

**Greater Eugene Area Riders (GEARs) Minutes from Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2016
Axe Billy Grill, Downtown Athletic Club, Eugene**

Time Meeting Called to Order: 5:30 PM

Names of Meeting Participants and Absentees:

Participants:

Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Vice President and Secretary Pro Tem
Mel Huey, Director at Large
John Hofer, Director at Large
Jim Wilcox, GEARs Member

Absentees:

Dana Brownfield, Secretary
Judy Duff, Treasurer
Steve Hecker, President
Kristin Yarris, Director at Large
Mike Cantrell, Administration

Quorum:

A quorum was **not** present.

Explanation and apology (for the record!): Lyn was filling in for Steve who was out of town. She sent out an agenda ahead of time but gave the meeting time as 6:30 PM which was incorrect. The official meeting time was (and is) 5:30 PM. So, 3 Board of Directors showed up at 5:30 PM and 2 more showed up at 6:30 PM. By the time the second shift arrived the first shift had left.

Those of us who were there at 5:30 PM just went over a few of the minor items on the agenda which did not require a vote.

1. Gift Certificate to Campbell Senior Center.

Lyn reported that Margaret Hadaway, wife of George Jobanek who is a long standing and very active GEARs member, asked us if we would donate a club membership to the Campbell Senior Center's holiday bazaar. Margaret was putting together "fitness basket" to be auctioned off. The proceeds will be used for the Campbell Senior Center's newly remodeled kitchen. Everyone who was present agreed to the donation of the membership.

2. Assisting Beginning Riders

Lyn and Mel reported that they had met with Mary Christensen from Arriving by Bike to talk about how we can work together to encourage beginning riders. Here are the main ideas that came out of that meeting:

- Development of a GEARs web page titled "Resources for New Riders" which would refer new riders to resources around town such as classes and rides offered by various bike shops and clubs, including GEARs Confident Cycling classes. The web site would need to be updated regularly to stay useful.
- Development and promotion of other ideas: one on one mentorships with GEARs members as volunteers, community rides such as those sponsored by the UofO Bike Program which introduce new riders to bike routes and businesses around town, cooperating with the city to create a "point to point" program where riders could ask for assistance in finding the best routes from home to work to shopping, more GEARs sponsored starter rides.
- Cycling Savvy course designed by the American Bicycling Education Association and sponsored by Arriving by Bike, perhaps in the late spring and summer.
<https://abea.bike/>
- Posters and handouts placed in bike shops around town to promote the website. We hope to really get the bike shops on board; so they will actively distribute the handouts to all beginning riders who came into their shops.

We agreed to meet again to discuss these ideas further.

3. Jim's City Tour with Reed Dunbar

Jim was proud to announce that his Saturday, October 22nd, bike tour with Reed Dunbar, traffic planner for the City of Eugene, was a real success. Approximately 12 people showed up for the tour which showcased past, present and future projects around the city to improve cycling commuting.

4. Annual Meeting

Lyn reminded everyone that the annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th, at 6:30 PM at the Washington Park Community Center on Washington St. It's still in the planning stages but Michal Young will be the guest speaker. He'll talk about his experiences randonneuring around the world.

Next Meeting Time and Place: Wednesday, December 7th, 5:30 PM. Place to be determined.

Action Item (Steve): We still need to find a permanent place to meet. The Axe Billy Grill was recommended because it's centrally located downtown and quiet. They certainly were accommodating and there was no pressure to buy food or drinks. One other idea is Ninkasi in the Whitaker Neighborhood.

Time Meeting Adjourned: 6:15 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Lyn Gilman-Garrick, Secretary Pro Tem
Tuesday, November 08, 2016**