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2018 Spokane Bicycle Club Banquet
Great Food – Good Time

Willie Weir –Fantastic Presentation

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Board Meetings

First Tuesday of every even month

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General Meetings:

6:30 PM (unless otherwise noted), Second Monday of Every Month (except June, July and August)

Mountain Gear Headquarters
6021 E. Mansfield, Spokane, WA

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Last Letter from the President



My last day as SBC President ended at the annual banquet at the Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute Saturday evening.

For those who didn't make it, it was a night of great food, socializing, award presentations, and traveling stories from Willie Weir.

Near the end, it was an honor to be presented with a Thank You card and gift card to REI from SBC members.

I received the card with gratitude, realizing that many gift cards could have been presented to many SBC leaders who gave so much volunteer time while I was president. Their efforts continue under the upcoming Presidency of Gerald Bergstrom and Vice Presidency of Bill Olsen.

Because of the incredible pyramid of SBC volunteers, being President, was much less stressful, I am assuming, than in previous administrations (I was reminded that Don Carlton was President for four years before Garry Kehr's administration).

Garry's support, guidance and hard work, has been invaluable, and much appreciated, throughout my tenure.

I would be remiss not to thank some of these other members who put in many hours of hard work (and made my job much, much easier) during my administration. Special certificates (and thanks) were presented to some of these members at the banquet including to Barb Beaton for her continued efforts as newsletter editor, Sally Phillips for her work coordinating Bike Everywhere Month and Bike to Work Week events. Jim O'Hare and Joan Corkey O'Hare were recognized for hosting an awesome summer picnic attended by over 50 members.

Special thanks to both Barb Kehr (Past President) and Ellen Peller (Membership Coordinator along with her husband, Rick) who coordinated the presenters for the SBC General Meetings.

Barb's contributions were invaluable, along with those of Vice President Gerald Bergstrom, in the weekly administration meetings held at times throughout the year.

Thank you, Don Barden, for your leadership, along with Mary Rosner, Barb and Gerry, on the SBC jersey project. Thanks to Amina and Barry Giles, Dud Bowers, John and Barb Beaton for assisting with housing, restaurants and sag support driving on the Nelson Tour. Thanks, Serge, for your great efforts as the website coordinator.

Thanks to all those who became Facebook editors and posted news and events along the way. Thanks to Board Members Amina, Dud, Barb, and Margaret Watson, along with Sally, Herschel Zellman (Secretary), and Barb, for interesting and robust meetings. Welcome back, Garry, to the board (replacing Amina).

Hats off to the hard work from our ride coordinators: Bill Mullins, Elaine Mayes, Amina, Lila Meglio, Sally, Jan Whaley, Margaret, Eileen Hyatt, Mary and TJ Badger, John and Barb, and Cyrus McLean. Many others could be recognized for their work on other projects this year.

It has been a great year and privilege in participating with a pyramid of great leaders and volunteers. It has been a great ride.

Scott Schell



Changes to the 2018 Board

1. Gerry Bergstrom is replacing Scott Schell as president
2. Bill Olsen replaces Gerry Bergstrom as Vice President
4. Garry Kehr replaces Amina Giles on the board.
5. Scott Schell replaces Barb Kerr as Past President.

Please Note: Updates to Board Changes have been made to page 2 Board, Staff and Meetings

The Board of the Spokane Bicycle Club was dismayed to read about the recent collision involving a cyclist and a pedestrian on the Kendall Yards portion of the Spokane Centennial Trail (CT) resulting in injuries to both. There are rules regarding riding a bicycle on the CT. **Bottom line: Bicyclists and skaters yield to pedestrians. A point of etiquette: Alert pedestrians to your presence by saying, "on your left" when passing.** If you are in doubt about CT rules, review them below or at <http://spokanecentennialtrail.org/trail-rules-etiquette-safety/> or see below:

RULES AND ETIQUETTE FOR THE CENTENNIAL TRAIL

Rules

- Non-motorized vehicles only (personal mobility aid devices allowed).
- Trail hours: 6:30 a.m. to dusk, year-round.
- No alcoholic beverages on the Trail.
- **Speed limit: 15 m.p.h. maximum.**
- **Bicyclists and skaters yield to pedestrians.**
- Pets must be under control and on an eight foot or shorter leash at all times.
- Dog walkers must immediately remove dog deposits.
- **Horses have the right of way on soft trail.**
- Do not disturb plants or animals.
- Pack it in... Pack it out!
- No structures (including vendor equipment) allowed within Trail property boundaries.
- **Discover Pass required if parking at trailheads in Riverside State Park.**

Etiquette

- Observe Trail rules and signs.
- **All Trail users yield to equestrians.**
- **Bicyclists, skateboarders yield to pedestrians and equestrians.**
- **PLEASE audibly say "on your left" when passing other users.**
- **Keep right, pass on the left and yield to faster moving users.**
- Signal slower moving Trail users when approaching.
- **Bicyclists stay on designated Trail, two riders abreast maximum (single file if pedestrians are present).**
- Wheel skiers/in-line skaters do not use sharp-tipped poles.
- Skateboarders stay on paved trail; no jumps or demonstration-type skateboarding.

Safety

- **Do not leave valuables in vehicles when parking at trailheads!**
- Use the buddy system when walking the Trail.
- **Wear a helmet when cycling or in-line skating.**
- Use caution where Trail narrows, at high-use access points and blind corners.
- Bring your cell phone; dial 911 for emergencies!

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE CENTENNIAL TRAIL!

CANADA BIKE TOUR

A group of 12 Spokane Bicycle members took a 4 day loop tour starting in Nelson, BC from October 2nd thru October 6. The members of the group included: Scott Schell, Amina and Barry Giles, Dud Bowers, Mary Rosner, Mike Darrah, Gloria Castellow, Lila Meglio, Jeff MacLennan, Katie Jones, Barbara and John Beaton.

The purpose of the trip was to take a leisurely ride through beautiful country and enjoy the autumn colors. Some of you in the club have done this ride in the past – it is 140 mile loop called the PAGE (Pedal Around the Glacier -Eh) ride and is done in two days rather than 4. We had a sag car that carried our luggage (and some riders at times) to the 3 stops that we made on our way. We stayed at hotels, Air BnBs and cottages at the three different stops. Thanks to Scott, John, Barry and Mike who took turns driving the sag car – very much appreciated!



Day 1 – Travel day to destination start. We caravanned to Nelson and stayed at the Alpine Inn. We took advantage of a swim and dinner at the Ainsworth Hot Springs. It served us well to get all loosened up and ready for the tour.

Day 2 – We had a hardy breakfast in Nelson and set out for Kaslo. This was the longest leg of the tour at 44 miles. Fairly flat ride to Balfour where we stopped for a snack and then rode the rest of way to Kaslo which was mostly up hill. We had a nice dinner and some libation at a sweet place by Lake Kootenay

Day 3 - A little chilly and windy in the morning as we walked to the same restaurant for breakfast. We then took off for New Denver (32 miles). A very steep hill going out of town and then it looked as though we were going downhill or flat for a long way – only we couldn't figure out why we were pedaling in low gear or at all if we were going downhill?? We decided it was a strange optical illusion. This was a gorgeous stretch with very little traffic and the final long downhill into New Denver was newly paved and WOW what a great ride that was!!! We all stayed in the same hotel and ate at the same restaurant (only game in town) and took a little hike along Lake Slocan.

Day 4 – Another beautiful day as we took off for Winlaw (32 Miles). We hit a long hill (6 miles) that seemed to get quite steep as we went along – it was a great feeling of accomplishment to get up it

and enjoy the view of Lake Slocan from such a great height. The ride down was wonderful and a great reward for sloughing up that hill. We stayed at the Karibu Lodge in Winlaw. The cabins were comfortable and rustic – which was good as it was the only place that was halfway between New Denver and Nelson. Had a leisurely walk along the river and ate at a bustling little Mexican restaurant.

Day 5 – Last leg back to Nelson (32 miles). We started off early (before 9:00) and decided to have breakfast at Froggy’s Peak the halfway point. Boy was it ever cold when we started (32 degrees) – brrr and was mostly overcast. The traffic was heavier than the other days (it was the start of the Canadian Thanksgiving holiday) so the cars and trucks whizzing by really made it even



colder – sometimes we felt that we were going to get blown off the road. Froggy’s was a very popular place especially with bicycling groups and served great breakfasts. And what a ride downhill on the way back – Whoeee!!! We all made it safe and sound back to the Alpine Inn in Nelson. We said our goodbyes and headed back to Spokane.

We were lucky to have had good weather and really enjoyed riding through the beautiful countryside and taking in the lakes, rivers and forest and of course the beginning of the fall colors.

Kudos to those who rode the whole 140 miles: Amina, Lilah, Gloria, Katie, Dud and Jeff.

All in all a great trip and lots of fun!



(Here is the link for more for more pictures: <https://1drv.ms/f/s!AoV8xvm9-nMxhXEKBzdvK1117Uha>)

PICK UP RIDES

Club members who wish to lead a “pick up ride” should contact Cyrus McLean via email at cyrusmcl@yahoo.com Provide him with the date of the proposed ride and a ride description to include the following:


[start time] [meet place, with address or cross streets] [pace in mph on the level] [distance] [terrain] [route description] [water/snack/eat info if applicable] [map and cue sheet, if applicable] [weather cancellation, if applicable] [leader name and contact cell phone number] [directions to ride start if needed]

Don't forget you need to have riders sign the release statement. You can print statement off the website: Click on Rides Program/Rides Signup Sheet-for Printing

If you are not on the “pick up” list and wish to be added, email Cyrus with your name and email address. You will then be alerted when “pick up rides” are announced.

If you have any questions about this, contact Cyrus.

Reminders: The start time is the departure time, not the arrival time.

Note: The icon, , is added if there are two possible rides in one listing.

MONDAY MORNING Traditional Recurring Rides

Start: 10:00 am, November 6 – December 18

Meet: Little Garden Cafe 2901 W Northwest Blvd

Description: some hills

Route: : LGC to 9 Mile Dam via Aubrey White Parkway, Centennial Trail, adding 2 mile extension of Centennial Trail to Long Lake

Stop: Tin Cup for eats & coffee

Pace: 12-14 mph on level with some hills

Distance: 26 miles. Ride goes rain or shine, except for lightning or ice

Regroup: when necessary

Leaders: Bill Mullins 509-325-1692 and Don Barden 206-450-3576

MONDAY MORNING Paved Trail Recurring Rides

No rides scheduled for November and December

SCENIC TUESDAY Ride Schedule

No rides scheduled for November and December

TEAM TUESDAY Ride Schedule

No rides scheduled for November and December. Pick up rides are encouraged.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S Ride Schedule

November 1, Fish Lake Trail-Cheney Plateau Start: 10:00 am Meet: Fish Lake Trail head parking lot Government Way and Milton Pace: 10-12 mph Distance: 15-20 miles

Terrain: gentle hills, one short steep pitch on Grove Regroup: often Route: FLT, Scribner Junction to Marshall/Grove, Thorpe, Abbott, W. Garden Springs, 16th Ave, 14th Ave and return. Eat: Chaps on Cheney/Spokane Rd. Junction Map/cue sheet: no Weather cancellation: rain Leader: Susan Strong 509-990-8877

THURSDAY MORNING Ride Schedule

No Rides scheduled for November and December.

SATURDAY STEADY TO LEISURELY Ride Schedule

The Saturday Steady and Leisurely Ride Series will be on hiatus November through February. Rides will commence again in March with more information to be forthcoming in the January-February newsletter.

SATURDAY STEADY TO BRISK Ride Schedule

Note: Saturday Rides and Winter Weather

We're tough, but not altogether fond of hours of discomfort. If the roads are snowy, call the leader to confirm that the ride is happening.

November 4 Mountain Bike Ride on John Wayne Trail. Start: 9:00 am (**Note time!**) Meet: Sandifur Bridge parking lot, of Clarke St. Carpool to Rosalia. Pace: 10-12 Distance: 35 Miles. Terrain: flat, but unpaved. Description: **Mountain bike** the John Wayne Trail from Rosalia to Tekoa. Eat: Tekoa. Leader: Charlie Greenwood, 624-8617

November 11 Valley Ramble Start: 10:00 am. Meet: Forza Coffee, S. Sullivan Rd & 4th Ave. Pace: 14-15 mph Distance: 20-25 miles. Terrain: flat to moderate hills. Description: 4th Ave., McDonald, 16th Ave., University, Schafer Rd., Bowdish and back on the Appleway Trail through Spokane Valley. Weather will determine route. Eat: After ride at Forza or DeLeon's foods on Sullivan. Leaders: Sheila and Frank Ping, 924-1814.

November 18 Hilby, Big Rock Start: 10:00 am Meet: Great Harvest Bakery, 2530 E 29th, 29th & SE Blvd. Pace: 10-12 Distance: 15+ Terrain: short steep hills, also rollers. Description: Southside hills, about 1/2 on dirt and gravel roads. Eat: Sally's house after ride, for soup and dessert. Leader: Sally Phillips 448-6271

November 25 Children of the Sun Trail/Peone Prairie Loop Start: 10:00 am Meet: Starbucks at Wandermere, 12408 N. Division Pace: 12-14 mph. Distance: 25 miles. Terrain: some rolling hills

Description: Children of Sun Trail ,Fairview Rd.,Stoneman Rd.Spokane Dr.,Market St.COTS Trail
Leader: Bill Mullins 325-1692 Note: snow, ice cancels.

December 2 See ski/snowshoe listing below.

December 9 Millwood, Centennial Trail Start: 10:00 am Meet: Rocket Bakery on N. Argonne.
Pace: 14-15 mph. Distance: 15-25 miles. Terrain: flat. Description: Ride a loop through Millwood then back over to Centennial Trail east to Mirabeau Park and back. Leaders: Frank & Sheila Ping, 924-1814. **Depending on weather, this could become a snowshoe trip. Call leader to confirm.**

December 16 Orchard Bluff loop on dirt roads Start: 10:00 am Meet: Yokes @ Mead, 14202 N. Market Pace: 10-12. Distance: 25 miles Terrain: 1 big climb, rolling hills Description: Orchard Bluff on dirt roads Eat: Colbert Trading Company Leader: Charlie Greenwood, 624-8617

December 23 Bakery to Bakery Ride Start: 10:00 am Meet: Great Harvest Bakery, 2530 E 29th, 29th & SE Blvd. Pace: 10-12 mph. Distance: 25. Terrain: Down the South Hill, then back up; flat otherwise. Description: Bakery to Bakery Ride. The challenge on this one is to pace your eating. 3 bakeries – South Hill, Millwood, downtown. Eat: often. Note: route depends on road conditions – this may condense into a short tour of South Hill bakeries. Leader: Sally Phillips, 448-6271

December 30 See ski/snowshoe listing below.

January 6, 2018 See ski/snowshoe listing below.

SKI/SNOWSHOE TRIPS

NOT sponsored by Spokane Bicycle Club, but organized by congenial SBC folks. Participate at your own risk.

December 2 Snowshoeing on Mt Spokane. Start: Leave at 9:00 am Meet: Rocket Bakery on N. Argonne Road. Carpool if possible. Description: Park at the switchback lot. Snow Park permit required. Do a loop to the warming hut at Smith Gap & return on Kit Carson Road. Eat: Bring a sack lunch. Leader: Steve Sauser 499-6567.

December 9 Possible snowshoe Mt. Spokane – depends on conditions on the mountain. Check with leaders, Frank and Sheila Ping, 924-1814.

December 30 XC ski trip to Farragut St Park. Start: Leave at 9:00 am Meet: Rocket Bakery on N. Argonne Road. Carpool if possible. Description: \$5 or \$10 parking fee Rq'd. If the snow is bad at Farragut, we'll go to Mt. Spokane instead and have sack lunches. Call the night before for determination. Eat: Lunch after skiing, at the Bistro on Spruce in Cd'A, figure about \$15.00. Leader: Steve Sauser 499-6567

January 6, 2018 Snowshoe Mt Spokane. Start: Leave at 9:00 am Meet: Rocket Bakery on N. Argonne Road. Carpool if possible. Description: Park at the snowmobile lot. Snow Park permit rq'd. Hike Trail 130 to the CCC cabin. Eat: Bring sack lunch. Leader: Steve Sauser 499-6567

MOUNTAIN BIKING Ride Schedule

Rider will need to have a minimum of a hybrid bike with fairly decent tires as we will be going over rocks and rough road and a helmet is a must. If meeting at any of the Riverside State Park trail heads, **you will need a Discover Pass for parking**. The rides typically 1.5 to 2 hours (might be more stopping depending on participants).

November and December Mountain Biking will be done as Pick Up rides

Pick up rides can be any day of the week but will most likely be on Saturday or Sunday.

If you are not on the email list for pick up rides see PICK UP RIDES in this publication or on-line for instructions on how to get on email list.

If you would like to lead and post a pick up ride be sure to include date, time, where to meet, description of ride, your name and telephone number and any other pertinent information. Again, see PICK UP RIDES on how to get information out.

Hope to see you on the trails these next two months if weather holds out!!!!

Government Affairs

The *Cooper Jones Bicyclist Safety Advisory Council* was created by the legislature this year. Barb Chamberlain, Washington State Director of Active Transportation, convened the first council meeting on Oct 2nd. She reports it was a 'forming' meeting, with members introducing themselves and discussing their goals. They went over fatality stats, where they need more data, and what additional representation they need on the council. David Jones, Cooper's dad, talked about his son's fatal accident. Barb said " I led a short bike ride to look at different types of infrastructure and have people reflect on what creates a sense of safety; people who didn't do the ride had a driving tour with a Spokane police officer who has responded to collisions involving riders and took them to some of the sites. ...The next meeting is set for 11/20 in Ellensburg. The first report to the legislature is due in December."

Not-so-fun facts:

- For the period 2012-2016, Spokane had 32 serious or fatal collisions between cars and bikes or pedestrians.
- There were 818 bike fatalities in the US in 2015, 72% on roadway rather than intersection, half at night, though only 20% of rides are at night.
- **In 2016, 840 cyclists were killed, according to *National Center for Statistics and Analysis*.** After hitting an all-time low in 2010, bicycle deaths have risen 12 percent nationwide, the largest increase in two decades and outpacing the overall rise in all traffic fatalities, according to a new report by the Governors Highway Safety Association. But contrary to four decades ago, adults rather than children are more likely to die in a bicyclist-vehicle crash today. In 1968, almost half of kids rode bikes to school, 2.2 % ride today. The report linked the tripling of adult bicyclists killed to low car ownership rates and rising bike ridership among millennials.
- Separated bike lanes are up to 89 percent safer than streets with parked cars and no cycling facilities
- 54 percent of the bicyclists killed in 2015 were not wearing a helmet.

Centennial Trail News

Loreen McFaul, busy executive director of Friends of the Centennial Trail, gave me a few minutes to talk about Trail projects.

- FCT's #1 priority project is to execute on plans to move the CT off Upriver Drive, and onto Maringo Rd. This would let Trail users avoid part of busy Upriver Drive, and also get away from the Upriver/Argonne Rd. intersection. When the Argonne Bridge was rebuilt, room was provided for a trail underpass at the bridge. The County bought land on the west side of Argonne, at Maringo, and retained it, with the intention of running CT across the land and down to a bridge underpass. Recently, County commissioners reaffirmed their intention to move ahead with the project. Next year, State Parks, County Parks and FCT will be working together trying to secure an easement on the east side Argonne, through the community pumpkin patch. Inland Empire Paper owns the land and would be making that decision. A preliminary engineering design for the underpass has been completed.
- The #2 Trail project is improvement of the Mission Avenue crossing. Phase 1 phase involves street-level improvements to: sidewalk, parking lot, pedestrian shelter and signage. The project was scheduled for this year. Due to a very busy construction season, bids

came in at higher levels than expected. The City will try again with a re-bid in the Spring and construction will happen in the Fall (after Witter pool closes for the summer).

- FCT is no longer partnering with the Bike Swap. The Swap lost its two co-directors. Hiring event coordinators proved too expensive. The Bike Swap is looking elsewhere for another non-profit to team with.
- Jon Snyder, WA St Director of Outdoor Initiative, has been a great advocate for the CT.
- Diana Dupuis is the new, talented park manager for CT as well as for Riverside State Park. She secured FEMA funds for flood restoration work at Barker.
- Coordinating Council of entities CT passes thru – City of Spokane, Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley, Spokane County, State Parks – set aside 320k for maintenance of the Trail and repaired many sections.

Latah Creek Trail

A planning meeting for the 9-mile Latah/Hangman Creek corridor happened 10/27-10/28. The meeting, called a charrette, was funded by the National Park Service, with participants from Inland Northwest Trails, City of Spokane, Avista, WSU planning dept, American Society of Landscape Architects, Friends of the Bluff, Riverkeepers, and various local landscape planning professionals. A few highlights:

- Section 1 from People's Park is seen as a hub that offers connection to the Centennial Trail, to the future South Gorge Trail and to the Fish Lake Trail. The team suggested both improving the mountain bike trail on the east side of Latah Creek, and paving a 20' roadway on the west side of the creek. The latter would be used as a slow-moving car access road, as well as a path for road bikes.
- Improve the crossing from the Sandifur Bridge across Riverside, possibly bridging Riverside using the existing railroad pillars.
- Much of the land in the path of the Trail project is public, or has sewer easements that can be used. A chunk of land in Section 2 is under consideration for a Conservation Futures purchase.
- Provide connections from the Bluff Trails to the Latah Trail
- About 50% of the Trail would be paved, most of that being in the northern-most sections.
- The Trail would wind through the Qualchan golf course parking lot and pro shop, then into existing treed areas w/o disturbing the golf course grounds.
- A new trail, close to the highway, with a vegetation buffer, would connect the Qualchan area to Champion Park. Champion would include a boat launch. It would be the most ADA-accessible portion of the Trail.
- Plan to use signage and native vegetation planting to teach users about the history and geology of the area.

The next step is for the Trail plan to be presented to City Parks Board and then to the Spokane City Council. Grant funding will be sought once the plan is OK'd by the City. More information at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/latah-hangman-valley-trail/>

TRAIL SEGMENTS

The project has been divided into five segments, which will be addressed in geographic sequence from north to south (beginning at the Spokane River). The first phase of work will consist of completion of segments one and two with the third through fifth constructed at a later time.

PARKS begins at People's Park and is a collaboration with the City of Spokane. Peaceful Valley neighborhood and community input has been, and will continue to be, invited. This northern-most area also includes High Bridge Park, which straddles open stretches of Latah-Hangman Creek. There are multiple trail linkage points in this segment as well as open space for users and wildlife. The property is city-owned with a double-track right-of-way and utility easement that can be incorporated into a trail. It has a protective embankment of gabion walls along the creek.

VINEGAR FLATS links High Bridge and Westel Grant Parks, taking users through the historic Vinegar Flats. This area



is characterized by a mixture of residential and commercial areas with views of basalt bluffs across winding stretches of creek. An armored wall of salvaged concrete separates the riparian area from the community. This segment of trail may be pieced together with sidewalks, sewer utility corridor and private easements, creating a hybrid trail and sidewalk routing if land agreements cannot be secured.

FARM AND GARDEN continues southward. Parcel sizes in this area become large with limitations imposed by a lack of through roads. Across the creek, a steep and highly-erodible slope below the BNSF rail lines limits trail access. Public land ownership is not common in this area and the scope of the planning area has been broadened to allow for more alternatives.

Qualchan Golf Course, which straddles the creek and represents an opportunity for shared recreation with its numerous paths and pedestrian bridges.



HANGMAN CONSERVATION SEGMENT

Above the golf course is the Bluff Trail System, which offers potential linkages on public land with High Drive to the east. The bluff trails at High Drive Park and corresponding landscape are under stewardship

by friends of the Bluff and feature views of the creek and small agricultural uses of the adjacent land.

HANGMAN CONSERVATION is the southern-most segment of the trail near Bridal Woods residential area. Immediately south of the golf course the creek nearly circumscribes the subdivision, with another residential area and access to High Drive Park via a path. Additional bluff trails tie into the southern end of the golf course. On the west side of the creek is the Hangman Park Conservation parcel. The landscape for this trail segment is mainly natural as it stretches between two residential developments.

QUALCHAN consists of long natural stretches of meandering creek, some of it in active restoration by the Land Conservancy. If trail access takes the east side of the creek, it would need to stay above eroding bluffs. Further south is the City of Spokane-owned

Bicycle Advisory Board (BAB)

Liaison reports:

- City of Spokane's portion of the Millwood Trail (Greene St to about Felts Field) will put part of the trail in a flood plain. There may be diesel spills to clean up in the Trail area. There is interest in incorporating non-motorized water access for boats into the trail design. We are still early in the process, with the only funding being preliminary engineering. Maps: <http://www.spokanemillwoodtrail.com/>
- North-South Corridor/Children of the Sun Trail: Place making for the stretch south of Mission is due Dec 2018, and is being managed through Eastern Washington University's planning dept. Citizens are urged by DOT and by City folks to think BIG (outside the box) on what we want the rest of Children of the Sun Trail to look like. The bike/ped trail does not need to parallel the freeway. The three existing bike/ped bridges over I-90 will be replaced as part of the NS Corridor project and location of the replaced bridges will be reviewed. A field trip from Mission Southward is a possibility for BAB. Asphalt is still a LONG way out, as the freeway and Trail are being funded as money comes available.

Upcoming presentations for the BAB will include:

- Sprague redo from Brown to Scott
- Connecting TJ Meenach Bridge to Pettet
- Cincinnati Greenway. Plans for changes SF Blvd to Euclid will be presented at local neighborhood councils in next couple months. A BAB field trip will happen in the Spring.
- Bike Share program for Spokane

The Bicycle Advisory Board still has openings. Interested people can just show up for a monthly meeting to see if they want to be involved. The next BAB meeting is Nov 21, 6 PM at Spokane City Hall, council briefing room on the basement floor. More information about the BAB is at: <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/boards/bicycle-advisory-board/> and <https://www.facebook.com/SpokaneBAB/>

Bits

- Millwood Trail thru Millwood (Vista to Trent Overpass) has been approved and funded by the legislature. Look for a build-out next year.
- Bicycle Alliance for Washington and Cascade Bicycle Club's *WA Bike Summit* will happen 4/29-30th in SPOKANE at Spokane Falls Community College. Save the date! Details to follow.
- Spokane Regional Transportation Council has put out a draft of its latest transportation spending plan called Horizon 2040. An informational flyer gives the big picture on projects that will develop in our area. One interesting fact: Active Transportation projects are expected to get \$223 in funding through 2040. See: <https://www.srtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/H2040-Flier-Edit-and-Digital-Copy.pdf> There's a public open house on the document 11/1, 4-6 PM at SRTC headquarters in the Paulsen Bldg.
- PeopleforBikes has a fascinating tool for evaluating connectivity for bikes in different communities. *'The Bike Network Analysis (BNA) score is an evolving project to measure how well bike networks connect people with the places they want to go. Because most people are interested in biking only when it's a low-stress option, our maps recognize only low-stress biking connections.'* The tool rates connectivity to jobs, retail, transit, parks, etc. A score of 100 means there is a safe and comfortable route to all these locations. Seattle's score: 46. Spokane's score: 31. See: <http://peopleforbikes.org/placesforbikes/bicycle-network-analysis/>
- City is planning to pave the Sandifur bridge parking lot, and add a restroom.
- In 2018, City of Spokane will be seeking funding to build the Fish Lake Trail bridges. Design work has already been completed.

– Sally Phillips





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Spokane Bicycle Club Board Meeting

October 24, 2017

REI

Board Members Present: Scott Schell (President), Barb Kehr (Immediate Past President), Hershel Zellman (Secretary), Sally Phillips (Treasurer), Margaret Watson, Dud Bowers and Amina Giles

Board Member Absent: Gerry Bergstrom (Vice-President),

Guests: Garry Kehr

Call to Order: at 6 pm by President Scott Schell.

Minutes: of August 1, 2017 meeting were approved with two additions.

Treasurer's Report: Sally presented the Year-to-Date Cash Flow and Account Balance reports (see Appendix A and B). Notes:

- A. Bill for Wild Apricot web fee just came in and is not reflected in the Cash Flow report. Sally requested permission to pay the \$756 and received our permission without dissent.
- B. Income for the upcoming Annual Banquet exceeds anticipated expenses.
- C. Still expect a bill for second-half of annual postal box fee.
- D. Club's cash reserves are healthy (see Appendix B).

Unfinished Business:

- A. Wrap Up of Nelson Bike Tour (October 2 – 6): Very successful, fun, and blessed with good weather. Special thanks to the primary organizers and those who helped: Scott, Amina, Dud, Barbara Beaton, and Lila Maglio. The 12 participants also included: Barry Giles, John Beaton, Jeff McClelland, Mary Rosner, Mike Darrah, Katie Jones, and Gloria Castellaw.
- B. Annual Banquet (this Saturday): Needed 32 participants to break even and so far 39 are registered. Original featured speaker had to withdraw and has been replaced (thank you Garry!). Ballots for the election of Board members have been prepared.

New Business:

- A. Incident on the Centennial Trail: the Board spent some time discussing a cyclist vs. pedestrian accident on the Trail and is working on a response. One idea was to use the incident as a teachable moment and remind club members (and the public) about safety and etiquette on multi-use trails.

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- B. Centennial Trail Clean Up: Scott announced that we overlooked an opportunity to clean up the one mile section we sponsor (Mile 31) this year. In years past there has actually been very little to clean. He is proposing that we organize a clean up party for April this coming year, and there was agreement to proceed.
- C. Weather Advisories and Ride Cancellations/Alterations: Dud, Amina, and Garry were tasked with developing guidelines for ride leaders and coordinators to help them determine in a consistent manner if a scheduled ride needs to be cancelled or delayed based on precipitation, temperature, and air quality (see Appendix C). After considerable discussion we agreed with the ad hoc committee on what weather conditions would cancel or delay but came to no consensus on how the guidelines should be implemented. We tabled further discussion to our next meeting in December.

Adjournment: 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 6 pm, at REI.

Respectfully submitted,
Hershel Zellman, Secretary

NOTE: Names highlighted in **yellow** indicate those people are responsible for an action item.

APPENDIX A

Cash Flow - YTD
1/1/2017 through 10/24/2017

Category Descriptions	
INFLOWS	
Banquet Income 2017	1,175.06
Jersey Sale	770.00
Member Dues	4,156.97
Newsletter Surcharge	230.00
Sponsor Ship Income	2,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	8,332.03
OUTFLOWS	
Bike Swap	150.00
Contributions	
Centennial Trail Adopt-A-Mile	500.00
Total Contribution	500.00
Insurance	1,383.00
Jersey	1,484.38
Memberships	
League of American Bicyclists	200.00
Other Memberships	102.00
Total Memberships	302.00
Misc Exp.	10.00
Newsletter Expense	
Other Newsletter Expense	504.14
Total Newsletter Expense	504.14
Rent	
Other Rent	66.00
Total Rent	66.00
Sponsorship Expenses	96.82
Supplies	7.60
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,503.94
OVERALL TOTAL	3,828.09

APPENDIX B

Account Balances - as of 10/24/2017	
Account	Balance
Bank Accounts	
12 month CD	0.00
Bank of America Savings	0.00
BAW Contributions	0.00
Centennial Trail Contributions	0.00
Checking Bank of America	0.00
Sponsorship	4,294.46
STCU Checking	11,720.64
TOTAL Bank Accounts	16,015.10
OVERALL TOTAL	16,015.10

APPENDIX C

August 17, 2017

Communications committee recommendation

Need:

1. Communicate changes to ride description based upon atmospheric conditions such as rain, heat, cold and air quality.
2. Communicate the need to cancel a ride due to exceptional circumstances such as a family emergency.

Best method: communicate (in newsletter, online ride schedule, etc.) what to expect if certain weather conditions (forecast) occur based upon a standard:

1. Heat: standard communicated for all rides in newsletter, online ride schedule: If the day's high temperature forecast exceeds 90 degrees, ride start time moves up one hour from stated start time. Call leader with questions.
2. Cold: standard communicated for all rides in newsletter, online ride schedule: If the day's low temperature forecast is 32 degrees or below, ride is cancelled. Pick up rides are an exception and riding conditions are to be stated by the pick-up ride leader.
3. Air Quality: Cancel if air quality index is forecasted to exceed 150 in the air quality index. <https://www.spokanecleanair.org/>

Air Quality Rating	Air Quality Index (AQI)
GOOD	0-50
MODERATE	51-100
UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	101 -150
UNHEALTHY	151 - 200
VERY UNHEALTHY	201 -300
HAZARDOUS	>300

The following conditions are left to the ride leader's discretion and will be stated in the ride description:

1. Rain: in ride description based upon ride leader preference such as "rain cancels" or "heavy rain cancels."
2. Wind: "wind in excess of 15 mph cancels" or other measure.

Ride cancellation: In extreme cases, rides can be cancelled by contacting Garry or Barb Kehr. Garry or Barb will send an email blast to all members.

Next steps: present plan to the board for approval on October 3, 2017.

The communications plan will be communicated to ride leaders and members as follows:

1. Ride leader training session (s) in early March, 2018
2. General meeting in March, 2018
3. March Newsletter
4. Email blast in conjunction with newsletter distribution in March 2018.
5. Web site listing in March 2018
6. SBC Facebook post – March 2018