

GEARs Board of Directors meeting
13 October, 2020

attending 6-7:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Karen Goodwin, President	Bethany Thomas	Mary Flatley
Larry Diffie, Vice President	Bob Beals	Mike Cantrell, admin
Doug Hintz, Secretary	Jim Wilcox	

Quick Announcements/Introductions

Doug wants to pass along the milk crate of treasurer's documents that he got from Max. Mike will take delivery.

September minutes approved

Administrator's Report

After reports last month of "unsecured site" messages popping up when various pages of the GEARs website were accessed, Mike ran diagnostics to make sure that everything was secure. It seems that some of the issue might be individual computers using older, cached versions of pages. Mike will continue to monitor as new versions of software are published. Any issues should be referred to Mike for testing. Also give feedback regarding text on any pages.

Treasurer's Update

September income was \$2990.75 with a current bank balance around \$35,000. All bRamble money should be in by now, so Mike will close the books on the 2020 bRamble. We are spending \$49.90/month for the Signup Genius which seems like money well spent.

Committee Reports:

Ride Committee

We sponsored 37 rides in September, 5 were cancelled due to smoke and/or heat. 58 different riders. The ride leaders report appreciating Signup Genius as a way to keep records in case contact tracing is needed. We are closing the list 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. We should leave it up to individual ride leaders if they want to accommodate late arrivals. Need to get two phone numbers and ask them the Covid screening questions. GEARs quick guide-Larry

is adding the responsibilities of ride leader regarding air quality, head injury, Covid guidelines. Larry proposed a Turkey Shoot contest. Encourage riders to take pictures of turkeys (with bike in photo?) they encounter on their rides. Prizes? Turkey (Tofurkey?) sandwich from Subway? Pumpkin Pie? Left over Burrito Amigo coupons? bRamble ballcap? Maybe do something similar around Christmas - Santa photos? It was moved and seconded and passed to move forward on the turkey shoot. It was also moved and seconded that these expenses, including Signup Genius be taken out of GEARs operating budget rather than the Ride Committee budget. Passed.

Membership Committee

There were 6 new memberships in September, 4 individual, 2 family. No new business members in September but one new business member in October: Eugene Pilates. Discussion about how to incorporate and welcome them. Sponsor a ride that ends at their studio for pilates? Maybe an outside venue for pilates? Find out what their vision is? Current count: 221 "regular" members, 86 bRamble additions for 307 total. Seems to be about average.

Annual Meeting Planning

We reviewed the bylaws regarding the annual meeting. Supposed to be held in November. Only quorum requirement was that 5 BOD members had to be present. Given the Covid-19 situation, nobody wanted to have an actual meeting, even if an outside venue could be found. We will use an online survey to gather members' opinions. Bethany has experience with setting up Zoom Webinars and being a moderator. Seems like the best alternative. No educational presentation this year. Since Thanksgiving is late this year, we decided to hold this meeting on December 8 and fold it into the next BOD meeting. Mary? or Bethany? will set up and moderate.

Survey will be sent out to members before the end of October. Survey Monkey charges a fee if the questionnaire goes beyond 10 questions or includes a logo. Karen will send out a draft and BOD members should review and give feedback.

Board Recruitment

A few possible names were put forward. We will include a plea for candidates in the newsletter. Bylaws state that there will be 7 BOD members. We are losing several this year.

Reach the Beach updates

Officially ended October 11 and they did reach their fundraising goal. But people can still donate until November 11. The plans are to continue this format next year and those who signed up this year will receive a free entry for next year.

Jane Higdon funding: how to use?

Bike Fitting Clinic at Hutch's? Consensus was an inside event like this was a NO. Karen has reached out to Tom Jefferson for any feedback or guidance he might have.

Bike Ride with UofO

October 24, 1:00 pm at Alton Baker Park and group ride to various historic sites with a racial justice significance. We will add it to the website for signup and contact tracing purposes.

13th Avenue Bikeway Celebration

Delayed. Dates are still unknown,

Greenway Stimulus \$\$ Supporting Organization/advocacy organization. Moved and passed that GEARS will sign up.

20 is Plenty Campaign: in residential neighborhoods. Seems like a good idea. Signs are common in many Portland neighborhoods already.

About GEARS: what is our countdown date from the start? 1991=29 years? Mike says 1992 is the date that it was officially started as a non-profit.

Mike's Evaluation will be done through an online form for comments.