



South Coast Bikeway Alliance

Meeting Notes October 13, 2015

Attending: Bob Espindola, Jeff Oakes, Greg Barnes, Sandra Medeiros, Joan Kinniburgh, Eileen Allgor, Bonne DeSousa, Julianne Kelly, Jackie Schmidt, Jen Gonet

Guests: Raianne Richards from Massachusetts Walking Tour

Special Presentation: Raianne Richards gave a presentation about their organization –supporting arts and culture in the small towns of Massachusetts. The musicians hike, with instruments, to perform a concert in forests or parks alongside local artists, poets and musicians. They have traveled along the New England Scenic Trail and performed at Walden Pond. They are interested in scheduling a program in the South Coast, potentially utilizing some of the established pathways. Each member was asked to forward their local contacts to Raianne and/or any ideas of venues for their program. The website is www.walkingtour.org and her email address is masswalkingtour@gmail.com. Many of the folks in attendance thought this was a worthwhile program.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to waive the reading of the July minutes; approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report Available Funds \$1946.00
Total for the challenge was \$838. Oral report was approved.

Executive Committee Report

The mission of the Executive Committee is to develop a long term plan for the SCBA (for review and approval by the Steering Committee) and to facilitate the progress of the subcommittees.

There is currently a vacancy on the Executive Committee – nomination of Sandra Medeiros was made and accepted, subject to her approval by the town of Dartmouth to represent them on the SCBA.

A standard format for status reporting was developed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Steering Committee. The Executive Committee also developed a standard agenda for the Steering Committee quarterly meetings.

Building a Bike Culture Report

This subcommittee planned and executed the Bike Challenge Ceremony at the Dartmouth YMCA on September 19th. Awards were distributed to the top male and female from each town and the winner of the trophy was Mattapoisett with 3.64 miles per capita, followed by Fairhaven with 1.42 and third place was Marion with 1.36 miles per capita. Marc Anderson from Mattapoisett was the overall leader with 4,355 miles; second place was Craig Moreira from Fairhaven with 3,369 miles. The ceremony was a success with plans to repeat next year at the Dartmouth Y Festival Days (if approved by the Y).

A decision must be made what to do with unclaimed prizes and donations – most of the prizes were distributed to folks at the meeting to contact the recipient; if anything still unclaimed it will be returned to Bonne DeSousa, treasurer.



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The next item for this committee is planning the annual summit – additional members were added to specifically help with the summit. A preliminary budget for the summit must be approved by the Steering Committee.

Partnering Report

Proposed mission of the Partnering subcommittee is to assist SCBA by developing effective relationships and targeted activities with regional or state organizations for mutual benefit.

Meetings held with MassBike Executive Director, Richard Fries, to consider becoming a MassBike affiliated organization. Attended Voices for a Healthy South Coast meeting. Discussed the potential for tapping into MA racing community to advance better biking agenda.

Infrastructure Report

The mission of the Infrastructure subcommittee is to assist the SCBA by maintaining a South Coast Bikeway bicycle projects mapping database and sharing bike infrastructure planning information across bikeway communities.

Currently formalizing a map and spreadsheet to track progress on all segments of the Bikeway. Approximately 42% of the SCBA southern route is complete. SRPEDD has an interactive map allowing users to click on a segment and retrieve details about that particular segment.

Requested each community to update the spreadsheet for their town and to notify the Infrastructure committee of progress and/or changes.

Fundraising

The mission of the Fundraising subcommittee is to acquire funds from various sources for the SCBA

It is clear that this subcommittee needs more members – Janice Velozo volunteered to be a member. A draft of reasons for obtaining funds was started – this will be used to develop a case statement. Drafted a list of previous donations, grants, etc.

Next step is to conduct a meeting with Greg Barnes to compile a list of potential resources (local banks) to request funds. A conference call will be scheduled with committee members to assign types of organizations to members – for example, one member may be assigned grants while another may be assigned foundations (Marion Institute) and another local banks.

Communication

Google Groups was suggested as a method to streamline communication for the SCBA – a few committees have established a google group. We need to get more familiar with this application in order to use it effectively. We planned to have a hands-on demonstration but ran out of time.

Other

Eileen Allgor (secretary) asked members to update the contact list of Steering Committee members.



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Next Steering Committee meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2016