

January 18, 2007 Hickory Velo Club Meeting Minutes

14 Total Active Members were present. Dan Dillon and Lanny Lambert were the Officers attending.
Dan Dillon presided.

The December minutes were approved.

Club Financials: \$3269.47 presently in the bank as reported by Lanny Lambert. Only 45 people have paid their dues for 2007 as compared to 150 people last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Ride raised over \$1300 and Bryan Smith will present the money to the Conover School

Amendments to the Bylaws were read. A motion to approve was made and seconded and all amendments were unanimously approved. The amendments will be incorporated in the bylaws and the new bylaws will be posted on the Velo Club website.

Tuesday under the lights at the track have started. Turnout was not enough for a breakeven in cost. The club will watch attendance very closely over the next three weeks. Members again are asked to encourage participation. Suggestion was made to ask other bike shops to post signs in their shops.

No safety issues were addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

Club rides on Tuesday and Thursday. Lanny Lambert, the route master, gave a report on the format for the rides beginning March 13. The plan is to have two B routes and one C route with cue sheets taking into consideration the amount of daylight available. The routes will be different on Tuesday and Thursday. There will be no A route planned ahead. One B route will be hilly and the other one will be flatter. More information will be forth coming on specifics.

DISCUSSION ON WAYS TO ENHANCE CYCLING IN THE COMMUNITY

Dan Dillon presented the following topics as possibilities for the coming year:

Support for green way completion. Dan Dillon and Steve Rowell attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting recently, and a report was given by Brian Frazier, the planning director for Hickory. The Master Plan for the Greenway was presented. All parties at the meeting support the implementation of the plan but the city has not set aside any funding for the plan. The plan has been available for over 10 years. A committee is going to be formed through the Chamber of Commerce for the primary purpose of more rapid implementation of the Greenway Master Plan.

Summer bike rallies for kids to enhance their skills and safety with cycling. No one at the meeting volunteered to coordinate this event. The membership will be asked if they have any interest. This will require active participation of the some of the membership to be successful.

Membership Drive

2006 Members will be contacted to join for 2007 by way of the website, email, etc. Dan Dillon personally contacted Lightening Cycles and Moto Velo Shops to ask them to join the club and come to the meetings. Scheduling our meetings to encourage cyclists to attend has been taken into account as the March meeting will be at Bennett's Restaurant on Fairgrove Church Road.

Hill Climb Series

In previous meetings there has been discussion about what type of event the club could sponsor during the riding season. A hill climb series would take place at Barrett's Mountain off Church Road. The members at the meeting were very positive about this event. Howard Hesterberg, John Riddle and Rich volunteered to develop this series and report back in February more details of the plan. Howard will need a few volunteers to make this successful and fun for the club.

Regional Bike Council

The members present endorsed the idea of exploring the formation of a regional cycling council incorporating officers of the various bike clubs in the surrounding counties.

This would enhance communication and participation among the clubs.

Dan Dillon will contact the various clubs and determine the interest.

Next Scheduled meeting is Feb 15 at Nagano on 127 at 6:30 PM. Social and eating at 5:45 PM

March 19 meeting will at the same time at Bennett's Restaurant on Fairgrove Church Rd. Beginning in March, all meetings will be on Monday nights.

Meeting adjourned

Cathi Dillon January 19, 2007

