



Helena Bicycle Club

Minutes of Meeting

Muni's Restaurant, Bill Roberts Golf Course

November 5, 2019

Present: David Campana, President; Jan Campana, Susan Newell, Bruce Newell, Gwen Aldrich, Ellen Bush, Rick Bush, Gretchen Krumm, Blair Krumm, Dan Dodds, Mary Ann Wellbank

President David Campana called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

I. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. The Minutes of the last meeting were not available. This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

II. Election of Vice President and Secretary

- a. Rick Bush was elected Vice President to serve out the term of Todd Tillinger, who recently resigned due to relocation to Nashville
- b. Mary Ann Wellbank was elected Secretary to serve out the term of Julie McKenna, who resigned from the position.

III. Review of the Past Year

- a. Dan Dodds provided information about 2019 memberships
 - i. 36 total memberships—17 individual memberships; 19 family memberships
 - ii. Interests indicated on membership forms
 - iii. 28 responses—28 road rides; 19 touring; 10 mountain biking; 7 bike advocacy; 6 family rides; 4 volunteering; 2 bicycle racing; 1 other (fun rides)
- b. What worked well and what didn't regarding rides held in 2019
 1. People liked the frequent email communiques about rides; a suggestion was made to add group texts
 2. The York Burger Boogie was postponed due to bad weather and held the following week
 3. About 10-11 HBC Members rode in the Cascade 66. It was a fundraiser for the Cascade/Great Falls Lions Club, and HBC was promised a \$10 rebate per rider, which has not been received. Dave Campana is to check on this.
 4. The 4th of July Ride to Boulder was successful with about 8 riders
 5. Tuesday night rides were frequently cancelled due to bad weather
 6. Thursday morning rides had a fair turnout of 2-4 riders
 7. Would have liked more "show and go" and longer rides

IV. New Business

- a. Discussion and ride proposals regarding 2020
 - i. A variety of ideas for family rides were proposed, including riding the Centennial Trail, Clarks Bay to Devil's Elbow, Coeur d'Alene and Hiawatha Trails leaving from Wallace, Idaho; Great Falls River's Edge Trail; Paved trail in Three Forks. Prior to scheduling rides, the Helena School Calendar should be checked. The members concurred that the Helena Centennial Trail Ride would be the easiest

logistically for families, and it would be great to schedule 3 rides over the summer. The rides could end at Montana Wild, possibly with a biologist speaking about things like why squirrels/bears, etc., cannot ride bicycles or “comparing the speed of bicyclists with the speed of certain animals.

- ii. Dave Campana proposed we do RATSWEST in 2020 and suggested a date of July 18. Dave volunteered to look into and coordinate this ride. He noted the Helena Symphony Fundraiser is also July 18, which may create a conflict for some riders.
 - iii. Bruce Newell provided a list and descriptions of 5 possibilities for 2020 bicycle tours. The rides were discussed and the members agreed that several of the rides were good possibilities for 2020 pending further information.
 - a. Historic Helena Houses Tour (Under 10 miles; easy ride)
 - b. Belt to Fort Benton (Not sagged; 35 miles Saturday; 30 miles Sunday). Overnight at Historic Grand Union Hotel. Gretchen volunteered to look into and coordinate this ride.
 - c. Helena to Vigilante Campground (not sagged; 77 miles over 2 days). Overnight at group site at Vigilante. Bruce will look into and coordinate this ride.
 - d. RATSWEST—Ride Around These West Pioneer Mountains (done before by HBC; sagged; 120 miles over 2 days with significant climbs); Overnight at Mountain High Country Lodge. (Dave Campana also suggested this ride. See above)
 - e. Weekend in Wallace, Idaho with optional Route of the Hiawatha Ride. (Variety of options and distances; fees for Hiawatha; Overnight at Wallace in or other hotels in town). No one volunteered to coordinate this ride.
 - iv. Everyone agreed that the York Burger Boogie and the 4th of July Ice Cream Ride to Boulder should continue in 2020
 - v. It was suggested that we hook up with Bike Walk Montana or St. Peter’s Hospital to promote rides
 - b. Other New Business
 - i. Gretchen volunteered to look into establishing an HBC Facebook Page to increase on-line presence.
 - ii. Attendees discussed collecting membership fees on line in a similar manner to the way registration fees are collected for bicycling and running events. Gretchen volunteered to find out how the Vigilante Runners collect membership fees online.
 - iii. Gwen volunteered to lead longer rides on some scheduled of the scheduled Thursday mornings.
 - iv. Changing the dues structure for 2020 (a one-year only special) was discussed. Motion made by Rick Bush to change dues to from \$30 to \$20 per family and from \$20 to \$10 per individual. Seconded by Gretchen Krumm. Motion passed.
- V. Action Items for Next Meeting
- a. Dave—Previous and Nov 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes to be Submitted for Approval; Look into and report on possibility for 2020 RATSWEST; Contact Cascade 66 Representative to find out about rebate
 - b. Gretchen—Look into Belt to Benton Ride; Facebook Page; and Vigilante Runners online membership fee collection

- c. Bruce— Look into and report on possibility for Helena to Vigilante Ride
 - d. Discuss the possibility and coordination of family rides.
 - e. Inquire about interest into the proposed Wallace rides, and, if sufficient interest, ask for volunteer to coordinate the weekend.
- VI. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm. The tentative date for the next meeting is April 28. Rick and Ellen Bush will present their Prince Edward Island Tour with the Road Scholars.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Wellbank
Secretary