

Plymouth County Cyclists

Minutes of Club meeting on May 12, 2008

Members Present:

Colleen Bortscheller, Monte Brent, Terry Claussen, Curt Driggs, Jim Flaherty, Mary Gloden, Clayton Hodgson, Dale Hurt, Joyce Nussbaum, Daniel Pond, Donna Pond and Deb Puhl

Minutes of the previous meeting:

Read by the President

Treasurer's Report

Read by Treasurer. Balance on hand \$455.06

Old Business:

- Clayton reported on plans for the ice cream days rides. He showed the club the flyer that had been prepared to promote the rides. Clayton reported on the school program with Denver cyclist Glen Hanket (author of Underwear by the Road). Wayne Marty and Theresa Nordstrom also participated in the program and spoke on the importance of safe cycling and promoted the Ice Cream Day bike rides. There were two of these programs. One was at Kluckholn School in Le Mars and the second at Kissinger School in Merrill.
- Clayton also gave a brief report on club ride leaders. Jim Flaherty volunteered to be the ride leader for the next club ride (May 24).

New Business

- Daniel Pond spoke regarding the Tri-State Trails Tour which will be this Saturday. There is a choice of three separate rides. Check-in time is 9:00 to 9:45 AM at the Marina Inn, South Sioux City Iowa. Mary Gloden moved that the club participate in this ride instead of the regular Saturday club ride. The motion was passed. More information about the Saturday ride is available on a link from the Club web site.
- Daniel Pond reported that he has reconstructed the Club web site to give it a new and more attractive appearance.
- There was discussion about the lack of dependable lighting at the trail tunnel. President Bortscheller asked Daniel Pond to contact the Le Mars Mayor again and request that the lighting system be fixed and get the lights working. Further discussion resulted in a decision to encourage all members to attend the next city council meeting at noon on Tuesday, May 20 in order to emphasize the importance of having the city fix the tunnel lights.

- The time for the Thursday rides around Le Mars was changed to 7 pm effectively immediately.
- Monte reported that the speed rider members will be riding on Wednesday evenings rather than Tuesday. They meet at 6 pm in the YMCA parking lot and ride about 40 miles during a 2 hour ride. He said the group welcomes anyone able to join them.
- Monte Brent spoke regarding the hope that the club could think about sponsoring a junior group of riders, with the possibility of assisting with acquiring bikes for those without the financial means themselves. After some discussion the following were named to a task force to further examine this proposal. They are Monte Brent, Dale Hurt, Mary Gloden, Clayton Hodgson. They will meet at Clayton Hodgson's home for the meeting.

Clayton Hodgson – acting secretary