

SOUTH COAST BIKEWAY ALLIANCE

DRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2016 6 PM

DARTMOUTH TOWN HALL

Attending: Bob Espindola, Jeff Oakes, Janice Velozo, Bonne DeSousa, Sandra Medieros

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

The minutes of the April 12, 2016 Steering Committee Meeting were approved by all voting members present: **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes from other members via e-mail**

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer was not in attendance to provide a report. It was noted that Janice did not use the \$50 for printing that had been authorized at the previous meeting.

Executive Committee Report

The SCBA route of the Massachusetts Walking Tour was reviewed, potential SCBA representatives identified to introduce the SCBA and the National Challenge at each concert. A representative of the Walking Tour will be asked to read a prepared description of the SCBA in the event a SCBA member is not present to do so. Bob will contact SCBA members in Wareham, New Bedford, and Swansea to solicit someone to speak on behalf of the SCBA for those concert events.

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

Subcommittee Reports: see attached SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES June 14, 2016

Building a Bike Culture Committee Report

The SCBA Summit event was reviewed. It was voted by all present to reimburse Sandra for a \$15 gift certificate she purchased as a prize. **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes from other members via e-mail.**

Potential topics for the next Summit were discussed; the potential to combine the SCBA Summit with a MassBike Southeast Chapter event was proposed. Potential topics will be discussed further by the Committee at their next meeting in July. The award ceremony for the National Bike Challenge was discussed. The idea of awarding for the number of days ridden rather than total miles was considered. The idea of conducting a raffle and nature of the prizes was discussed. Janice suggested hand crafted prizes as well as socks with the SCBA logo. The idea of socks was considered worth pursuing and Janice volunteered to do so.

It was voted by all present to up to \$800 for prizes for the Challenge and Award Ceremony.

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Fundraising Committee Report

The idea of conducting an organized ride as a fundraiser was discussed. It could be start out as a small event with a suggested donation collection. There should be a stated purpose of the fundraising such as for bicycle advocacy efforts by means of the Summit and Challenge events. It was noted that the SCBA does not carry insurance to indemnify our officers from accidents resulting in legal action; that issue needs to be researched

Infrastructure

Fall River and Dartmouth are putting together Complete Streets applications. The Town of Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee is looking to SCBA for suggestions for an organization that is willing to manage a Conservation Restriction on a piece of land they own that may one day provide a spur trail to the South Coast Bikeway in Marion. The Buzzards Bay Coalition and the Community Foundation of Southeastern Mass were suggested. Jeff will relay the information to the Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee.

The need to lobby MassDOT for bicycle accommodations on pending State road repair projects was discussed. Bonne will ask SRPEDD if they can organize an information session on how to address cyclists needs for safe routes on State roads. It was proposed to coordinate it with MassBike as a joint meeting that would ideally be held in January so we can report on it at the Summit in March.

Sandra has been following the upcoming roadwork in Dartmouth.

Bonne reported on the Joint Transportation Project Group withing the MassDOT which encompasses the SRPEDD geographical area. They can use 10% of their budget on discretionary projects and are open to project suggestions. The SCBA will consider how best to present candidate projects.

Partnership Committee

Bonne and Jackie are attending MassBike Southeastern Chapter meetings. Bonne requested notifying the SCBA membership through our e-mail list of the benefits to our members from individual MassBike memberships.

It was voted by all present that the SCBA Steering Committee alert the SCBA membership via a mass e-mailing that the MassBike Southeast Chapter is forming. **Approval is Pending 2 additional votes from other members via e-mail.** The notice is to be sent after the next MassBike Board meeting.

Janice also offered to send the same notice to the Fall River Pathway Committee mailing list.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be on August 9, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Oakes

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