

Athens Bicycle Club

August 18, 2010 – Athens Community Recreation Center

Present: Tim Creamer, Joey Boyle, Eileen Schulz, Paul Schulz, Dave Messina, Lorraine Wochna, Chip Krieg, Tina Hall, Dave Beauvais, Greg Polzer, Hannah Schulz, Craig Jenkins, Bob West, Kelly Shaw

New Business

Paul reserved the primitive group site at Lake Hope, Sept. 10 & 11 for a campout. All welcome.

Old Business:

1. Paul transferred checking act. info from Tina Hall and Joey will soon also add his name on the account.
2. TAZ (Tour Athens to Zaleski) will be Oct. 9-10. The primitive site by 4 points has been reserved. Some of the route near the campground is gravel so a shuttle will be needed for those on road bikes. Water and pit toilets are available. Lorraine, Paul and Chip volunteered to be on a committee to work out details.
3. Insurance: Paul reported that IMBA was the only organization that covers trail riding and building. IMBA will also cover road riding except for paid, organized events. An insurance rider would be needed for TOHRV or other events that involved a registration fee. Costs: \$35 club membership plus up to a maximum of \$8 per person covered.

Action: Members agreed to join IMBA and proceed with the insurance application. No one was opposed. Paul agreed to fill out the forms.

Communication:

Tim reported that he and Mer are working on the web site updates. People have been migrating to the new listserv with Google docs. Members agreed to have meeting minutes posted to the web site. Ellen asked if members saw any problem with other individuals or media using the club logo when they are promoting or announcing club events. Tim noted that the club holds the logo copyright. Members saw no problem with its use for club promotion; Craig suggested a copyright symbol be added to the logo and Tim agreed to look into that.

Greg asked who should be contacted when trees or other debris is blocking the bike path. Bob Eichenberg is the county contact.

Membership activities:

Jeannie put info she learned about membership on the listserv. Ellen said she would ask Molly Morris to do the same regarding membership forms. Membership dues, etc. will be discussed in September.

Group rides:

Tim looked at how other clubs structure group rides. Some use a tiered A, B & C rides. Generally the B & C levels had a leader. Currently, a non-tiered informal club ride starts at 9 a.m. Sundays from the College Gate.

Trail issues:

1. Trace Trail – Chip reported that several club members went out with Phil Cantino to see the proposed trail. From Pioneer Cemetery, it parallels part of the Finger Rock trail. It is an easy trail but needs a sizable bridge. Phil hopes to seek state assistance/funding for bridge construction. Members reported the trail could be an asset but requires a lot of work.

Action: Members agreed the club should extend a generic letter of support for the project but take care not to suggest we want to take this on as a club project. Ellen volunteered to draft a letter.

2. Lake Hope mountain bike race. Joey noted that he put on the first one and that ABC and Meredith have done much of the work in regarding trail prep and seeking volunteers for several years. Ryan O'Dell took over the race as its promoter a few years ago, and in the most recent years he was responsible for all its organization, including volunteer support. Ryan failed to get volunteers this year and racers went off course. Racers were extremely dissatisfied, and Joey noted that it reflects poorly on the club. Dave proposed that the ABC take over the race; Ellen seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Questions raised: Will Ryan try to run a race on another weekend? Could we coordinate a date with WV points series again? Are we as a club ready for the work involved with such a race? It was discussed that the club would need to talk to the park rangers to get their input before proceeding. Motion passed to organize this race. No one was opposed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 15. Athens Recreation Center.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.