



Board Meeting – Minutes

13 April 2015, 7 PM

Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 N 21st Street, Lincoln NE 68510

Meeting **called to order** by President Roger Hirsch at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS:

Present: 22

Absent: 4

Heinrich	Griffin	Wehrbein
M. Torell	Bentrup	Hirsch
Warren	Scoby	Hammer
Stevens	Arp	B. Torell
Thacker	Dunbar	Collier
Case	Vannier	Godfrey
Messerer	Ringlein	Sonderup
Rosenboom		

Baker	Greene	Hersey
Dolan		

Excused Absences: Noe, Coble, and Carveth

Guest(s): Brent Davis and Julie Harris

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of March GPTN meeting minutes

- Griffin moved to approve minutes. Stevens seconded. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report

- Hersey not present. Report not reviewed or approved.

GPTN Bylaws

- Reviewed Amendments by Hirsch.
 - *Amendment #1. Article II. Membership. “to all persons”*
 - *Wehrbein moved, Case seconded. Approved.*
 - *Amendment #2. Article II. Membership. “#6. Voting. Each membership, regardless of membership category, shall vote one vote.”*
 - *Thacker moved, Heinrich seconded. Approved.*
 - *Amendment #3. Article II. Membership. “Cumulative voting” clarification.*
 - *Wehrbein moved, Case seconded. Not approved.*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee

- Bentrup gave report on N Street.
 - N Street – three grants submitted (15k to Cooper, 2500 from Olson Associates, 2500 from Scott Family Foundation). Received 5k from Union Bank. 180k in NTF for N Street. 50k coming at end of project from another donor. About 110k away from fulfilling GPTN commitment. Fundraising letter just went out to 600 Physicians regarding N Street.
 - Griffin mentioned local Community Services Fund application for local and national.
 - Give to Lincoln Day is coming up.
 - Funds from Trail Trek in 2015 will go to N Street.
 - *Motion by Hammer to have someone from GPTN write a letter to the editor from the board in support of N Street. Seconded by Arp. Approved. Hirsch volunteered to write the letter.*
- Bentrup reviewed Bike to Work Week May 11th through the 15th.
 - *Motion to support Bike to Work Week with a \$500 donation to City of Lincoln for supplies by Bentrup. Seconded by Thacker. Approved.*
 - M. Torell reviewed that on May 6th at 2:30 PM there will be a ride at the Capital and the Governor will be presented a Nebraska Bicycling Alliance, Proclamations for Bike to Work Week and Bike to School Day.
- Bentrup reviewed Streets Alive in the Clinton neighborhood at Peter Pan Park.
 - *Motion by Bentrup and seconded by Wehrbein to support the Streets Alive with a \$500 sponsorship. Approved.*

Public Relations Committee

- Hirsch mentioned they haven't met yet. Plan on doing so soon.
 - Three events coming up.
 - Hartley School and Hirsch will attend.
 - Peter Pan Community Event on May 8th. Smoothies at the event per Bentrup.
 - Red Dirt Running Company event. Noe to review that at the next meeting.

Government Relations Committee

- Mary Torell mentioned they haven't met yet, but plan on tonight after the meeting.

Trail Use and Activities Committee

- Report by Vannier. Next board meeting will be a party for Thacker at the Torell's.
- Tour de Lincoln Rides – posters circulated. Rides reviewed. First three events are on Thursdays at 6 PM. The last ride will be on a Saturday. Volunteers needed to help with treats and ride leaders.
 - *Motion by Vannier to have GPTN reimburse the cost of the refreshments (treats) for Tour de Lincoln. Seconded by Griffin. Approved.*
- Hirsch reviewed that the Jamaica North Dedication is on May 8th from 5 to 6 PM.
- Messerer reviewed the updates on the Lincoln Bike Share and stated a CMAC fund has been approved for the Bike Share program for Lincoln. Still another 750k that needs raised for the project. Goal is to roll out the project in Spring 2016. There will be 15 stations in Lincoln. Hopefully one at the JSTC.

Finance Committee

- Godfrey reviewed the highlights from the committee meeting including:
 - Keep the “may have an annual audit” language
 - Finance Committee will review the GPTN finances for inconsistencies and research any issues on a regular basis in lieu of a formal audit.
 - No threshold for the Treasurer for check writing.
- Hirsch asked about Great Western Bank and Cornhusker Bank. Warren clarified. GWB will have the account closed soon and all future GPTN funds to go to Cornhusker Bank.

Administration Committee

- Hirsch reviewed info including:
 - Membership renewal letters
 - Vannier to help with letters
 - Volume reviewed
 - Backup of the membership list provided by Hammer to Noe via flash drive on monthly basis
 - Google Docs account setup for calendar and miscellaneous documents
 - No need for Jamaica North sub-committee

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Update on Nebraska Bicycling Alliance by Brent Davis and Julie Harris

- Julie Harris is the newly appointed Executive Director of Nebraska Bicycling Alliance that is an unpaid position.
- Davis reminded the board of the May 6th at 2:30 PM Governor’s Ride
 - Proclamation, NBA jersey given to Governor, and then ride to Prescott School.
 - Coach Riley may be able to make it too.
- Harris introduced herself and also reviewed her past experience with LiveWell in Omaha and bicycle/pedestrian efforts. Main goal is to get a structure in place (office space, fundraising/seed donors, etc.). Harris requests contacts for potential seed donors to get the Nebraska Bicycling Alliance going.
- Email is Julie@nebike.org

Trail Trek

- Hammer reviewed Trail Trek. Trail Trek is June 28th.
- Trail Trek registration is live!
- Trail Trek Official Event Guides given to the board members. Mailings went out this week as well.

Addition to the GPTN Board of Directors

- Hirsch met with David Burd and nominated him as a GPTN board member. We currently have two vacancies.
 - *Motion by M. Torell to add David Burd to the GPTN Board and seconded by Stevens. Approved.*

Friends of the Dog Parks

- They want help with their organization and Hirsch has info if anyone is interested in helping. Would like to see someone from GPTN join their organization.

PROBABLE AGENDA ITEMS for next Board meeting:

1. Proposed addition of Courtney Jerke to board — Roger Hirsch
2. Discussion of Give to Lincoln. Dedication of funds raised by Give to Lincoln and Trail Trek 13 — Fundraising Committee; Gary, Karen and Elaine.
3. Discussion of Market to Market—Dena Noe
4. N Street Update — Karen Griffin

Next GPTN Board meeting:

- 6:00 p.m. on Monday 11 May 2015 at Mary and Bob Torell's house with dinner at 6 PM and a short meeting to follow. Potluck dinner. Bring your own adult beverages.

Adjournment at 8:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Godfrey, GPTN Secretary