

Green Valley Cyclists
Board Member Meeting
August 27, 2005

Meeting called to order by the President at 10:04am.

Board members present: Lois, Peri, Ron, Sandy, Sheryl & Tony.

Board members absent: Erik, Kent & Mike.

Old Business:

Review of the July Board Meeting Minutes for 2005. Motion made to accept minutes as documented; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously to accept the meeting minutes into the record.

New Business:

Sheryl – Jersey sales update. At present we are receiving the money from most of the people who have pre-ordered jerseys. We have only seven (7) jerseys left available for sale (5 larges; 1 XL and 1 XXL); we have 1 pair of XL socks; three (3) vests (1 large and 2 mediums – unisex sizes) and only 1 pair of XL shorts left. Sales of the clothing items were good and members appreciated the deals they received on the items. The target delivery date is mid-October per Louis Garneau.

Sheryl – 2nd annual Halloween ride scheduled for the weekend of October 29th. Shannon W. to do Flyer and will be the club ride with no prizes anticipated at this point (unless Sheryl or Shannon can come up with some). The goal is to get members to dress up or decorate their bikes as was done last year. Motion made to continue the Halloween ride tradition and for it to take the place of the club ride on 10/29/05; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Sheryl – A discussion pursued regarding a holiday party. Sheryl indicated that due to the sheer size of the club now, approximately 176 paid members that even if 1/3 showed up at someone's home that would be 58 people alone. Sheryl indicated that she had requested from Eddie A. and Shannon W. to assist in providing pricing information as both members and involved with the hotel industry (e.g., dinner, banquet room & D.J.). Trish, GVC member & community liaison, also mentioned that she knew of a caterer and club house/room that might be available. The suggestion was also discussed to throw out the idea to the general membership or to do a poll with the general membership. Poll questions will include: 1.) Do you want a holiday party? 2.) Would you like the party date in Dec or Jan? 3.) What is the most you would be willing to pay per person \$20-30.00, \$30-40.00, or \$40-50.00? Should the club apply available fund to help offset the cost? Further discussion ensued regarding people's schedules in December and that an after the holiday's party might be more convenient for everyone as well as cheaper if we decide on a hotel. We would also need to try to get some kind of a head count to see how many people would attend if we were going to go through the expense and time to arrange such an event. Motion made to conduct a poll and see if the general membership is interested in a holiday party; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Sheryl – Hats with GVC logo as a new fund-raiser for the club. Member Steve Ireland has information on a hat distributor with very reasonable pricing (\$4. -5.00 a piece wholesale, approximately based on purchase of 100 hats) and willing to make loan to club to pay for the hats and store excess hats. Peri volunteered to work with getting the information from Steve and following up on pricing, colors, text, etc. Hat sales would help to raise funds for the club (e.g., for the holiday party or whatever GVC need is at the time). A reasonable selling price of the hats was discussed and assuming that the hat prices are in the \$4-5.00 range, a suggestion was made that each hat be sold at \$10.00. Discussion ensued regarding the GVC logo to be put on the hat and the slogan "...Our roads are greener on our side of town..." A suggestion was made as a first choice to request a yellow hat with a green logo or second choice tan hat with green logo. Peri will find out more information and will email everyone for a vote on the hat color issue and pricing once she gets a final quote and confirms everything with Steve.

Sandy – Waiver issue revisited. A history was provided as to why the issue was had been brought up again over some questions of clarity of the July meeting minutes. As we discussed and revisited the liability issue, discussed Tony Harris' email to GVC this week the following was determined: 1.) We are liable for all things posted on our calendar; 2.) The issue still remains that waivers need to be signed by all non-members; 3.) We can only be responsible for what is on our website (www.GreenValleyCyclists.org); 4.) Our calendar needs to be for our (e.g., GVC only) rides; 5.) People (e.g., GVC members) that choose not to get waivers signed (put the club at risk for potential litigation) and will have to be spoken to on an individual basis by Board members; 6.) The Yahoo website can still be used for last minute rides and other rides that deviate from the weekend scheduled club rides.

A motion was made to post only GVC club rides on the calendar; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor. A motion was made for any Board member to be to a Calendar monitor to ensure that only club rides are shown on the calendar; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor. A motion was made that club rides are any form of ride proposed by a club member (e.g., Show & Go, Scheduled Weekend Ride, Ultra Crit), provided that GVC member accepts responsibility to get waivers signed; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor. A motion was made to put this issue to rest and if further information arises that information will be held until the next Board meeting to be discussed at that time; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Sandy – The issue of posting rides by the general members was discussed. The determination was that really only those volunteering to be ride leaders/sweepers need to get the instructions on how to post to the calendar. The instructions and password would be given to organizer/ride leader(s) & sweeper(s) only. A leader or sweeper can contact a Board member (who would act as the Calendar monitor) for a copy of the instructions, waiver form, emergency numbers list (if applicable), incident report form. Motion made for all Board members to be able to provide the above listed information to any GVC member who wishes to post a ride as an organizer/ride leader & sweeper; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Sandy – Brought up the subject of reimbursement and payment to volunteers for time and services. This centers on those people and organizations in the club who will remain nameless but have donated quite a bit of financial funds whether it be by services and/or time to GVC. GVC is grateful to these individuals and organizations for their continued support. One individual that was discussed in particular was the webmaster, Karl P. who is an expecting Dad at this time and will be limited with his time in the very near future. A suggestion was made that GVC shouldn't be demanding of Karl's time as it is going to decrease and we are going to probably need to find someone else who has experience and willing to help in this area. Lois has a background in program writing but not the same kind of language as on our website. Further discussions continued that we all donate our time (e.g., Lois with her accounting skills, Sandy endless hours related to safety charette, NUBS bank account set-up and other GVC issues) and because we are all in a voluntary position we volunteer our time. Another suggestion was made to recognize these individuals with end of year volunteer awards as a possibility as per the last Board meeting (7/05) with the five (5) end of year awards. Motion made that volunteers freely volunteer their time; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor. A second motion was made to recognize volunteers by the Board at a future holiday party or at end of the year; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Sandy – Discussed the general membership meeting to be held on September 17, 2005. Will need help setting-up and taking down at Saturn on Gibson. Tony indicated that he will be out of town. Ron indicated that he will provide a 10-minute safety talk. Sheryl suggested to continue with opening up the floor to the membership to discuss issues. Sandy indicated that Ron Swift, Police Officer of Metro might be available to give a brief presentation regarding Metro PD sees cyclists on the road. Ron is involved with the LV marathon this year and has invited GVC to have a booth/water station at the event. Next year may progress into more PR for GVC.

Ron – Discussed identification tags, which were received from Silver State Bicycle Coalition. They go inside the helmet and provide medical/emergency information. It's good basic emergency info for cyclists that don't have tags or wear a bracelet. The cost is \$.89 each if we order in bulk (e.g., 100 or more). The approximate price range is \$100. -\$150. for 100. The suggestion was that they might be given away with each paid membership. The first one would be given away free and if a member wanted a second one, it could be purchased for a \$1.00. Lois discussed that the funds would be available based on how jersey sales monies were coming in. Therefore, a motion was made to put club funds towards emergency ids and to give them out free to each member (e.g., first one free, second one charged at a \$1.00 each); seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Ron – Discussed the issue of club goals and comments that people have said, "...The club ought to be doing this...Expanding the membership...The club ought to be doing centuries..." The general consensus regarding the purpose of GVC is to make club rides available on Saturdays & Sundays. Which is what we are doing. If we don't expand by one more member we are a good club, we have 176 paid members on the books, granted not all will renew as some have moved away but we continue to have a strong support and each weekend are having 1-2 new members signing up. We are riding in a group situation on the weekends and we need to provide as safe environment for cycling as possible. The faster riders are able to ride at the front of the group and the group usually ends up splitting into different pace settings anyway. We are here to have fun and are a very social group that's what works, seeing people advance from learning how to cycling to getting really good at it. It's about moral support, encouragement and not dropping/leaving anyone behind. Motion made that the club was meeting its unspoken/unwritten goals and to continue with GVC in this direction; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Ron – A discussion regarding www.BikeJournal.com giving away a bicycle based on those that use it and logged their miles. A suggestion was made that starting in January 2006 a raffle ticket would be given for each person completing a certain amount of miles. The number of miles to be determined (e.g., 500-1000) To announce at the 9/17/05 meeting. A motion was made to have a 2006 giveaway for the most miles logged on BJ.com with raffle tickets for each pre-determined amount of miles. A significant prize to be awarded (and yet to be determined); seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Ron – Discussed his idea of gift certificates for the bike shops to thank them for giving us free items from the July 2005 agenda. Further discussion revealed that many members try to frequent the sponsors and bike shops with business as a means to thank them. Motion made to strike the idea and put it to rest; seconded, a vote was passed unanimously all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44am