

TWBC Board Meeting

February 12, 2008

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm on February 12 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; Bob Myrick, Government and Community Relations, Guest member Mike Treadwell.*

Not Present: Tim Payne, Past President; Jan Brame, Director of Special Events

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Carla moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting with change of date from January 8 to January 22. Marguerite seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Officer Reports:

President's Report – Carol Davis

Sustainability Conference: Carol attended the Sustainability Conference on February 9. The TWBC booth was popular, and the newly purchased display board was useful and attractive.

Safety: Carol wishes to continue working on Safety Education projects, including having a safety education page on the TWBC website.

Commuting Seminar: A seminar on commuting was suggested for an upcoming meeting, which would include a panel discussion of commuting issues.

Vice President – Vern Hase

Meetings: The March meeting will feature Gordon Black, of Bicycle Alliance of Washington.

Rides Captain – Carla Gramlich

Carla will write a column for the newsletter about the awards distributed at the banquet.

Community and Government Relations – Bob Myrick

Pierce County Livable Community Fair is coming up.

Bob suggested giving TWBC brochures to Foothills Coalition members to hand out at the various events and fairs they attend.

Carless Commute The planner for the City came to the Government Relations Meeting. The city is calling the “Carless Commute” “Bike to Work Week” and wants to put on a “Big Wheels” ride. This ride would invite local city big-wigs to ride through areas of Tacoma and view the positive aspects of cycling as well as the difficult road conditions that cyclists face. Carla is working with representatives from the city on this event.

Bob suggests that TWBC host a similar ride for city, county and state VIPs to showcase some of the positive improvements that have been made for cyclists and encourage their support for further bicycle-friendly projects.

Treasurer – Gus Fant

Gus distributed the Reconciliation report and it was discussed.

Newsletter Editor - Dena Wessels

Dena distributed a report on the state of email newsletter progress. Copies of the March newsletter will be distributed at the Bike Expo, so will include information on ride logs and mileage to spur interest in the club.

The newsletter will go out by email in April, but if a member requests a paper copy, they will receive one.

Discussion ensued about whether to put the newsletter on the website a month later for non-members, or have it available right away for everyone.

It was decided to have it available right away for all.

V. Open Issues

Discussed success of banquet

VI. New Business

Staff assignments and descriptions: Discussed the advisability of having a board member act as liason for each staff position. The staff position for publicity is still open.

“Bike Buddy” program: Discussed the possibility of having a commuting mentor who can help them find a route and work out problems with commuting. Carol will write an article about it for the next newsletter.

Table Topic: Carol suggested that we brainstorm ideas for Club Jersey designs at the February club meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Carol Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VIII. Fortune Cookies

- Carla: *You will be surrounded by luxury.*
Marguerite: *Someone is speaking highly of you.*
Vern *You are surrounded by true friends*
Bob: *You will reach high levels of intelligence.*
Carol: *Accept the next proposition you hear.*
Mike: *You will receive a compliment today*