



Board Meeting Minutes (September 11th, 2018, 5:30-7:30 PM, Eugene Garden Club)

Executive Board Members Present

President – Larry Diffie

Vice President – Steve Hecker (Education)

Treasurer – John Hofer

Administrator – Mike Cantrell (Web-Master/Newsletter/Ride Committee/Other)

Members at Large Present

Karen Goodwin – bRamble participation

John Reidy – R & R/Business Membership

Jim Wilcox – Advocacy

Guest Present

Steve Piercy

1. Introductions – if guests present

- 2. Approval of prior meeting minutes** – Steve H. moved to have August Minutes approved. Motion seconded. No discussion. Motion passed.

- 3. Special Presentation** – Steve Piercy presented a method in which GEARs could become more active in preventing bike thefts and helping in the recovery of stolen bikes using a national bike registration service known as Bike Index. Bike Index works with police departments and Universities to provide education to bike owners. Funding of Bike Index is mostly thru grants and donations. Steve Piercy is asking GEARs for an initial donation so he can purchase educational materials. He will also provide a widget we can embed in our website and write newsletter and website articles to help promote awareness of bike theft in the Eugene / Springfield area. Steve Hecker suggests we develop a strategy to implement and set a trial period and the reevaluate. Jim Wilcox proposes GEARs make an initial donation of \$50.00 and evaluate after 3 months. Steve Piercy is interested in being an ambassador for Bike Index and in promoting GEARs as well. Steve Piercy feels the most important thing GEARs can do initially is to get content published thru our media channels (newsletter, Facebook, Website, etc.). The board is ok with this. A formal motion will be made and voted on thru email.

4. Committee Reports

- a. bRamble by Karen Goodwin** Karen read excerpts from the bRamble report. The report is attached to the minutes. There was a lively discussion during the report during which it was suggested we could have all done a better job of communicating before and after the

event. It was recommended the Treasurer and Committee chair get together to discuss event accounting. It remained unclear if all issues have been or will be resolved.

- i. bRamble Coordinator - report (see attachment)
 - ii. Jersey sales update. Extra T-shirts. – There are 6 jerseys and 46 T-Shirts left over from the event.
 - iii. bRamble Future – Steve Hecker recommends we have a standing bRamble committee to help provide a sense of continuity to the event.
 - iv. **Motion – Karen Goodwin moves we organize a standing bRamble Committee. Motion seconded.** Discussion: The first charge of the committee is to evaluate previous events and make a plan for 2019 and sustaining the event in the future. The plan is to be presented to the board for the November meeting. **Motion passed.**
- b. **Volunteer** –Valerie Rosenberg has volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator for GEARs
 - c. **Ride Committee** – Mike Cantrell informs the board the prime riding season is quickly coming to and end. The last major event for the year is the Crater Lake ride later in the month which John Reidy will be leading. The ride committee did not accomplish all of its goals for the season, but felt we had a successful prime riding season none the less.
 - d. **Administrator Report** – Mike Cantrell presented the quarterly membership report.
 - e. **Education**
 - i. Future presentations – September – Winter training at Len’s Bikes. October – Riding the Old West trail by Steve Hecker. November - Annual Meeting with a short film
 - ii. Lyn stepping to the side – this will fall back to the VP
 - f. **Advocacy** – **Jim Wilcox** represented GEARs at the Springfield wellness fair. Dave Zumbrunnen thru Jim Wilcox – Concerns about the Eugene Police not doing enough to make sure bike paths are safe. To address this problem Jim would like to invite a police officer to present to the board at a meeting to see the police point of view and the present this information to the membership. **Motion: Jim Wilcox moves the he and Dave approach the Eugene Police Department to give a presentation to the board. Motion approved.**
5. **Treasurer’s Report-** John Hofer submitted a report and stated the club is at the break even point for the year. John want to close the books on the bRamble. He asks that any outstanding expenses and revenues be forwarded to him. **Motion: Karen Goodwin moves the treasurer no longer be approved to write checks. Motion Failed.**
6. **Pending Business -**
- a. **GEARs Jerseys** – 10 additional jerseys ordered. GEARs vests will be available for order soon.
 - b. **2019 Board Members** – Steve Hecker provided a handout of potential new board members. He is continuing to work to fill all board positions.
 - c. **Sunday Streets** – **Steve/Larry** – September 23rd – 10:30 to 4 p.m. – We still need more volunteers.
 - d. **The Eugene Mission** – Larry will follow up with them as far as future coordination is concerned.
 - e. **Travel Lane County** – we were invited to give a presentation to their staff on who GEARs is. They also did a bRamble video which Larry will make available.
- c. **New Business** (15 minutes)

- a. Jerry Welch donated a hard sided bike travel carrier to GEARS for use by GEARS Members. The board will discuss at the October meeting how members can take advantage of this donation.
- b. Stellaria is increasing hourly rate to \$20.

d. Next Meeting - October 9th at the Stellaria Building