



## **Bicycling in Greensboro (BIG)**

Minutes of August 13, 2015

7:15 p.m., Greensboro, NC

Lewis Recreation Center, 3110 Forest Lawn Drive

### **Attendance:**

Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson  
John Connor, Chairperson  
Dusten Winebarger, Chairperson Elect  
August Elliott, Secretary

David Mandel, Treasurer  
Bryan Paxton, Director  
Jody Dietrich, Director

### **Board members not in attendance:**

Michael Plakus, Director  
Joe Towfighi, Director  
Tracie Heavner, Director

Elizabeth Paashaus, Director  
Mike Whitson, Director  
JD Stewart, Director

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

John Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Jodi Dietrich, Director, motioned to approve the June minutes. Bryan Paxton, Director, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

David Mandel, Treasurer, reported that the Treasurer's Report was not finished in time for the meeting. He has been out of town for much of the previous month.

David suggested that Sheldon Herman forward Changing Gears invoice orders to Sam Kelleher of Changing Gears for approval. Sam would then forward the invoice to David. This would show that the orders were approved by Changing Gears' leadership prior to BIG reimbursing Sheldon. The board was agreeable.

**Action Item:** Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson, agreed to discuss with Sam.

### **Announcements**

Nick Harrell, Director, has decided to resign from the board. John Conner, Chairperson, asked that the Board of Directors network for new board members due to the new open position. Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson, mentioned that Candace Bruton was interested.

## Committee Reports

### Standing:

**Executive-** Members: John Connor, August Elliott, Laura Peoples, Mark Schulz, Mike Whitson, Dusten Winebarger. No report.

**Governance-** Members: John Connor, Jody Dietrich, Nick Harrell. No report.

**Finance-** Members: Mike Whitson, Elizabeth Paashaus, Mark Schulz. No report.

### Planning:

**Advocacy-** Members: Laura Peoples. Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson, reported that there is a public hearing on the revised Bike Ped on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm.

John Connor, Chairperson, reported that the sentencing hearing for the man that hit and killed Gerald Apple was scheduled for Tuesday. Gerald Apple's wife has requested that the bicycling community have a presence at the hearing.

**Action Item:** Dusten Winebarger, Chairperson Elect, will follow up about potentially posting about the hearing on Facebook or the website.

**Education-** Members: Tracie Heavner, Co Chair, Michael Plakus, Co Chair, John Connor, Mark Schulz. Michael Plakus, Director, is working on outlines for Letters to the Editor.

**Community-** Members: Elizabeth Paashaus, Chair, Jody Dietrich, August Elliott, JD Stewart, Dusten Winebarger. Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson, reported that there is a festival in the Lawndale shopping center this weekend. The merchants at the shopping center are trying to raise funds to for bicycle parking. He encouraged the board to go and wear their BIG shirts.

**Capacity-** Members: John Connor, Bryan Paxton, Joe Towfighi, Dusten Winebarger. No report.

**Hiring Committee-** John recognized the Hiring Committee (HC) for all the time and energy put in to post job and review applicants. The Hiring Committee is transitioning to the orientation committee. Jody has put in a lot of time and effort updating the contract. John and a few members of the HC are following up on references. Once the references have all been contacted, John plans to offer the position to a candidate. John hopes to have final word tomorrow.

## Project Reports

**Changing Gears-** Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson, reported that the Fix It Station was installed last Saturday. BIG has a new staff contact at the Interactive Resource Center (IRC). Changing gears is getting more support from the IRC and the IRC has committed to more staff time for collaboration with Changing Gears. The Changing Gears Leadership Group met and discussed ideas about improving the giveaways. Changing Gears is also planning on creating a loaner bike fleet, but will need the IRC to help coordinate. There was a successful giveaway in August: 8 bikes given, three to women.

**Tour De Reason-** The Tour De Reason is a couple weeks away. BIG is requesting volunteers. So far, Laura, Dusten, Tracy, Michael, and John have committed to volunteering. Paxton volunteered himself and Joe to work a rest stop.

**Folk Festival-** The National Folk Festival is in Greensboro from September 11-13<sup>th</sup>. There was an email requesting volunteers to lead group rides, but the email did not give specifics regarding time commitment and the number of volunteers needed.

**Action Item:** Mark Schulz, Immediate Past Chairperson, will follow up on the email for more information.

**Bike Safety Initiatives-** Jesse Day is applying for a grant to teach bike safety training to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders at a couple Guilford County schools in High Point. He has included BIG in the proposal. BIG would provide LCI's for the training.

### **Adjournment**

David Mandel, Treasurer, motioned to adjourn. Dusten Winebarger, Chairperson Elect, seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.