

**League of American Bicyclists Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 19, 2007**

**Attendees:** Mike Nix, Amanda Eichstadt, Ellen Jones, John Allen , Don Sparks, Harry Bruell, Tim Young, Jim Sheehan, Andy Clarke, Paul Wessel, Tim Young, Preston Tyree

**Minutes from March Meeting**

A motion to approve minutes was made by Mike Nix. Don Sparks, seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

**Financials**

**Audit.** Paul reported that the 2006 audit is about wrapped up. There is a difference in the audit numbers with what the Board saw at their March meeting. The Board saw unaudited reports in March that showed a \$135,000 deficit. The audited statement shows a \$67,000 deficit. There are two components here:

1. Subsequent to the Board report, the staff discovered about \$15,000 more in expenses in wrapping up the year.
2. The auditors decided that multi-year grants would be realized in 2006. This is not in keeping with the manner in which LAB's internal financial reports are stated. Paul does not recommend that the League adopt this approach for internal financial reports because it distorts the actual financial situation of the organization.

**Financial Report.** Paul stated that the reports are not good. We're a little bit behind. With the debt that the League has we don't have a lot of room for error. If we don't make the 2007 budget by an amount as large as the 2006 shortfall it will be disastrous.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Grant Award.** Andy announced the award of grant funds that provides \$40,000 for safe route to schools and \$10,000 BFC program this fiscal year. The safe routes money will allow League staff to complete the publication of curriculum materials that can then be marketed by the League. The BFC money will go towards the development of bicycle friendly rural community model. Don asked if additional staff would be required to do this grant. Andy replied that this money covers existing staff and adds no unbudgeted expenses.

**Bike Ed Conference.** The Bike Ed Conference attracted 135 paid participants. The goal had been 200 participants. Sponsorships were not realized.

Mike Nix reported that the conference was excellent and that participants were very impressed. John Allen sent notes around to the Board of his positive impressions from the Conference.

Andy said that in the run-up to the Conference he had been discouraged by the apparent lack of participation. Once it started, the quality of the content of the sessions turned his attitude around about the future of this event.

**100% Club.** Santa Rosa Club came through with a \$2500 contribution of \$1 per rider in an event they sponsor each year.

### **Committees**

Amanda established that Mike Nix is going to chair the Nominating Committee. Paul and Amanda are going to work with Mike to make this work in a timely way. Harry, Ellen, Preston, and Don are all up for election. All have agreed to put their names up for the election.

### **Organizational Restructuring**

Andy described the discussions that he and Amanda have been having about his strengths and the organizational needs of the League. The League has embarked on building its development and membership capacity this year with new hires in these two areas. There is much work to be done in these areas.

Andy's strengths lie in the policy and program areas. Restructuring the League in a way that allows it to take advantage of Andy's skills while continuing to build its membership and financial portfolio is the challenge the organization faces.

Amanda has enlisted the help of folks from the Chicagoland Bike Federation that has gone through an organizational restructuring process recently. Don Sparks, Ellen Jones, and the Executive Director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition will also participate in this effort.

### **National Rally and Board Meeting**

El Tour de Tuscon in November will be the League Rally. The Board meeting will be Sunday, November 18.

Motion to adjourn was made by Don Sparks. Preston Tyree seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.