestions included the old Menards, SCC, the high school parking lot, or the mall. It would serve as a good PR activity and promote the club. Melinda might do the promotion for us. We hope to have this shortly after Labor Day.

The treasurer's report was given by Shannon. She noted that we paid the insurance for the bus and trailer. We also issued a check to Drew Pieper for his bike. All refunds for RAGBRAI have been distributed.

RAGBRAI is holding the jerseys with the bike club name if you rolled your registration over to next year. It will be the same jersey as was planned this year.

Motion to adjourn made by Gary, seconded by Jill, motion passed.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Bev Sherbondy, recording secretary  
Bike Burlington