

Wabash River Cycle Club Board Meeting  
October 16, 2006

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Present: Andy Hirsch, Greg Small, Rob Peterson, Ed Lambuth, Anne Bentley(Guest), Donna Bourne, Corinne Alexander, Erin Chamberlain

I. Approval of September Board Minutes

II. Old Business

- A. Donations: The Board discussed possible donations to Bethel Church and the town of Mulberry to thank them for their roles in the 2006 Century. The Board suggested donating \$25 to Bethel Church and (at most) \$100 to the town of Mulberry. Rob will send notes to them. The church and town can expect a check by the end of the month. The Columbian Park Zoo will also receive their share (1/3) of the net proceeds by the end of the month.

III. New Business

- B. Bicycle Advocacy: Anne Bentley introduced herself and talked about her ideas to promote bicycle advocacy in the community. A suggestion was made to contact Jan Mills, who has been receptive in the past. Andy also suggested Anne speak with Dan at Hodson's Bay. He hosted a family ride at the shop and seems eager to promote family cycling in the community. The Board also recommended Anne contact Chester Ho, a pediatrician who might be willing to help with commuting advocacy. Anne has done some research on the League of American Bicyclists (LAB) website, looking for information on how to get Lafayette designated as a bicycle-friendly community. She will look for information on bicycle safety training workshops from IBC. The Board suggested Anne contact Connie Schmucker to ask about hosting these workshops.
- C. Winter Club Meetings: The Board discussed holding 2-3 meetings this winter to plan for the 2007 Century, re-evaluate the purpose and goals of the WRCC, and host a bicycle maintenance workshop. The meetings will take place in November, January, and February. The Christmas party will take place in December at Hodson's, with no plans to conduct business during the gathering.

2007 Century Meeting: Monday, November 13, 6-8 pm, Mancino's

This meeting will begin planning for next year's Century. Club members will form several sub-groups, discussing the Route, Food, Volunteers, Advertising, SAGs, the Family Ride, and any other Century issues. Each group will have a leader. After working together on their own, the sub-groups will report back and the whole group will reach a consensus on these issues. We will meet at Mancino's, where a variety of food choices and space will be available for everyone. Andy will submit a notice to the newsletter to announce the meeting. This meeting will replace the November Board meeting.

#### WRCC All Club Meeting: January or February 2007

Depending upon when Dan agrees to hold the Bike Maintenance Meeting, this all-club meeting will take place in January or February. At the meeting we will re-evaluate the club's mission and discuss the purpose and goals of the WRCC. Some topics will include the ride schedule and policy, ride leaders for all-club rides, an all-club ride coordinator, social versus training rides, a possible rider callout in May, and how to increase advocacy and visibility in the community. Ed asked about the policy for terms of the officers. The Board recommended we review the by-laws at the meeting and determine their relevance and possible revision. Place, time, and location of the meeting are yet to be determined.

#### Bicycle Maintenance Meeting: January or February 2007

The meeting will consist of instruction for club members on basic bicycle maintenance and will last approximately a few hours. The meeting will be held at Hodson's Bay, preferably before the busy season begins in March. Andy will ask Dan about the best time to hold it.

#### IV. News and Announcements

- D. Brien Dick will resign his position as Newsletter Editor after he completes the November newsletter. A search is underway to find a new editor.
- E. Sue Ferringer is designing a new club jersey. Corinne informed the Board that the jerseys are cheaper when three (or fewer) colors are used instead of four. She will acquaint Sue with the prices. Hopefully this new design will generate more interest in purchasing club jerseys.
- F. Corinne noted that the West Lafayette library has purchased two Spinerval DVDs. She has placed an announcement in the November newsletter encouraging members to view them and ask the library to purchase more for their collection. Hopefully the library will purchase cycling DVDs for both fitness and entertainment.
- G. Bonfire this Saturday: The Century Volunteer Bonfire and Cookout will take place this Saturday at Rob Peterson's home. Social hour begins at 6:30 and the food will be ready around 7:00. Guests should bring their own lawn chairs and any desserts or drinks (this is optional). Andy will send out a reminder to the listserv to RSVP soon.

Next Meeting: 2007 Century Planning Meeting, November 13, 6-8 pm, Mancino's