

BOBC Fall 2022 Minutes November 17, 2022 at The Depot Express – Alexandria MN

Welcome and Call to Order By President Jeff Brand at 6:30pm

Board Members present: Jeff Brand, Craig Andrews, Jeff Walsh including 20 members.

Jeff Brand: Thank you to Bryan Swenson, who is rotating off the BOBC board, for his years of service to the BOBC, the triathlon (a huge success), the Alexandria Mountaineers, and cycling in Alexandria. He is also the nicest guy in the world (Derek Chinn's words).

New Board members.

Jeff Pokorney
Craig Weber

Motion was made by Kari Burow and second by Jacque Meyer to accept the nominations of Jeff Pokorney and Craig Weber to the BOBC Board. Motion passed. The board will meet to appoint positions at a later time.

Treasurer's update-Craig A

Treasurer's report was giving and is attached. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tim Woodle and 2nd by Betty Johnson. Motion Passed

Cycling Without Age <https://cyclingwithoutage.org>. –Craig A

- A project where we get pedal assisted trishaw type bikes and go to long-term care homes and give older people a chance to go out for a bike ride. See website for more information. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qzHn9jZNDc>
- There is an Alexandria City grant that will be applied for up to \$100,000 that is earmarked for Senior Citizen project. This would allow 6 Trishaw bikes to be purchased along with the additional addons.
- Grand Arbor is on board to help with storing and transporting the Trishaws.
- Jake's Bike is on board to help with ongoing maintenance
- If the funds are approved through the grant and other fund raising, the goal would be to have several Trishaws up and running by Spring 2023.

A motion was made by Jeff Brand to have the Big Ole Bike Club be the nonprofit fiscal agent for the Cycling Without Age affiliate that was created by Nancy Kleptka, Alice Schmitz & Craig Andrews. There is no liability responsibility to BOBC. Nancy Kleptka and Craig Andrews will be added to the new financial account with Glenwood State Bank. Seconded by Ralph Gaffaney. Motion passed.

Adopt a Trail Program

Jeff Brand gave an update: Founded by Jeff Pokorney, similar to Adopt a Highway. Individual/groups would maintain a section of trail at Lake Brophy, Kensington Rune Stone Park or Barsness Park. Minor maintenance would be done when needed. Major trail maintenance would still occur which would allow for more in-depth maintenance if the minor maintenance is done by individuals/groups. If anyone wants to sign up they can select the trail section they want. Contact Jeff Brand or Jeff Pokorney. Information will be on the BOBC website soon.

Big Ole Bike Club dues for 2022

- Discount at the two Alexandria bike shops
- Mountaineers and coaches receive a discount on their BOBC membership
- There are a total of 138 members with 61 from the Mountaineers and 77 from regular members.
- New 2023 membership begins in January 2023 and notices will be sent out.

Mountaineer Update

- Jeff Walsh gave an update on the Mountaineer season. Bonnie B commented how well the team was represented at the homecoming parade.

Bike shop updates

- Jake gave an update on his shop. Bikes and supplies are readily available now. Get your road bikes in now over the winter months to get them serviced. Mountaineers came in and got the Jingle Bells bikes all fixed up and will help with transporting them to the families. Jake's Bikes will be offering Fat Tire Bike rentals this winter.

Organized Rides update-Craig

- RideWithGPS - ability to create ride maps & store them in our library and then send out directions to the starting point for any gravel or road ride that we have in our library. With this subscription anybody who is a member of Big Ole Bike Club can have free access to the app and create and share rides and maps along with voice turn by turn option. ***A motion was made by Jacque Meyer and seconded by Kari Burow to approve the annual fee of \$250 for the Club Account with RideWithGPS. Motion passed.*** Craig will set this up and get this sent to all paid members of BOBC.

Jake C would like a list of all the rides that are setup on RideWithGPS so he can advertise them through his shop.

- Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday Road rides overview
- Wednesday gravel rides
- Monday Fat Tire rides
- Wednesday Ride-Tim
- 50% of group has E-bikes and ride every Tuesday & Thursday @ 8:30am

Glenwood update- Jeff B

- New Trails are done at Barsness Park

ROC update

- Lake Brophy Update
 - new downhill and skills area with bike park features
 - new skills park in combination with Eagle project by Luke Walsh
 - Working on uphill trails.
- KRP Update
 - Now have over 8 miles of trails. Approximately 4 more miles to build.

Other items

Tim W. suggested a new type of event of a Bike/Run that he attended in Storm Lake, IA.

Betty J. suggested an idea to have mileage patches for members who have certain levels of miles. More discussion will take place on this great option.

Craig A. gave update on the new MNDOT study from 8th Ave to 18th Ave. More public forums will be happening and will send out notices for members to attend to voice options about bike and pedestrian access along this route. Scott D is on the email list to inform us regarding these forums.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully Submitted - Karen Andrews (in absence of Bryan Swenson)