

GVC Board Meeting  
March 20, 2005

Board Members Present  
Sandy VanDerPuy  
Kent Costin  
Jim Twomey  
Peri Olson  
Ron Volkmar

- Meeting called to order
- Old Business
  - Library Ride: update was given by Sandy.
    - The ride has been postponed until the fall. Sandy is in contact with Tom Fay, he is excited that we are interested in the ride. He is in the process of forming committees and will keep us posted. Kent also contacted Tom and suggested we make this an even bigger event such as a Century. We will wait until we hear more from them to discuss it again.
  - Follow up for donation to Eric Hays family
    - Jim will contact McGhies to find out where to send the check.
- New Business
  - Ron Volkmar was welcomed as a new board member to take Jean's place until elections are held.
  - Discussion on the bylaws was brought up: should bylaws be amended to simplify the election process? It was decided the bylaws would be amended. Sandy said, Mark has volunteered to edit/rewrite the bylaws to the following general schedule to allow for June elections.
  - March Nomination committee will be formed; Sandy to pick a chairperson for the nomination committee
    - a. April candidates will be presented to board and general membership using the website
    - b. May elections will be held at the club meeting by ballot
    - c. June the newly elected persons will transition into the offices
    - d. July the new governing body will take office officially.
  - Sandy brought up the need for maintaining club focus, priorities and purpose.
  - The club focus; to keep things simple and fun, provide safe rides, serve riders of all abilities. Sandy suggested these guiding principles:
    - When someone has an idea for something, they need to take responsibility for leading the effort, getting volunteers and forming a committee in order to get the boards approval.
    - If an idea requires club funds, it would have to be approved by the board (and the membership depending on the amount needed.)
  - Sandy also stated it is a priority to provide safe, fun weekly rides. Discussion centered on the need for route slips, and establishing a

ride calendar posted a month in advance. After much discussion it was decided that we did need route slips. This would ensure safety of those who might get behind. The ride calendar would require too much work to put together, and everyone likes the variety.

- It was also decided we need to add ride sweepers to the ride leaders schedule as well, to provide the additional margin of safety.
- The next thing Sandy brought up, how can we develop leadership within the club? Peri suggested recognize people's strengths and talk to them one on one about taking on a needed task. Jim suggested having a volunteer appreciation day. He also stated we need a volunteer coordinator to keep track of all the volunteer helpers so everyone will be recognized. We don't want to leave anyone out. It was decided to follow up on these 6 months from June elections. Kent suggested that we have a person of the month in the newsletter. Everyone agreed this would be a very nice addition to the newsletter.
- Sandy asked how can we serve the more advanced riders, or riders with special interests like mountain bikers while maintaining the clubs focus and priorities. Kent talked about forming a sub group for the endurance/elite riders within GVC. He was asked this by some friends who are interested in this concept. Kent will talk with them and we will set up a meeting with the board members and the guys and share the ideas. The main concerns were that if we set up a sub group it does not become a drain on the club, change the focus, or tax the members with volunteer requests.
- The question was asked if we need both a website and a newsletter. How many actually read it. Sandy has been asking people and it seems many do not read it. Mark had talked with Sandy and Karl (webmaster) about the idea of keeping the newsletter brief, with basic information to get a quick idea what the clubs about. Make a tri-fold one and have it at the bike shops. The website would have greater detail and permanent things. The yahoo site would be current information and last minute changes. It was discussed and decided that Mark and Karl will work on this and go with what they come up with as the best means to communicate information to the community as well as the members. It was also suggested that Karl put on a counter to see how much the website is being used.
- Sandy also told the board that Mark has been in contact with the LVVBC and suggested we would add a link on our website for their website if they would also do the same for us. For corporation, to continue to promote cycling throughout the city.
- Sandy asked how we can make it easier to convene board and club meetings. Sandy states it's been very hard to try to coordinate around everyone's schedules to get a board meeting together. It

was discussed and decided to make board meetings monthly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the month at 10:30, after rides.

- The club meetings would remain quarterly, but try to set them up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat depending on events going on. We will try to set up the next club meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in May.
- Kent talked about having a club picnic. Dave from the Bicycle Company offered to buy the food. The problem arises in finding volunteers. Kent received two people willing to help with this. It was mentioned that spring is very busy. Also the parks are all booked up already for April and May. It was decided to wait until fall to try this.
- Kent also told us that Dave (Bicycle Co.) would like to host a parking lot sale. Members would sign up for a space in the parking lot at the store to sell their used items. They could donate some of the profit to the club in exchange for use of the space. He will check this out and get back to us on it.
- The idea of buying hats to sell was discussed. The club would have to buy 144 hats for \$576. We would sell them for \$8. The point was brought up that if we can't sell very many, we are stuck with a lot of hats sitting in someone's garage. Also the club would be out the money if they don't sell. It was decided to abandon this idea for now.
- Ron suggested we have a tire changing clinic and contest at the May meeting to spice things up and have some fun. The rest of the meeting will be the elections. It was decided to have this at the end of the meeting so those who don't want to participate would be able to leave. Ron states he will organize this.

- Meeting Adjourned