

CROSS CREEK CYCLING CLUB

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2004

CALL TO ORDER-Bob Maier

INTRODUCTION and WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS and GUESTS

12 Members in attendance with 2 officers

TREASURER'S REPORT Bob Maier

Balance \$ 2262.00

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

- 1) CLUB CLOTHING - Robert Havens
 - a) Read out who had clothing to pick up and what extra items were available.
 - b) Current items are posted on the C4 website in the announcements section.
 - c) Arm warmers shown.
- 2) MS 150 RIDE. Leona provided the current team accomplishment of \$11,600 +/- so far. She explained that there were still prizes available for raffles and other things and provided tickets to those that wanted to sell them. They are available for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Drawing will be held at the next meeting and you need not be present to win. Money will go towards next years MS150 event for the team.
- 3) WEB PAGE. Robert.
 - a) Monthly hits/traffic for August 2004 was 67,201 hits.
 - b) Currently no plans for changes.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Robert handed out the prototype membership card. Everyone seems to like the design and additional information on them.
- 2) It was brought up that the club should post the ride schedule at the local bike shops. The thought was to increase awareness of the rides.
- 3) Discussion regarding the "Sunday" ride.
 - a) The concerns of some members were brought up about the increase of traffic at Strickland Bridge (SB) ride. Some said they had not really noticed an increase but others that were not present had expressed a concern. Another issue was there have never been any group designations on this ride. Since it is posted on the C4 website as a "Club Ride", there at times new riders or riders that are not "A" or "B" capable. Everyone understands that the ride has been going on for a couple of years and the normal ride leader is Furman. It was agreed that if this ride is to be classified as a "Club" ride, then anyone who is the ride leader needs to have cue sheets and be prepared for a group breakdown so no one that shows up is turned away. If the SB ride is to be only for "B+" riders then that needs to be agreed upon by the majority and the website and schedule updated to reflect that. Cue sheets should still be available at the ride and online. It was requested by Robert for someone to provide him with a cue sheet for the various routes at the SB ride.
 - b) Robert brought up that the "Sunday Ride" could easily have ride location and route options. The intent of adding the Linden and Fort Bragg areas was to provide a variety and opportunity for riders of all abilities to come out and ride on Sunday. As the winter riding season get closer the available evening daylight will become limited which will make the Tuesday and Thursday evening rides on Fort Bragg difficult. Robert went on to explain that the advantages to the Fort Bragg ride is a more controlled and limited traffic area which makes it easy to have riders of all abilities come out and ride.
- 4) Leona brought up that some members were changing the ride for the upcoming Sunday from Strickland Bridge to 5-Points. At first it was misunderstood by Robert who thought that the actual start location would change. It is only the route that changes so the ride itself is not a problem.
- 5) Robert then brought up the need for some notice before changing a "Club" ride. In general he said that two weeks should be enough to get the word out via the web and word of mouth.

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Another consideration is that ride plans need to be done so that group leaders can be identified and updates can be put out at the local bike shops.

- 6) Robert W. brought the still lacking use of the liability waiver on the morning rides on Saturday mainly but also on Sunday. Robert and Bob agreed that it needs to happen. In addition the point about how a ride is classified as to an actual "Club" ride or as a "Other" ride. Any ride that is put out as a club ride will require the waiver. Any ride that is more of a get together must have all of the participants understand that the club has no responsibility or official connection to the ride. Robert said that he would get with Woodie at TBS to explain the waiver requirements for the Saturday ride and see what the best way to work it is.
- 7) From notes provide by Mike Thomas, Robert went over them with the attendees.
 - a) Membership dues. After some discussion and possible options, it was decided that the dues for 2005 would be \$20.00 for individuals and \$25.00 for family memberships. For the remaining part of the 2004 calendar year, the dues will work similar to what USCF does. Fees for new members signing up during October would be \$5.00 and then beginning on 1 November, the 2005 rate would apply. This way, new members would get 14 months for the price of 12. IN the end this will make it easier administratively. The new cards will be issued at the January meeting. The current style of cards will be used for new members. This way everyone will get the "new" card in January.
 - b) Poker ride. This was discussed as a great way to raise funds for the club and provide a way that everyone regardless of riding ability has an equal possibility of winning. Though no set date was determined, it will likely be a month or so before the first one is planned.
 - c) Officer elections. Everyone was informed that officer elections would be held at the January 2005 meeting. All were encouraged to be present. Not later than the December meeting, the running of the election will be finalized and briefed to attendees and posted to the C4 website.
 - d) Charity ride. Various ideas were brought up regarding charity rides. Types of rides were determined as ones where the club is the host and others where the club has a minimal supporting role and of course those that ride/participate. Polling those present resulted in a general consensus that as a club charity host, we should have no more than two events. Phil brought up the possibility of hosting a Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) charity ride. Robert recognized that this would be good as it is an easily recognized organization and cause. Phil said he will check and get more details. It was recognized that last year the club participated in two large charity events, the HabiTour and the MS150. The plan is to do the same next year. There was no determination as to what a possible second event would be for the club to host.
 - e) Fundraising.
 - i) It was agreed that the club will not hold specific fundraising campaigns for events the club is not the host, i.e. the MS150. This is because participants have a requirement to raise monies and that the club has a problem raising funds for itself as it is.
 - ii) Mario brought up the possibility for members and non-riders (spouses/families) to have cookouts or a grill to sell hot dogs or something at local sporting events like youth soccer games etc. Concern was expressed that the possibility of needing permits from the city would be required. This will have to checked on before it is considered further.
 - iii) The poker-ride was brought up again as an easy fundraiser and only requires limited support to accomplish.
 - iv) Phil brought up a Friday evening pasta dinner at his house or other location if needed. It could be \$5 +/- per member and be the "carbo-load" the night before the Saturday ride.
 - f) Club briefing. A club briefing was suggested that could be used to encourage new sponsors and renew current sponsors. No specific details were determined but in general a who we are, what we have done and are doing brief is needed. This brief should be done not later than the spring of 2005. Robert W. wife was recognized as to her building a historical scrapbook/record of the club. This would help in the "what we have done" aspect.

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- g) Clothing. Robert brought up that he will get with Verge sportswear and see what the winter pricing will be and when the best time is to order. Details will be put out at the next meeting and on the web. The hope is to limit the ordering of clothing to once a year.
 - h) Sunday ride. As most know the Saturday ride is the biggest draw for riders. Sundays will likely have more than one ride occurring on any given time. The main issue will be to make at least one of the rides an opportunity for riders of any ability to ride. Have specifics about each ride posted so prospective riders can determine which to participate in. The following should apply to all "Club" Sunday rides: have a cue sheet for areas off of Ft Bragg; be prepared for group breakdown; **enforce a no-drop policy**.
 - i) Christmas time. Everyone was given a heads up for the Toys for Tots drive and the bikes giveaway with Moses Mathis.
 - j) Race events. Discussion was done regarding the success of the C4 TT and what to do next year. Everyone seemed inclined to have the time trial again weather it was in conjunction with the Sandhills Cycling Club or on our own. There was also interest in making the C4 Dragons Challenge a USCF event. Other brought up the possibility of trying to get one of the Military Championship events at Fort Bragg. More information will have to gather for these and the requirements they have. Bob brought up that USCF will be having their planning meeting in November so the club will need to have an idea of what events we want to host and when. Mario brought up that having the events before the state championships would be a good draw and provide a gauge for the riders to see where they are. That idea was well received.
- 8) Mario brought up the need for ride clinics. He expressed serious concern about many riders not knowing the basics of bike setup/positioning rider skills in a group setting, techniques on the road, and others. It was suggested that a mini-clinic could be accomplished as part of the Saturday ride either prior to the departure or in conjunction with the ride itself. These ideas were well received and spawned the suggestion of having training videos and other cycling subjects done at the monthly meetings. Robert said he would check on training videos and there cost to provide details at next meeting.
- 9) Bob Maier discussed the possibility of having an afternoon ride, dinner, and bonfire at his house on Saturday, 30 October. There was interest and he said he would let everyone know details via the web and email soon.
- 10) Robert brought up the need for clear and effective cue sheets and asked everyone that can, to provide some good routes. He said that he would standardize them and get them uploaded to the site.
- 11) CALENDAR. No updates.
- 12) SPONSOR TIME/COMMENTS –
- a) Leith Acura (Bob) – No comments.
- 13) OPEN DISCUSSION –
- a) The meeting overall was an open discussion so there are no further comments here.
- 14) PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Not present
- 15) NEXT MEETING is scheduled for 7:00 PM November 1, 2004 at the Kiwanis recreation Center on Devers Street. Parking is available there, at the YMCA, and across the street.