

Green Valley Cyclists
Board Member Meeting
January 15, 2006

Meeting called to order at 10:46am.

Board members present: Erik, Mike, Peri, Ron, Sandy, Sheryl & Trish.

Board members absent: Lois & Tony

Past Meeting Minutes:

Review and acceptance of the old minutes from 11/5/05. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept meeting minutes as documented.

Treasurer's Report:

Lois provided Sandy with an update of the GVC budget. Currently the balance in GVC acct is \$1098.19 plus jersey inventory.

Special Reports:

Mike Hair – Discussed his purchase of the Bicycle shop effective 1/13/06. Mike indicated that there is a lot of inventory such as shoes and helmets that he is considering for possible donations. As a member of GVC, Mike indicated that he wants to be real active in the group and is willing to donate \$5.00 gift certificates for leader and sweeper volunteers each week. Mike indicated that each of the different bike shops in town has their niche and he plans to work well with those other shops. Mike indicated that although he is limited by space, he is open to field any ideas for the shop. Mike is open to comments and asked for them to please be forwarded. Mike indicated that he wants everyone to feel welcome from novice to the professional/team cyclists in town.

Ron Swift via email to Sandy – Feedback from the marathon/Mesquite ride/critical mass ride.

Ron is interested in finding out if GVC would like to participate in a Mesquite bike tour that would occur sometime in 4/06. Ron also sent a question if GVC would be interested in a “Critical Mass” ride down Las Vegas Blvd. sometime in 4/06. Per some of the members a discussion ensued that a “Critical Mass” ride might indicate a negative connotation for GVC and too political if we participate in this type of a demonstration. Thru discussion, it was decided that we need to get more information on a “Critical Mass” ride and Mesquite ride. An agreement was made amongst the board members that once more information was received on each of the rides that GVC might support each ride thru the website but not necessarily host or have SAG responsibilities with them. The final decision was to get more details from Ron Swift and to find out who would be supporting/sponsoring the ride (e.g., Metro, etc.).

Erik Skramstad - NUBS Update –

A motion was made by Ron V., seconded and all in favor to waive the NUBS \$100.00 loan. This decision was based on the facts that the NUBS guys (e.g., Erik and Scott) have been very supportive of GVC membership, have provided teaching opportunities and are in general good ambassadors of the club.

Erik provided an update on NUBS, (Nevada Ultra Biking Marathon Society) and when the next Ultracrit is planned. The tentative date is May 13, 2006. The anticipated cost is approx \$1000.00 and Erik indicated that he would place the initial amount on his credit card and then collect a fee for participants. The fees would include Lake Mead parks services (e.g., park rangers services), permits and insurance costs. Erik indicated that he still needed to work out the details with Lake Mead officials. The board suggested that NUBS might want to consider having the Ultracrit as a scheduled weekend NUBS ride and fundraiser by opening it up to a specified number of participants, reviewing the route, checking out possible insurance fees and then requesting a donation to cover support supplies and as a fundraiser to NUBS. Erik indicated that he would send out more information via email.

Old Business:

Ron V. - Bikejournal.com issue:

Last year the board voted in favor to have a raffle for those GVC members that participated in Bikejournal.com as an incentive to log road miles. The decision was made that for every 500 miles (outdoor miles) a GVC member would get a raffle ticket. The board discussed having two drawings each year, one in June and then at the end of year. The prize is yet to be determined. Ron V. to send out an email to notify GVC members of the incentive program with Bikejournal.com

Ron V. - Ways to spend excess GCV funds & Louis Garneau (LG) \$300.00 Voucher:

A proposal was made to lower dues in 3rd year to \$10.00; to use excess money to sponsor events; or to use extra money to raffle off entrance fees for cycling events or to donate monies to a charity at the end of the year. A suggestion was made to keep a minimum balance of \$1000.00 in the bank account for incidental expenses and to use for donations of food/water to support various GVC/NUBS events.

Sandy/Ron indicated that the LG voucher needed to be spent by June 2006. Peri volunteered to shop with the LG voucher with the board deciding that items would include socks/arm warmers, skull caps, head bands – items that could be used for GVC prizes. A motion was made, seconded and all in agreement to support the spending of the LG voucher for GVC prizes. No decision was made regarding the excess GVC funds at this time except to keep a running balance.

New Business:

Ron V. – Routes and the route coordinator volunteer position. The board discussed the email (Sandy/Will) regarding the route coordinator volunteer position. The board discussed Will's input into how he envisions the role of a volunteer route coordinator. A discussion ensued and the following issues were discussed regarding routes:

1. Routes should be a like library, with as many routes available as possible to all members;
2. The current routes should be categorized to indicate distances and a brief description;
3. The century routes should not be deleted rather placed on the website in a file that allows all members access and use based on their desire to do a longer ride;
4. The routes are as factually accurate as possible (e.g., checked by route coordinator and webmaster) and the route is one that cyclist(s) want to use;
5. The board agreed that we should not get rid of any of the century routes at this time;
6. Routes should give the distance and one line description;
7. Routes should be organized from shortest to longest;
8. It needs to be the responsibility of the cyclist or leader of the group ride to decide what they want to ride (e.g., short/long, easy/hard)
9. Whether or not a quorum was needed to decide ultimately if a route stays or is deleted and to review new routes as they are developed;
10. Safety concerns were addressed regarding some of the routes. However, GVC cannot guarantee the "safety" of any route. Therefore, it was suggested that a comment be placed at the top of the route (e.g., old route not reviewed lately might have a disclaimer "not checked recently for accuracy") Routes that go to Jean or into Blue Diamond might have a note in the body of the route slip such as "heavy construction traffic during the week" or those with blind turns or left hand turns might indicate this to warn the cyclist.
11. For those routes that have minor changes such as to avoid the gravel section on Pilot Rd. then the new route that is almost identical without the gravel section would supercede. Similarly, if a route had incorrect mileage then the correct route slip with the correct mileage would supercede.
12. Routes that are older and appear accurate after review would be in some section that shows cyclists and GVC members the "old routes" such as in a page for this but with a disclaimer made that these routes are no longer being checked for accuracy.
13. The volunteer route coordinator would be responsible to review/develop proposed routes and work with the Webmaster to get the route onto the GVC website.

After discussion of the above, a motion was made, seconded and passed that the volunteer route coordinator would work with the Webmaster with route planning, development and maintenance to ensure the routes used would be available on the website as described above.

Sandy – Jerseys update. The latest jersey order will be in on the 17th of January. The board discussed charging a 10% increase to the nearest \$ for jerseys and clothing in stock and 20% increase in price to the next \$ to non-members. Mary W. volunteered to be the clothing supply volunteer. Erik indicated that NUBS was planning to work on a jersey that would also be available for sale too in the future. Erik was having some discussions regarding jersey suppliers and plans for the NUBS jersey.

Sandy – Ride leaders/sweepers

The board discussed that GVC needs to be sure that new people have some kind of support especially those that are new. The problem with getting volunteers for leaders and sweepers continues. However, with the proposal of gift certificates by the Bicycle shop this may help the monthly challenge of getting people to volunteer.

Sandy – Discussion regarding the date of next general membership meeting. A suggestion was made to have the meeting on the patio near Starbucks and to change the meetings from every 3 months to every 6 months. The meetings would be held once mid-year and another to coincide with board member elections. A motion was made, seconded all in favor of the proposal to change general membership meetings to bi-annually and to do on the patio at Starbucks weather permitting.

Sandy – Brought up a discussion regarding the monthly newsletter and its' use/value to the club membership. The board members discussed having the information from the newsletter available on the Green Valley Cyclists website or on the Yahoo site. A motion was made, seconded and all were in favor to make pertinent information available on the GVC website or yahoo website.

Ron – Brought up the problem with Sandy getting an excessive amount of emails each month from perspective members and people coming to LV to visit. Ron discussed a “G-mail” site for GVC with general information for new people or people coming to LV. A suggestion was made to develop a sheet on frequently asked questions. A suggestion was made to refer people to bike LV.com. Ron is going to research the “G-mail” site further to see if it will assist in meeting some of the needs of these non-members, visitors or new people to the group. A suggestion was also made to put out a request to the membership to see if anyone was interested in volunteering as an ambassador for GVC in this capacity. Ron to report back to the board on developments in this area.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 12:20pm.