

## **Bike Burlington Minutes November 5, 2019**

Present at meeting: Randy Wright, LeRoy Bickel, Tyler Bickel, Melinda Bickel, Bev Sherbondy,, Lori Beckman, Nick Moraniac, Tony Martinez, Gary Szymula, Herschel Smuck, Shannon Johnson, Steve Young, Tony Wallace, Barry Denny, Jay McLain, Nick Kohlhof, Jill Ita, Tom Lambert, Rob Varleh, Sandy Elmore, Dan Meriotto, Keith Schultz, Bill Gentry, Hunter Hayes, Mark Hamilton, John Kemp, Jeanine Kemp

Randy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed. Motion was made by Tony M and seconded by Jill to approve the minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Old Business**

1. Bike routes and trails: Leroy offered to be on the Wednesday bike riding planning committee. Gary had no report. Tyler noted that a survey regarding trails had gone out.
2. Ghost Bike: Tyler reported that the stickers are not back yet.
3. Cranksgiving: Melinda reported the weather will be high of 50 degrees. Riders should be at Mazzios at 10:00. There will be a list of items to collect, and things such as socks and toiletries are welcome donations. Randy noted that the Ugly Sweater ride begins at 2:00 at the Buffalo.
4. Trailer/bus storage: Steve reported that the trailer is in Dennis's barn; the bus is at SCC since last Monday. Shannon has provided tags that Steve will put on the bus and trailer. He thanked Leroy for his help.
5. RAGBRAI/Iowa's ride: Tyler talked with Ann Lowry who runs the RAGBRAI web site. They have a short list for ride directors. Registration will open on Nov 15. TJ and crew left but a supporting crew (people that ran website, etc) are still there. A former assistant director is also helping them. They hope to make an announcement about RAGBRAI in the next 10 days. Route planning is continuing. They are still going to fund the Bike Coalition Summit in Iowa City. Relationship with Primal still the same. The large charters have committed to RAGBRAI, the shower and porta-potty vendor have also committed. Iowa State Patrol has also agreed to participate and indicated they would try to support both rides. They will get John Karras to ride, hopefully the whole ride. Tyler reached out to both TJ and RAGBRAI. TJ did

not call him back. He had an immediate reply from Ann when he contacted her. Randy asked if there was an opposing view regarding RAGBRAI participation. by the club. Tyler stated he had known TJ a long time and that he felt this had been planned before the Carson King problem. Tyler feels that TJ is in a position vulnerable to being sued but time will tell. He feels RAGBRAI is doing a good job. Steve commented that he assumes we will not support both rides the same week. Tony M stated that Bike World will support both rides. and other vendors may also support both. Nick has been in contact with TJ who said he's been working on the route. He is sure TJ will be able to have a ride, although probably it will be smaller than RAGBRAI. He also thinks a lot of people in Iowa will go with TJ. Nick thinks this year will be a mess and that next year there will be 2 rides at 2 different times. Steve asked about clarification of the Bike Iowa route, and Nick replied that it will be in northern Iowa. He noted that the northern routes attract more people. Nick's bike shop will take a position that they will support both rides. Randy asked if Nick will continue to be a RAGBRAI vendor and he replied that he would. The new RAGBRAI directory is likely to be TJ's former right hand man. The Keokuk club announced today they will support RAGBRAI. Shannon asked about release of the RAGBRAI route and Tyler replied that it will be released at the usual time in January. Tony M thinks people will wait and decide later which ride to support. There was discussion regarding whether to poll the members as to which ride they would like to do. Tyler stated that he begins to set up the RAGBRAI web site before long and if the club were to change to the other ride he would need to change a lot of things. Melinda suggested that RAGBRAI is more predictable as compared with Iowa's Ride. The group decided to table this discussion.

6. Birthday party: Scheduled Jan 25 at the Drake at 6:30. The restaurant will serve hors d'oeuvres beginning at 7:00. You will need to be present to win door prizes. We had a keg last year but did not finish it even though Steve encouraged the group.
7. Committee meetings for the dinner rides: Steve suggested that we could set up rides to locations with a vendor who would provide a set menu and wanted to know if this was agreeable to the group. Leroy commented that they had tried to do this last year but it did not work out, and also that we would need

restrooms at the destination. He also asked about rain plans. Comments indicated that people would support this type of arrangement. Steve plans to begin ride committee meetings next month.

### **New Business**

1. Election of officers: Randy opened up nominations. Secretary: Lori nominated Bev and volunteered to be back-up. Treasurer: Tony M nominated Shannon. Vice President: Tony W nominated Steve. Steve stated that he and Melanie may leave for an extended time by June and Randy asked Steve to consider who could replace him then. Steve accepted the nomination and would serve until they leave. President: Randy was nominated. No other nominations were given.
2. Tony stated that Snake Alley Criterium would like some people to work on getting sponsors for the event. No one volunteered at this time. There will be a twilight criterium this year on Friday.
3. Tyler stated that Toys for Tots will be beginning soon. He and Nick both noted that bikes are more expensive this year due to tariffs. Tom moved we donate \$300 to each shop for bikes. Randy asked about a situation where a small amount of additional money would buy another bike and helmet. People commented that others often donate money which would make up the difference. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Shannon.  
Motion to adjourn made by Gary, seconded by Tony W, motion passed.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Sherbondy  
Recording Secretary Bike Burlington