

Plymouth County Cyclists

Summary of January 14th, 2008

Old Business:

Treasurer Report – No activity since last meeting

- Balance: \$233.06

Group Rides:

- All rides Saturday, Sunday will be weather day
- Ride Leader – should we have a schedule or have a ride leader. Decision made to have schedule and we can change based on weather.
- **Decision:** VP chooses members for each ride. Will ride the same schedule as last year and is responsible for providing any changes update to VP 1 week in advance of meeting.

Sign and Safety Report:

- Wayne Marty provided update, provided summary of Plymouth County Cyclist goals and reason for
- Letter will go to City and County including:
 - Spoke about cycle of encouragement – encourage “complete” streets (streets set up to allow all types of transportation).
 - Safe bicycle access message –
 - Seeks City and County advice/support on 3 items:
 1. Purchase and install Share the Road
 2. Adjusted marking on city streets
 3. Installation of bike parking racks @ Walmart, Hyvee, downtown (examples)
 - Currently no racks available at these locations
 - Wayne Marty attending State Bicycle Meeting in Des Moines
- Share the Road License past – idea to have this on our signs. Wayne Marty will ask the DOT if there is a logo that has been adopted.
- Review website for City of LeMars proposed
- **Decision:** Created a small group team – Jim F., Wayne M., Gene M, Theresa N. Team to meet 1st week of February and report back at February bike club meeting

New Business:

Plymouth County Health Committee

- Jim F. – Iowans Fit for Life – two meetings to discuss what we can do
 - Dates – January 21st and 24th 5:30 to 8pm @ Hospital
 - Promote eating healthy and physical activity
 - Jim F, Colleen, and Wayne M. plan on attending

PIGS Ride – Paired Iowans Going Somewhere – Tandem Club for Iowa

- Each team across the country have adopted animals – PIGS was left for Iowa:-)
- Dan and Donna Pond have offered Aug. 8-10th Friday night ice cream ride, 2 rides Sat. Sunday
- Club members...please think about helping out.

Iowa Bicycle Coalition

- Current language being promoted is that bicyclers will lose rights if hurt on a bicycle
 - Discussed actions we can take:

- www.bicyclecoalition.org – sign a petition
- Write a letter to legislature sharing concern
- Attend bicycle day in Des Moines 1/17 – group going to Capital
- Attend summit 1/18/08 in Des Moines – Wayne Marty attending

Membership Fees

- Dan Pond shared his thought on our Spring enrollment curtails people from joining right away.
 - Discussion:
 - Have people pay on an annual basis – pay October membership runs through October following year. Dan P has spreadsheet which will tally and track approaching, due and past due.
 - Gene Muran 1st motioned annual enrollment, Dan Pond 2nd the motion - Passed
 - Membership form will need to be modified – Dan Pond will complete
 - No incentive to join – people on our email list get all the information, discussed ideas:
 - Jersey orders
 - Annual pizza ride for members and free
 - Do we ask local company to support us
 - Do we get a % off if we ride to the location

Table Incentive thoughts.

Next Meeting:

February 11th, 2007 7pm YMCA Board Meeting Room in LeMars