

League of American Bicyclists
March 10, 2009 Board meeting
LAB Offices, Washington, DC

Board attendance (existing members): Gary Brustin, Amanda Eichstaedt, Bill Hoffman, Mike Nix, Bruce Rosar, Eric Swanson, Hans Van Naerssen, Tim Young, Andy Clarke, Harry Brull

Board attendance (new members): Rob Sadowsky-replacing Jim Sheehan, John Siemiatkoski-replacing John Allen

Members in attendance: John Allen

Staff in attendance: Lorna Greene, Elizabeth Kiker, Bill Nesper

Guest: Curtis Deane of Woodley Lion Consulting

Amanda opened the meeting by noting yesterday by-law committee discussion was attended by 9/12 of the board and was a productive discussion. The general consensus was that the concept of Regions was outdated and, in the future, all board members might be considered at-large. A recommended slate would be voted upon by the membership. The use of preferential voting would ensure fairness in the results. The Bylaws Committee will continue to research the issue.

Hans proposed the full board be prepared to vote upon the change at our June meeting in order to implement at our next election.

Q: Rob Will there be an opportunity to petition to the board? He voiced concern that a well-organized minority could be elected.

A: Amanda yes. Eric-Preferential voting prevents that scenario from occurring.

President Report

Summit registration closing in over 600 (30 attending only Safe Routes to School dinner)
560-570 represents record attendance

NBDA, Bikes Belong, IMBA helped attract 70-75 bicycle retailers

Sponsorship budget also exceeded

DOT secretary to address plenary session along with three members of Congress

150 bicycle industry members in town concerned about pending legislation regarding lead in children bicycle wheel brass nipples

Finances 2008 ended with a 69K surplus

Education seminars are going well

First SRAM grant money received

Hans requested a dashboard report on cash flow

Andy said first report will be made using March figures

Vacation accrual Figure of 31K noted. Andy reported that this figure is decreasing as staff are requested to use vacation. Rob suggested his organization allowed, with permission, staff to use vacation prior to actual accrual.

Q: Bruce Do we have data regarding salary costs by program?

A: Andy We have the data. We will add two positions with SRAM funding, adding to three Trek money positions (BFC, state and local advocacy)

Q: Tim Thoughts on the development director position

A; Andy next in line after membership director. Elizabeth is creating one or more grant requests/month.

The need is to develop individual giving

Current budget does not include current or second SRAM proposal. If asuccessful, positions could be filled and membership software acquired.

Membership - Elizabeth is acting membership director. New software being investigated
Rob His organization has a proposal out to develop new software; waiting for funding support

Programs Bicycle-friendly Business awards will be announced Wednesday

Applications for Communities and states due Friday

Six state legislatures made legal changes based upon Bicycle Friendly States program

Bill voiced concern over some of the Maryland law changes

Approval of 12/16/08 Board minutes Motion by Tim; second by Bill carried unanimously

Recommendation made that the annual meeting begin with the commencement of this board meeting and terminate after Wednesday night meeting

Nominations for Executive Committee

Amanda for Board Chair nominated by Hans; accepted unanimously

Hans for Vice Chair nominated by Harry; accepted unanimously

Harry for Secretary nominated by Tim; accepted unanimously

Eric for Treasurer nominated by Bill; accepted unanimously

At-large seat on Executive Council Gary nominated by Amanda; Tim nominated by Hans

Tim selected by ballot

Bill: Q: Did the Executive Committee have any meetings after Sept. 25? A: One was held in November, and notes were sent out. There was a Personnel Committee meeting but no notes were sent.

Next board meeting at Bike Ed conference in san Jose, CA. Tentative start is dinner on 6/16 and all-day session on 6/17. There will be a telephone Board meeting around budget time.

Guest speaker and board training Mr. Curtis Deane spoke to the board about fundraising, particularly individual donors and the board role in the process

Motion to adjourn Tim approved unanimously

Submitted by Harry Brull

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