

# HELENA BICYCLE CLUB

HBC NOV – DEC 2011 NEWSLETTER

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## 2012 ... Best Year Ever (with YOUR help)

### Please Renew Your Membership

We need you. Your 2012 membership renewal form is attached. Renewing now, even if your membership is lapsed for 2011, will enable you to vote.

Also attached is a short survey. HBC will use your advice to help make 2012 the club's best year ever. The survey includes space for you to volunteer to help the HBC.

### Please Vote

The ballot for electing 2012 HBC officers is attached. Voting is for members only. There is room to write-in candidates, feel free to volunteer. Regardless, please vote. The Helena Bicycle Club will thrive only if everyone does their bit.

### 2012 Plans, Early Thoughts

Advocacy—HBC will, next year, decide if and how to advocate for better bicycling in and nearby Helena. Additionally, we will decide if (and how) we want to spend HBC money to support several local bicycle infrastructure projects, including the Centennial Trail, and improving bicycle routes throughout Helena and vicinity.

DDR—The Double Divide Ride has, in the past, been fully supported. Dinners were cooked for the riders, gear was hauled, lunch stops set up, porta-potties towed to zones of need, and so forth. This has been great for riders, while at the same time considerable work for what has been a small group of DDR directors. We are a relatively small club, and frankly, ride directors burn out. At HBC's last Board meeting we discussed

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a number of possible strategies for revitalize the DDR, including but not limited to making HBC's Double Divide Ride semi-supported, that is, carrying riders' gear, but leaving participants to camp or hotel-it in Lincoln, and eat dinner and breakfast, on their own. What do you think? What are your ideas? (Please share your thoughts on the attached survey.) If this is a terrible idea, would you be willing to help organize a more fully supported ride?

Second Overnight Ride—In addition to the DDR, Board members discussed adding another similar, self-supported overnight weekend ride in 2012, to a campground less than 50 miles from town. The idea is offer HBC members a wider variety of rides, and at the same time, to make these offerings easier on a wider group of ride directors. Again, what do you think? Please complete the attached survey.

### **Centennial Trail, Buy-a-Brick**

This holiday season, consider donating the cost of a brick to help complete Helena's Centennial Trail. Your gift will help buy paving, landscaping, lighting, signs, bridges — all that's necessary to complete Helena's backbone non-motorized trail. Your donation is tax deductible. Buy a brick and help make Helena a more bike-friendly community.  
<http://centennialtrail.blogspot.com/>

### **2011 HBC Officers**

President – Jullie McKenna  
Vice President – Danica Vanderwaal  
Secretary – Rob Psurny  
Treasurer – Bob Stringer  
Newsletter – Bruce Newell  
Double Divide Ride Dir. – Rick Bush  
One Helena Hundred Director –  
Heather Lambott  
Past President – Kelly Flaherty-Settle

### **2012 Meeting Dates**

Membership Meetings—Next meeting  
January 24, 2012

Board Meetings—Next regular meeting  
January 12, 2012, at the Staggering Ox

### **Addresses**

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P.O. Box 4682  
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HBC Yahoo listserv —<http://tinyurl.com/837nadx>

### **HBC By-laws**

<http://tinyurl.com/ckpxovg>