

Druid City Bicycle Club
Officer's Meeting
January 5, 2009

Present: Pixie Hicks, Larry Pierson, Carol Livingston, Bill Herz, Bulldog Fisher, Dave Crain

1. Membership drive continues. Remind members that they can still purchase a DCBC shirt for \$5 if they renew their membership by the Century Tuscaloosa on January 24th. Carol gave each officer a list of members at this time. To date there are 89 paid individual/family memberships, 132 members, 1 unpaid, 6 gratis, and 3 lifetime memberships. Pixie will look into incorporating signmeup.com onto the webpage for folks who wish to join online. Carol has provided VeloCity with a list of current members and will update that list monthly. All officers should carry a few membership applications in their vehicle.
2. DCBC jerseys and kits. Pixie wants to have the design put on the website. Dave Crain said he would get the designs from where they currently are so that they can be copied and placed on the website.
3. Pixie suggested allowing officers to purchase jerseys and kits at cost as a perk. This is under consideration. Larry wants to know if we are paying the graphic artist. Larry will check this out with Jeff Mason.
4. Financial Report. There is currently \$4,832 in the account, which includes proceeds from the Hot Hundred. Pixie will talk to Barry Lawrence about reimbursing DCBC the approximately \$1,200 the club spent on socks. It was decided that each officer would be allowed \$100 toward paying for expenses incurred due to club duties. Officers are to submit receipts.
5. Insurance. Pixie will obtain insurance through the League of American Bicyclists to cover the club until February 2010.
6. DCBC brochures. It was decided to print an additional 500 brochures at a cost of \$232 for placement in info boxes at the trailheads and at key locations in the Tuscaloosa area. It was decided to buy one more info box at a cost of \$13 for the north trailhead at the Tashka Trail.
7. Pixie asked the officers to read the revised DCBC constitution and make suggestions. Once the officers have decided on a new constitution, it will be presented at a quarterly club meeting to be voted on by the members at large.
8. Advocacy. Larry agreed to head up the first Sander's Ferry Clean-up on January 11th. The roadway entrance to the toll booths on Malesham Pkwy will be added to the clean-up as a gesture of thanks for allowing cyclists to cross the bridge without paying a toll. Dave will look into the club purchasing some "grabbers" for collecting trash. Dave will also look into creating a sign that we can place on Sander's Ferry Rd the week before each clean-up reminding club members to come out and help. Bill mentioned that this summer would be the 5th anniversary of DCBC participating in Sander's Ferry clean-up and that he plans to get newspaper coverage for the July clean-up.
Bill said that there had been no response to his certified letter regarding the dangerous railroad crossing on Stillman Ave. Bill will be working on the railroad crossing at Helen Keller Blvd and on Rose Blvd.

Bill said that the intersection of 15th Ave and Hackberry Ln is being looked at closely concerning making it safer for bikes and pedestrians to cross.

Bill has meetings planned with Chief Steve Anderson and Mayor Herndon.

9. Larry said that the Ride of Love Kick-Off Party and the quarterly meeting will be combined on March 19th. DCBC will present their donation to Camp Smile-a-Mile at that time. Larry will talk to VeloCity and Stephanie Wilkins about specific arrangements. The Ride of Love Kick-Off Ride will be on March 21st. There will be a \$20 fee for this ride. Larry will act as liaison between DCBC and the Rotary Club, which plans to help with the Ride of Love this year. DCBC member Warner Johnson is the primary contact with the Rotary Club. DCBC member Bruce Henderson is the President of the Rotary Club.

There was some discussion about creating a Children's Ride of Love of about 1-2 miles for next year which would begin at the same time and place as the 150 mile Ride of Love for adults. This is due to Camp Smile-a-Mile being a camp for children. We will look into the feasibility of finding a safe place for the children to ride. Children could easily be recruited from the local elementary schools.

10. Safety. Bill and Pixie agreed to head the Safety Committee. Carol will search other bike clubs for safety blurbs which we can incorporate onto our website.
11. A "Local Riding Conditions" feature was added to the DCBC website so that club members can easily check the temperature and wind as they check rides and maps.