

The TCBC held their February, 2008 meeting at Applebee's Restaurant in Kennewick. The Board met at 6:00 p.m. followed by a general meeting/gathering at 6:30. Board members present were Ed Nordquist, acting President, John Ittner, Treasurer, George Kyriazsis, past President, Vicki Patten, Secretary. We were pleased to have several members present for the general meeting. Damien Miller a new member and a League cycling instructor was present. He offers a 72 hour bike maintenance class that he runs out of his home.

The Treasurer's report was presented by John Ittner. Vicki motioned to accept the Report and it was seconded by Ed. A report is attached to the Minutes.

The Club is still looking for members willing to take over Board positions. There is also presently no newsletter editor and John will fill that function for the spring/summer newsletter. Ed will do the ride coordinating. We presently need to fill the positions of President and Secretary.

We briefly discussed the status of the IEC. This year the IEC is presented by Kiwanis of Columbia and Kiwanis of Tri-Cities Industry and sponsored again by Group Health. Although the Kiwanis are taking over this fundraiser, they will need TCBC member support to assist and "teach them the ropes." The Tour is to be held on May 10 and TCBC will be paid \$600.00 for their efforts towards the ride. Kiwanis has agreed to use proceeds from the ride to fund contributions to the same bike-related programs that TCBC has supported in past years. TCBC along with Kiwanis and Group Health will have IEC information at their booths at the Bike Expo in Seattle on March 8 and 9. Registration is now open online.

It is important to our Club that we go back to our original premise as a touring club. Some weekend tours were briefly discussed. Ellie Ittner could lead a tour to the Teapot gas station in Zillah. George Kyriazsis and Jane Sereda mentioned a tour to Walla Walla.

John has added a "Wall of Shame" to the TCBC website to document dangerous road/riding situations for cyclists in our area. Needed are photos and information from riders to document dangerous riding situations. Also included will be phone numbers and names of those to contact for road and trail concerns.

John will also be setting up a web Forum or bulletin board. This would be a member only forum for communicating and putting out cycling related information.

On March 20, Jane Sereda will be speaking at the Tri-City Court Club. "Bicycling Road Trips on Your Own" is the topic of her talk. It is open to the public.

Future TCBC meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at a location to be announced. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Vicki Patten, Secretary