

March 27, 2008

The March meeting of the Tri City Bicycle Club was held at Round Table Pizza on Torbett in Richland. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Board members present were Ed Nordquist, acting President, George Kyriazsis, past President, John Ittner, Treasurer, and Vicki Patten, Secretary.

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to accept them. All were in favor.

John Ittner presented the Treasurer's report. A copy is attached. A motion was made and seconded and the report was accepted.

John made a brief IEC report and handed around sign up sheets for ride helpers. There are currently 41 registered riders for the IEC. Flyers were handed out at the Seattle Bike Expo and Kiwanis have mailed out flyers to riders that have ridden three out of the past five years. Sign up is also available on the internet.

The Teapot Dome Tour is set for May 31 – June 1st. The ride will officially begin in Benton City at 10:30, proceed to Prosser for lunch, and end in Toppenish. A stop will be made in Sunnyside for ice cream and also at the Teapot Dome for pictures. A \$110.00 deposit per couple is needed for the hotel in Toppenish. The ride back will be on Sunday after breakfast. Approximate mileage is a little over 50 miles each way. The ride leaders will be John and Ellie Ittner.

There will be a Walla Walla Tour on June 14 – 15 with a sleepover planned at the Marcus Whitman hotel and dinner at Jacobi's. George Kyriazsis and Jane Sereda will lead this ride and George will bring final plans to the next Board meeting in April.

George was wondering if there were any ideas as to how to increase membership. As we have 111 members, the question may be, "how to increase membership activity." The Board will e-mail any ideas to each other and this will be discussed in more detail at the April meeting

Kathleen Nordquist presented information on Ghost Bikes. She would like to have support from TCBC to place unused bicycles at the sites of cyclist fatalities around the Tri-Cities. The bicycles would be painted white and would be accompanied with a sign indicating that a cyclist had died in the location. A motion was made by Vicki that TCBC approve the program to be chaired by Kathleen, contingent upon the approval of the cities involved. The motion was seconded and passed. Kathleen will approach the first family, the Caseys, for their approval for this of memorial for their daughter and will also approach the city of Kennewick for their consent to such a memorial.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 and a guest, Erin Weber from the Bicycle Alliance of Washington was introduced for the general member part of the evening.

Vicki Patten,
Secretary