

TWBC Board Meeting

November 13, 2007

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm on November 13 at Kim Ahn restaurant in Tacoma.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Carol Davis, President; Dena Wessels, Newsletter Editor, Vern Hase, Vice President; Jan Brame, Director of Special Events; Carla Gramlich, Touring Captain; Gus Fant, Treasurer; Marguerite Richmond, Secretary; Tim Paine, Past President; Bob Myrick, Government and Community Relations.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Dena moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting, as previously amended via email. Jan seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports:

President's Report – Carol Davis

Carol will continue to notify the News Tribune of upcoming club rides, but a new Publicity Officer is needed. Dena will put an announcement in the December newsletter.

Vice President – Vern Hase

Vern reported that Jack will provide food for the November meeting, Mary Dahl-Smith will provide food for the February through June meetings, and then Jack will take over again in June. Pre-packaged food will be provided rather than home-cooked food due to health regulation concerns.

Roz and Carol Davis will discuss their European trip for the November club meeting. Other suggestions for future meeting topics included a presentation on emergency bike repairs on the road, and a demonstration by Rocket Shoes.

Lou and Karel Vance will host the Club Holiday Party on December 15th at their home. The Club banquet will be held on January 26th at the VFW hall

Community and Government Relations – Bob Myrick

Bob will give Dena the details about the Banquet for the newsletter, and to Kris for the website. He would like to increase promotion and participation in the Carless Commute in June. Bob attended an Open Spaces meeting on November 12th, where the topic of expanding light rail routes and access was discussed. On December 4, he will attend a meeting at Pack Forest on transportation issues on the upper Nisqually Valley. Bob heard from citizens who are concerned about losing the bike lane on Spanaway Loop Road. He is contacting his Pierce County Council Representative about it.

Director of Special Events – Jan Brame

Jan met with Sharon R. and others to discuss the major rides for 2008. Sharon agreed to chair the Daffodil next year. The group discussed the feasibility of changing the start of the PMC to Tacoma now that the toll bridge is finished. The topic will be continued at a second Special Events Committee meeting in November.

Mike Shrum has agreed to do the publicity for all the club rides. Dena will do the registration for all rides, and Bob will take care of the permits for all rides.

Newsletter Editor - Dena Wessels

Dena received notification from 50 people who would like the newsletter emailed. Discussed sending the newsletter only by email, unless someone requests it by mail, rather than asking people to specifically request email. Dena will send it to everyone via email in December, and in January send email copies only to those who have requested it.

Rides Captain – Carla Gramlich

Carla is gathering ride log information to determine the awards needed for the banquet. She suggested having a Club Meeting with the topic of “leading rides” as a way to attract more ride leaders. She is also gathering information about all the multi-day rides planned throughout the year, for publication in the January newsletter.

Treasurer – Gus Fant

The budget for 2007 was discussed, and whether changes needed to be made for 2008. Dena moved to accept the 2007 budget for 2008, and take it to the membership for approval. Vern seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor except Gus, who opposed the motion.

Discussed establishing a “discretionary fund” for the President’s use. Tabled until the 2009 budget.

V. Open Issues

Discussed the issue of minors on club rides. Bob reported that the insurance only requires that minors have a parent or guardian sign the ride sheet, as on our event rides. Further discussion is needed to define “minor” and create a board policy for allowing minors on club rides.

Remaining open issues from previous meetings:

Using club meetings and the website to promote bicycle safety.

Ideas for attracting more club members, and making the club more appealing to members.

VI. New Business

A Study group needs to be formed to discuss changing the route of the Daffodil, and creating a plan for the Daffodil Coordinator to follow. The group will need a chair, and may discuss route changes for the other club rides as well. .

VII. Adjournment

Carol Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

VIII. Fortune Cookies

Carla:	You will live a long, happy life
Marguerite:	You will be awarded some great honor
Jan:	Versatility is one of your outstanding traits
Carol:	You will soon gain something you have always wanted
Vern	You will need new clothes for a special occasion
Bob:	If your desires are not extravagant, they will be granted
Tim:	You will make many changes before settling satisfactory.