

B.I.K.E.S. (the club) Meeting Minutes November 2007

Call to Order and Introductions

Bill Weber called the meeting to order at 7PM. Members in attendance were Tim Wise, Debby Grant, John Carlin, Bill Higley, Dan Scott, Mary Andrews, Doug Andrews (no relation), Warren Bare, and Mike Dahlstrom.

The October meeting minutes were read by Tim Wise and approved by the attendees.

Treasurer's Report

Debby Grant gave the Treasurer's Report. No hard copy report was available as she did not bring it. Debby reported that \$125.00 was given to the Lynnwood Kiwanis for bicycle rodeo and related activities.

Old Business

- Bill Higley reported that he is still awaiting information regarding the installation of a bike rack(s) at the new shopping strip mall at Seattle Hill Rd, and 132nd Street, and at an undisclosed location in Lake Stevens.
- Members were reminded of the upcoming Ride Leader Breakfast set for Saturday, November 10 at the Cabbage Patch in Snohomish.

New Business

- Bill Higley suggested providing an honorary membership to local government officials, such as Steve Thomsen, Public Works Director Snohomish County. This could increase their knowledge and involvement in the county's bicycling community at its issues. Bill said he would obtain names and addresses of these officials.
- Dan Scott suggested the club schedule a Lobby Day in Everett and Snohomish county government, similar to the annual one in Olympia coordinated by the Bicycle Alliance of Washington. Most agreed this would be worthwhile.
- Warren Bare reported that he attended the Healthy Communities meeting in Lynnwood. He said it was a good networking and bicycling advocacy opportunity.
- It was suggested that the club coordinate leading rides for City and County Parks. These rides would be for beginners, 5-10 mile trail rides. More discussion was promised on this issue.
- Membership discussed the proposed rumble strip installation along parts of Hwy.2. Megan Soptich of the D.O.T. requested that the club review the proposal and comment. A club web site link will be established so any member can submit comments for the DOT.

Project Overview:

Next summer we will grind in over 40 miles of centerline rumble strips on US 2 between Monroe and just west of Stevens Pass, add fresh lane stripes and repave three miles of roadway near Money Creek. This stretch of roadway has a history of crossover collisions and we are confident that adding rumble strips will significantly reduce crossover collisions. After we added centerline rumble strips to US 2 between the Hewitt Avenue trestle and Monroe we saw a 41 percent decrease in crossover collisions. We will use \$1.5 in funding from Snohomish County, \$1.4 million in federal funds, and \$731,000 in existing WSDOT funds to complete this project, which is expected to wrap up in 2009.

- Discussion ensued about finding more and interesting presenters to increase club participation at meetings. Ideas mentioned were Tour Ride presentations.
- Members reviewed the club constitution and made revisions. Some important items discussed and changed were the "quorum limit" at meetings, "check only transactions now to include "electronic transfers". Mike will incorporate changes and send out for review.
- Dan Scott one the drawing. His prize is a \$25.00 gift certificate for Bicycle Centers.
- McClinchy planning meeting was set for sometime in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Mike Dahlstrom
Secretary BIKES
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