

# Hawkeye Bicycle Association

## Annual/Election Meeting

4201 Big Bluestem Dr., Marion, IA

Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 1:50 PM

### I. Opening:

The President called the meeting to order at 1:50 PM.

Board Members present:

President: Bill Cummings

Vice President: Baoli Yang

Acting Secretary: Susan Benderson

Treasurer: Gary Roling

RAGBRAI Director: Dave Benderson

Membership Director: Doug Henry

Past President: Dave Turzai

Board Members absent:

Touring Director: Mark Dimke

Web Master: Denise Potter

Swine Trek Director: Diane Potter

A quorum was present.

### II. Reading of the Minutes: None required for election and social. Thanks to outgoing Secretary Suki Henderson for her hard work and dedication.

### III. Reports

Treasurer's Report: None. President stated available balance estimate was \$14,000.

Webmaster Report: None.

Swine Trek Report: None.

RAGBRAI Report: 2016 RABRAI registration begins November 15th.

Touring Report: None.

Membership Report: None.

Standing Committee Reports:

Social Committee – Peggy Chute. The committee is soliciting ideas for social locations or other activities the membership might want to participate in to be held on the first Wednesday of the month over the winter season. Contact Peggy, Linda Haddy, Kim Chandler or Chris Joyner. Possible “Chile Ride” for the next Full Moon Ride on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Need to discuss with Bruce Johnson, he had previously volunteered to have it at his home.

Special Committees and Organizations Reports: N/A

IV. Unfinished Business: None.

V. New Business:

- a. Marion Biking Boulevard – HBA contributed to the City of Marion’s project to establish a biking route from Tower Terrace to Boyson Road.
- b. Linn County Trail Association (LCTA) – John Wauer reported on the status of HBA contributions to the Cedar Valley Nature Trail (CVNT) paving project. LCTA set a fundraising goal of \$100,000.00 to complete paving of the CVNT. HBA members donated a total of \$13,538.00. HBA previously committed \$10,000.00 and additionally pledged to match up to \$10,000.00 for member contributions. Total funds donated for the paving project equals \$33,538.00. John reported that LCTA would also be receiving substantial funding from state/federal sources for this project and the trail will likely be closed from Schutte Road to Apple Creek for the summer of 2016 to complete paving.
- c. CVNT Benches – HBA plans to donate \$2,000.00 (which is part of the \$10,000.00 match from members) for park benches along the CVNT.
- d. Promoting the Interests of HBA Meetings in the Community – Dick, John and Bill are currently attending Bike CR meetings. Members were also encouraged to attend City, County and LCTA meetings to bring up concerns about the CVNT.
- e. By-laws – It appears there may be a need to update HBA by-laws to reflect current practices. A copy of the by-laws is available on the HBA website. Dave Turzai clarified the intent of the current by-laws is to have only the officers vote on some matters such as funding. The remainder of the board directors are: elected at the annual meeting or appointed by the president as needed.
- f. Motion to establish a committee to review the by-laws – Susan Benderson  
Second: Dave Benderson  
Motion carried.  
Volunteers included Susan Benderson and Gary Roling. (If you would like to volunteer, contact Bill Cummings.)
- g. Elections
  - i. Nominations were received for the following officers
    1. President – Bill Cummings
    2. Vice President – Baoli Yang
    3. Secretary – Lynn Tiemann (new to the Board)
    4. Treasurer – Gary RolingSlate of officers was elected by unanimous consent.
  - ii. Nominations received for the position of Webmaster (although this position serves at the pleasure of the president) –
    1. Dennis Carpenter  
Dennis was elected by unanimous consent.
- h. LED Bike Tail Lights – Dave Turzai brought a sample of a tail light that was given out as a promotion for the U of I children’s hospital manufactured by California Bike Gear. The item is LED, runs on dual batteries and is clip mounted with printing on the face of the taillight. It was reported that these could be obtained for \$.75 apiece if purchased in sufficient numbers and would be a great promotional item for HBA. It was suggested that we might also use them as RAGBRAI items, new member incentives and promotional drawing prizes to get contact information for possible new members such as the membership drive to be held at Kirkwood Community College.

Motion to Investigate the purchase of tail lights in sufficient numbers to get the reported price break – Susan Benderson

Second – Dave Benderson

Motion Passed.

- i. Adjustments to Wednesday Night Ride Schedule – The current schedule calls for three levels of riding proficiency. Which are B, C, and D groups!

The A group – Touring pace riders see below titled “The A group for discussion”.

- i. A group – Touring pace riders
- ii. B group – Moderate pace riders
- iii. C group – Advanced pace riders
- iv. D group – Fast pace riders Always start at CVNT.

Currently the schedule calls B & C groups to start at CVNT the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week.

The 4<sup>th</sup> week is to start at Sokol Park. For the 2016 Wednesday night schedule a discussion was held at the social to start alternating points between CVNT 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> week and Sokol Park 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week.

The A group – Touring pace riders

There hasn't been ride leaders scheduled for the slowest pace group so that the moderate group is sometimes too large and the gap in pace between fastest and slowest has been too great, creating logistics problems, mainly safety. Also the knowledge level of new riders is not always good (etiquette, safety, riding skills).

Motion: Establish a committee to work on a slow ride schedule – Susan Benderson

Second: Dick Mundy

Motion passed.

Volunteers included Larry Erb, Paula Teubel and Laurie Oakes.

- j. For the Good of the Organization –

- v. Laurie Church was recognized for her suggestion on the “points system” now in use.
- vi. Trail crossing signage issues in Hiawatha should be brought to the attention of the Hiawatha City Hall and Linn County Conservation.
- vii. Bike CR meeting is Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.
- viii. Pave the Trail water bottles are on sale at North Town. Cost is \$6.00 and proceeds go to paving the CVNT.
- ix. Members asked if HBA will hold another Flat Tire Clinic. Bill will discuss with North Town.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:50 P.M. followed by speaker Zach Jeffries from the CR Police Bike Patrol.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Benderson  
Acting Secretary, HBA