

3 Rivers Bicycle Coalition

Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2010

Members Present: John Ittner, Jeff Petersen, Carleen Hanscom, Mark Showalter

Guest Present: Heather Bendickson (REI)

Members Excused: Doug Strong, Damion Miller, Andy Miller, Dave Berkowitz

Minutes Approval: Minutes approved with no changes.

Discussion Topics

501c3 update We are filed and can accept funds that are charitable contributions. If anyone designates funds to us, United Way will hold them until we get designation. They won't deny contributions to us, just hold them. It takes 90 days for the IRS to make a decision.

Logo Logo accepted – unanimous vote

Educational campaign John Ittner--pamphlet
Matt Zoll (coordinator)
Dave Burnham (graphics)

LCI update Damion proposes next Spring for League Certified Instructor (LCI) training.

Possible sources Tri City Court Club
Columbia Basin Racquet Club
Gold's Gyms
Bicycle and Recreation Shops
Schools
Bicycle Clubs
Parks and Rec in each of the Tri Cities

Safe Routes to School Program Tri City Safe Routes to School Application Schedule

There is money available for supplemental programs that have already been approved for the Safe Routes to School program. Currently, only 1 school has ever been approved for Benton-Franklin County; Badger Elementary School. They recommend we go back to Badger and find out who is involved, who to contact, see if they are interested and if they are, pursue Badger while waiting for the next grant cycle.

Safe Routes to School is not only about the bicycle and walking routes to the school, but the route that motor vehicles take to the school and if that can be changed, the number of cars can be cut down and make it safer for pedestrians/bicyclists.

2 day Bicycle Alliance visit
*Day 1—learn safe routes to schools basics based on Spokane model, discuss application and how to apply

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*Day 2—conducting bike and walkability audits

Budget: \$1,000-\$1,500 to bring Bicycle Alliance (from Seattle) here to town to do the audit and workshops, etc

City of West Richland

We are waiting for the City Council to sign an agreement endorsing our group as somebody the city is willing to work with. As soon as they sign it and get it back, then we can revisit their issues.

City of Richland

Steve will provide Jeff with the budget numbers soon (for the remaining number of signs to complete Richland routes)

Community Advisory Council Vote

Unanimous—changes to be made to the bylaws and then they will be issued
There was a cap of 25 but now it is unlimited

Board members search

We are searching for an additional qualified board member.

Adventure Challenge

Occurring in September. Checkpoints are situated along the trail. It is possible to sponsor a checkpoint. All the checkpoints are selected for this year. However, people will usually back out when it gets closer to the event.

New Business

Benefit for Columbia Basin Dive & Rescue.
September 25th @ Ice Harbor on Clover Island
Last time they had this there were many bikes—this year will be more family-oriented. The board decided to defer involvement until next year, when we hope to have brochures and other material for the public.

Health and Fitness Expo

It was decided that to be involved in the expo is too early for our organization this year. We can start working on a list for next year (this will be one of our goals). Some ideas of what to include:
--Share the Road signs
--Show what a bicycle-friendly community looks like
--Bicycle Alliance of Washington
--Safe Routes to School
--Share a booth with the Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance

Conflict of Interest Policy

IRS needs this form signed by everybody

Livable and Sustainable Communities Forum

This is occurring in October.
3RBC should consider being a sponsor if there is no cost to the group.

Next Meeting:

September 14 at 3:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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John Ittner, Secretary/Treasurer