

## DCBC Officers' Meeting Minutes.....February 1, 2010

Present: Pixie Hicks, Larry Pierson, Greg Fisher, and Charlie Wolbach

Webmaster, Greg Fisher tells us that our LSoft e-mail service is costing us over \$1300 @ year and is looking into a free service called Googlegroups. He will be testing the service and planning to make the change within the next few weeks.

He also informs us that Walls News Media will be dropping our website domain service in the near future. He will be looking into Go Daddy for an inexpensive service.

Road Bike Coordinator, Larry Pierson says there are Scorpion Century Series t-shirts left over from our first century ride of the year and he'll be offering at an upcoming century.

Treasurer , Charlie Wolbach reports a club balance of \$9,276.36

Expected yearly expenses are around \$10,261.00; however, dropping the LSoft server should save over \$1,000.

Larry Pierson pointed out the full-page spread in the Tuscaloosa News done by the Tuscaloosa Track Club....recognizing members in their Grand Prix trophy quest. The News also prints information on DCBC weekly rides.

The Bicycle Friendly Community application is just about ready to submit thanks to the combined efforts of the City of Tuscaloosa, University of Alabama and student advocates, West Alabama Regional Commission, and members of the Druid City Bicycle Club. The strength of the application lies in the area of Encouragement, due in great part to the efforts of DCBC. The process of application has brought awareness to the City of the many cyclists in our community and has already begun changes for safety. Recently, the 15<sup>th</sup> St./Hackberry Lane crossing was improved with bike lanes and crossing light. The project had been proposed over a year ago by our Advocacy Officer, Bill Herz. A City Bicycle Program Manager was named: Heather Hill who will be working closely with Teresa Lewis (City Planning & Economic Development).

Charlie Wolbach offered space on the 1<sup>st</sup> Federal electronic billboard (15<sup>th</sup> St. & McFarland Blvd.) for Share the Road information.

Pixie had contacted Jeff Peel with the League of American Bicyclists about Alabama's #50 ranking as a Bicycle Friendly State. ALABIKE was not interested in completing the application and he still had not received a reply from ALDOT. Looks like we may remain #50.

We hope for better weather in the month of February for our BRATGAP Century and Boyd Road Metric, along with our regular weekly rides!

And best wishes for a quick recovery to Tom Struthwolf after a crash on the 1/31/10 Yellow Creek ride. A car driving at high speed came around the group nearly causing a head-on collision with an oncoming truck...then swerved back into the lane nearly hitting the lead rider. Three cyclists went down resulting in a shattered elbow for Tom and bruises for Jeff Mason and Ronnie Kelley. A police report was filed to document the incident.