

GEARS BOARD MEETING JANUARY 12, 2008
At Keystone Café, 7-9 pm

Present: Paul Adkins, Gary Cook, Jay Klein, Eric Selker, Michal Young, Sue Wolling, Lynda Christiansen, Shane Rhodes, Heidi Beierle, Brian Bralley, Jim Colbert, Donna Shields, Mel Huey, Jocelyn and Mike Shiner, Jackie Murdoff

Meeting was called to order by Paul, President, at 7pm

Minutes of board meeting of December 9, 2007 were approved
Paul said minutes will now go on website after approval

Treasurers report, given by Sue in Richard's absence:

2 new members \$24

1 new business membership (Keystone Café) \$295

1 T-shirt sale \$20, (but still owe Kent Fleming \$5 for it)

Expenses of \$21.70 for Christmas party drinks

Balance increase of \$317.30

BOARD COMMITMENT LETTER: Paul said after having much feedback from board members, he has withdrawn the commitment letter. He expressed confidence that board members are aware of their responsibilities..

MEMBERSHIP: Michal and Heidi are updating membership lists

BIKE SWAP: Sue, Eric (and likely Richard) and Jim Colbert expressed interest on working on this spring event. A location will be sought: Shane proposed the UO Bike fair, Gary suggested park shelters

BIKE PEDESTRIAN SUMMIT: 3rd annual at South Eugene High School, 1/31/09

Gears will have a table, featuring information about the Rails to Trails additions, among other issues.

GEARS SIGN: Our old sign has both Gears and EBC, Paul and Michal will work to obtaining a new sign with only the Gears name.

ADDITIONS TO BOARD: It was proposed by Paul that Gary, Shane, Heidi and Sue be appointed to Ride Coordinator, Advocacy/Education Director, Co-Chair of Membership, and Newsletter Editor respectively, and this was approved following a brief discussion. They are now serving the board in these positions, but as non-voting members.

JAMBOREE AND BRAMBLE: Jim, Lynda and Gary will work on the bRamble, and Paul will head up the Jamboree. Future consideration will be given to hiring a coordinator for the Jamboree as was done last year. Paul proposed we purchase large bins for storage, which Shane seconded and the motion passed. BRamble items are presently stored at Jay's home and a future location will be sought.

RIDE LEADER; Gary reported that the ride schedule was nearly complete for February and March, with leaders for all rides, and it was agreed to return to one start time, 9 am for summer rides and 10 am for winter rides. Gary plans a ride package for all ride leaders detailing responsibilities, emphasizing the social nature of Gears rides, staying together and regrouping. He will provide maps and/or verbal ride descriptions. Later in the season he wants 2 ride leaders to accommodate different riders. It was proposed that we discuss ride expectations at a general meeting,

post on the website and solicit member response.

BOARD RETREAT: Paul proposed a 4-5 hour retreat. Shane suggested a formal structure. Jay questioned goals. Following some discussion, it was agreed that we would begin with a potluck at Eric's home at a to be decided date.

GRANT REQUEST: A draft policy was presented by Eric on systematic disbursement of discretionary funds. Discussion indicated we should focus on bicycle issues such as education and awareness, as well as promoting Gears. Jay and Eric will finalize the wording.

NETWORK CONNECTION: There was discussion lead by Heidi, Shane and Paul and it was agreed to promote this issue at the Bike Summit. SUNDAY PARKWAYS was an example offered by Heidi, with agreement from the group. Sue noted that Public Safety should be involved from the start.

LEAVES: continuing discussion on the issue of leaves

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP PLANS: A new category of membership, in which a business pays \$50, plus \$5 per interested employee and the employee's cost of membership is reduced by \$2. In this category newsletter would be sent digitally. Motion was made by Paul, seconded by Eric.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Christiansen, Secretary