

## SOUTH COAST BIKEWAY ALLIANCE

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 12, 2016 6 PM

### DARTMOUTH TOWN HALL

**Attending:** Bob Espindola, Jeff Oakes, Greg Barnes, Janice Velozo, Bonne DeSousa, Jackie Schmidt

No Quorum present, Additional votes via e-mail correspondence are required to approve the motions listed below.

The minutes of the March 8, 2016 Steering Committee Meeting were approved by all voting members present: **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes**

#### **Treasurers Report**

After the expenses from the Summit there \$2,589.16 remaining in the budget.

The \$1,860.00 spent at White's of Westport resulted in a total cost for the Summit of \$2,100.00 which exceeded the approved budget for the Summit by \$100.00.

The voting members present voted unanimously to allocate the additional \$100.00 to the Summit expenses. **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes**

#### **Executive Committee Report**

As this is the Annual Meeting it is necessary to elect officers. Motions were made to elect Bob Espindola as President, Jeff Oakes as Vice President and Greg Barnes as Treasurer. The voting members present approved all the motions unanimously. **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes.**

The position of Secretary is vacant however Jeff volunteered to take minutes until the position is filled.

It was agreed that the number of Steering Committee meetings should be increased to improve communication and that they should be scheduled around our two main functions; the Summit and the Bike Challenge award ceremony. All voting members present voted to hold SCBA Summit meetings on the second Tuesdays of January, March, April, June, September and November each year. **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes.**

Jackie provided a Certificate of Tax Exemption. She will scan it and save a scanned copy in a members only Google Drive folder. She will keep the original with the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **Building a Bike Culture Committee Report**

The SCBA 6th Annual Bike Summit RECAP report prepared by the Planning Subcommittee was reviewed and discussed. The report contains a number of observations and recommendations for next year's Summit. A number of recommendations were discussed including the need to reiterate the mission statement for the Summit, a means to better stay on schedule, acknowledging the MassDOT members in attendance, a possible slide show of the South Coast Bikeway and updates from each member town's Pathway Committees. The Planning Subcommittee members will continue together to work on next years Summit and plan to meet monthly.

#### **Fundraising Committee Report**

Janice suggested setting up a ride on the SCBA route or perhaps other route(s) with historical or other points of interest as a fundraiser. She cited the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen as an example of an organization using a ride as their major fundraiser. The idea of expanding the ride to the Bike Challenge Award Ceremony. A number of other ideas were suggested and the concept will be pursued by the Fundraising Committee.

It was also noted that when applying for grants it is important to note that the SCBA has raises money through its own efforts as well.

The idea of creating a Mayor's Challenge between Fall River and New Bedford was suggested. Bonne will send an e-mail to Kim to see if she can help. This year's Challenge will be based on the points system used by the People for Bikes sponsors rather than the mile system used by the SCBA last year. Jackie will try to regain access to the Challenge site to track SCBA progress and provide periodic updates.

### **Membership**

It was noted that we are currently at the limit of the number of activities we can undertake without additional membership. A participant at the Summit (Diana Painter?) indicated an interest in identifying historical sites along the South Coast Bikeway. Bob offered to contact her and Bonne was going to find out where that project was left a couple years ago by a previous SCBA member.

### **Partnership Committee**

Bonne described the MassBike organization's goal of creating a number of regional chapters throughout Massachusetts including a Southcoast Chapter. She is working with a MassBike member from Taunton to put together the 7-9 person Board for the Southcoast Chapter of which the SCBA would be part.

The SCBA is now a member of the Fall River Chamber of Commerce. Janice volunteered to write the Spotlight article on the SCBA for the Chamber of Commerce newsletter with help from others and to represent us at their meetings. She will also attend the BCC Earthday event and is willing to display SCBA flyers at the vendors table she is manning. A motion was made and passed by all 5 voting members present to allow Janice to be reimbursed for up to \$50 to be spent on the printing of flyers for both the Chamber of Commerce and BCC events. **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes.**

The following upcoming events were noted:

Fairhaven Phoenix Bike Trail cleanup April 23

Bike Week May 15-22: Fairhaven Ride, Fall River Ride, Mattapoisett Tour de Creme

Massachusetts Walking Tour Concert series along the South Coast Bikeway starts in Wareham on June 21 and ends in Swansea on June 28

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on June 14, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted: Jeff Oakes