

# **TWBC Board Meeting**

December 11, 2007

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm on December 11 at Kim Ahn restaurant in Tacoma.

## **II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Carol Davis, President; Dena Wessels, Newsletter Editor, Vern Hase, Vice President; Carla Gramlich, Touring Captain; Gus Fant, Treasurer; Marguerite Richmond, Secretary; Tim Paine, Past President; Bob Myrick, Government and Community Relations. **Not Present:** Jan Brame, Director of Special Events

## **III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

Carol moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting, as previously amended and approved via email. Carla seconded and the motion passed.

## **IV. Officer Reports:**

### **Newsletter Editor - Dena Wessels**

260 copies of the Cog-nitive Courier were printed for December, and 73 were emailed. A discussion ensued regarding whether to wait for members to notify Dena that they want the newsletter emailed vs emailing to the entire membership and having members request a printed copy.

Marguerite moved that Dena continue with her stated plan of sending printed copies in January, February and March, and then beginning in April the newsletter will be posted on the TWBC website, and a link sent to all members. Tim Seconded the motion, and it passed.

Upcoming printed newsletters will contain prominent announcements that the printed copies will be ending after the March edition.

Dena will send a December email to club members, reminding all of the Holiday party, and announcing a \$1-off offer for the new "Road ID" wrist bands.

### **Community and Government Relations – Bob Myrick**

Bob is starting to apply for permits for club rides.

The city council will be including the six trails that come through Tacoma in their upcoming analysis.

He attended a meeting in Wilkeson in which the decision to expand the places where guns can be discharged was being discussed. Bike routes go through the prospective areas of expansion, and after discussion, it was decided to defer the decision until more information was gathered.

Bob will meet with the Health Department, who have received a grant to create another non-motorized plan for Tacoma. He will also discuss Carless Commute with them.

### **Treasurer – Gus Fant**

Financial distributions will be made in December to various affiliations supported by TWBC. One of the organizations, Bicycles from Heaven, is currently inactive, so Dena motioned that the club wait to give the donation to see if they will be functioning again. Tim Seconded and it passed.

**Vice President** – Vern Hase : No report

**Past President** – Tim Paine: No report

**Rides Captain** – Carla Gramlich

**President's Report** – Carol Davis

Carol led the open issues discussion

## **V. Open Issues**

**Minors on Club Rides:** Bob reported that the club insurance policy provides coverage for minors if a parent signs a release form, as on the major club rides.

Carol proposed that parents sign a waiver for all riders under 18 years of age, and that the minor rider also be accompanied by an adult TWBC club member, who will be responsible for them.

**Affiliation with High School Groups:** Puyallup High School is forming a bicycle club. Suggestions were made for getting involved with this group, including doing joint rides, sending them our newsletter, having them sponsor a rest stop on club rides, and having a member discuss safety issues at their meetings. Carol will talk to the Puyallup High representative about these ideas.

**Ideas for attracting more club members:** Foothills Coalition has increased membership considerably by attending fairs, having booths at events that promote membership. Discussed promoting TWBC more at events.

Carla would like to purchase a brochure rack from ebay to take to events. Marguerite moved to approve the purchase, Carol seconded, all in favor except Gus, who opposed. The motion passed.

## **VI. New Business**

**Members-only page on website:** There was a brief discussion about concerns that some members have with their address being posted on the website when they host a meeting or social event. A members-only page was discussed, but deemed to be too inefficient and would create too many barriers to access.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Carol Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

## **VIII. Fortune Cookies**

Carla: Good news is coming soon...  
Marguerite: You will make an important contact at a social gathering...  
Carol: You will make a fortune with your friend...  
Vern: You will make many changes before settling satisfactorily...  
Bob: You have a deep appreciation of the arts and music...  
Tim: Your day will go well tomorrow...  
Gus: You will be rewarded for a good job...