

## **Minutes of TCUC Board of Directors Meeting**

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

1-2:30pm at the Koehler's house

Those in attendance: Connie Cotter, President  
Mike Schatz, Vice President  
Kim Chevalier, Secretary  
Steve Koehler, Equipment Manager  
Jacob Miller-Smith, Member @ Large  
Julie Kovacic, Member @ Large  
Avonlea Schmitz, Jr. Officer  
Nick Schatz, Jr. Officer

Those not attending: Garrett Macey, Treasurer; Scott Wilton, Webmaster; Jamie Koblas, Historian; Members @ Lrg: Mary Koehler, Tim Lee, and Patricia Wilton; Jr. officers: Dani Chevalier, Ben Hugo, Shelley Kovacic, Ben Koehler, Bruce Lee, and Rachel Sindelar

### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by club president, Connie Cotter at 1pm.

-Connie discussed TCUC annual membership renewals, stating that she has been following up, via e-mail and in person, with members who have not responded to the original e-mail notifying them that their memberships have expired and payment is past due for membership renewal. Avonlea Schmitz continues to be in charge of sending e-mails on a routine basis to all members whose renewal dates are approaching, receiving payment for membership dues, and working with Treasurer Garrett Macey to ensure bank deposits of these funds are made in a timely manner.

**New Muni Purchase:** Connie stated that she would like a Nimbus 24" (priced on the low end) purchased for club use by spring time. Steve Koehler said that he would contact Joe Lind at Compulsion cycles and order one right away. (The purchase of a new club Muni had been discussed and approved of in a previous board meeting.)

**New club 20" unicycles needed:** Connie cited a need for more 20" club unis due to an increase in unicycling class participants, especially for the Tuesday class in Hudson. She stated that there are currently not enough unicycles for each individual practice site, which has led to difficulty for club members running these classes, as they must "juggle" unicycles back and forth between practice sites on a regular basis. Board members discussed the current TCUC budget, and agreed that the club has the funds to Purchase 4-5 Club unicycles.

**\*Motion made to purchase 5 new 20" Club brand unicycles.**

**\*Vote held, with all in favor. Equipment Manager Steve Koehler agreed to purchase the unicycles.**

-Mike stated that he would like all future meeting minutes to be posted on the club website, and within a 2 week period. Requested that the secretary first send to Connie the meeting minutes for review and editing as needed, and in turn she would send them to the senior TCUC officers for final approval before posting on the website.

### **Parade report per Mike Schatz:**

-Due to fees involved and amount of work required to participate, Mike will not be applying for the Aquatennial parade this year. (The board had discussed withdrawing from this parade at a previous meeting.)

-The Anoka Halloween parade is scheduled to be on the Saturday before Halloween. Anoka has agreed to waive the participation fee, and Mike will send in the application as required in April.

-Volunteer needed to pull the trailer for 3 weekends this summer, as Tim Lee will be out of town. Dates include the weekends of June 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*Discussed possibilities for drivers/vehicles. Jacob Miller-Smith stated that his father would be willing to let someone from the club use his vehicle for this purpose when his family is out of town the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Was suggested by Julie Kovacic that club member Chris O'Brien might be willing to pull the trailer with his own vehicle if available on those dates.

-Possibilities will continue to be pursued and discussed at a later date.

-Two parades that the club participates in annually, Shakopee and Pine City, are scheduled during UNICON this year. Mike expressed concern that there may not be an adequate turn-out for these parades if a lot of club members are out of town (especially a concern as the club gets paid \$750 for the Pine City parade). Mike stated that he would start talking to regular parade participants not going to UNICON to see if they might be willing to commit to these parades, and then make a determination as to whether or not to send in parade applications.

-Predicting a lower parade income this year due to the hosting of NAUCC, and club members traveling for UNICON.

### **Scholarship Letters per Mike Schatz:**

-Based on discussions held during previous Board meetings to address the hopes of making the scholarship program a more formal entity with oversight by the USA Board, Mike had drafted letters addressed to the USA board, and to scholarship founder Bill Gilbertson, to notify of the TCUC Board's intent. The letter to the USA requested that action be taken on the following points:

1. Better financial accountability and oversight of scholarship funds with a clear delineation of those funds versus USA general funds, including reporting of that information on a regular basis to the USA board.

2. Yearly selection of the scholarship committee members and the chair by the USA Board.
3. A clear process and criteria in place for selection of scholarship recipients.

**\*Motion** made to send letters to the addressees, after minor editing to the final paragraph of the USA letter is done by Mike and approved by the 4 senior members of the USA Board.

**\*Vote** held with all in favor of sending letters via e-mail following final approval.

**Parade Incentives:** Discussed numerous incentive ideas for 10, 15, 20 and 25 parades. Discussed continuing change from last season of not giving an incentive for 5 parades.

**\*Motion** made on 4 points

1. Continue to issue Target or Compulsion Cycle gift cards for all members participating in 10 parades.
2. Give either mugs or insulated beverage containers with the TCUC logo to all members participating in 15 parades.
3. Give either socks or scarves with the TCUC logo to all attending 20 parades.
4. Continue with decision not to give parade incentives for 5 parades.

**\*Vote** held, with all in favor of above 4 points.

-Club member JoAnn Sindelar has been designated to do the ordering of the parade incentives, and will be allowed to make the final decision on which incentive gift will be given for attending 15 and 20 parades.

### **NAUCC Update from Mary Koehler (per Steve Koehler):**

**\*Vision for NAUCC 2014**

- Get the word out to first-timers and beginning unicyclists that you don't have to be an expert to participate.
- Focus on all participants, including competitors, family members, volunteers and spectators.

**\*Website/Resistration/Budget**

- NAUCC website has been launched.
- Updates are being added as needed.
- Budget looks to be on track.

**\*Discussed need for all to continue with word of mouth in encouraging NAUCC registration and participation. Connie asked that Jacob Smith talk to the kids at the Thursday practice and tell them what the event is all about. Kim Chevalier will bring the printed NAUCC postcards to hand out at the Thursday practice.**

**\*Sports Grant**

- As part of working with the Bloomington Convention and Visitors Bureau on hotel arrangements, JoAnn Sindelar applied for a sports grant.
- Mike Schatz attended scheduled interview on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Grant is for \$3,500 per Mike. Fifteen minute interviews held for each of the 10-12 applicants. Currently awaiting the Bureau's decision.

\*Distance

- Time trial route set for Baker Park Reserve
- Marathon route still being decided
- Still in discussions with the city of Eagan re: Criterium race site. Club member Mel Zeller in contact with Delta Airlines about using their parking lot.
- 10K route still being decided

\*Muni

- Permit obtained for Cross-country and technical at Lebanon Hills
- Looking at Buck Hill for uphill and downhill

\*Jefferson High School

- Permit is still in the works, and looking like a sure thing

\*Sponsorship/Publicity

- Nobody designated yet for this. Co-directors Mary Koehler and Patricia Wilton will address this matter during their scheduled meetings.

TCUC assistance needed:

\*Equipment

- Need a dedicated LaserJet printer from Saturday, June 28 through Friday, July 4.
  - \*Jacob Smith stated he will ask his family members about loaning or donating one. Connie requested that Jacob follow up on this and let the directors know whether or not he can get one.
- Two EZ up canopies needed, and must be dedicated to NAUCC for the week.
  - \*Message will be sent out to the club in the weekly updates inquiring if anyone has a canopy they would be willing to lend out. Jacob Smith will also ask around.

\*Trials:

- Max Schulze is the director, but won't arrive in town until Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Beginner trials comp. is scheduled for Sunday, so will need someone to take charge of pre-trials tasks such as collecting materials, finding a storage area, pre-building and building of beginners' trial course. Mary planning to do some of this, but would like someone else to help out or take over.
  - \*Jacob Smith stated that his Dad would have construction materials to donate, but would need a specific materials list.
  - \*Discussed need for storage of materials before NAUCC, and need for volunteers to take down the trials course after the event.

### \*NAUCC Exploration and Preparation Day

#### Purpose:

- \* To create excitement about attending NAUCC among newer members and riders
- \* To provide workshops for inexperienced freestyle competitors so they can create routines.
  - To provide gym space for practice.
  - To provide practice for track racing, trials and distance.

-Connie will bring club 24's for use in track racing on Saturday, and will run the beginner distance ride on Sunday. The Koehler family will have a "trials explore" event in their driveway following scheduled gym time for beginner riders on Saturday

### \*Other NAUCC Help Needed

- \* Continue to "talk up" NAUCC.
  - Avonlea Schmitz to post more random updates on Facebook
- \* Brainstorm ideas to encourage people to attend NAUCC
- \* Think about what we can do to help newcomers to find unicycles to use
  - Unicycle corral: Would be a good idea to put someone in charge of helping newer members locate unicycles, especially 24's, the idea being to help members participate in as many events as possible.
    - \*Discussed putting Ben Hugo in charge of this.

Unicycle and Parts Sales: Per Connie, UDC will not be present during nationals. Joe Lind with Compulsion Cycles will do word of mouth sales, but will not have a booth set up. Connie to post this info online in the weekly updates, and it will also be mentioned in the NAUCC brochure.

### **Equipment Manager Update:**

Steve is working with Joe Lind to get new seat posts for the club unis to replace those that have bent. He has also figured out a method for reaming, or cleaning, of seat posts, which he will use during routine maintenance of unis.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.**

**Next regular officers meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.**