

January 2012 Minutes

We began the meeting with Bob Poste letting us know he has now ridden in all 50 states. What an accomplishment!!!! He completed the 50 states when he and Vivian went to Hawaii on vacation. Congratulations to Bob.

We had a discussion regarding the \$10 per person friendship fees we were collecting. Since only 7 people paid we gave refunds. It didn't seem fair for only 7 people to contribute. Some people said they misunderstood. They didn't remember voting to have the friendship fee. We discussed that we no longer have sponsors on our newsletter and that participation at the meetings is down (thereby 50/50 is down). It costs \$15 per year for the newsletter. We don't have lots of money going out but our bank account is down to about \$400. We decided to watch the balance and decide in the future if we needed to reinstate the friendship fee.

We discussed the decrease in participation on “dinner rides” especially in the winter. We didn't even have anyone volunteer to host for January, which is why there were no dinners this month. It was decided we will have weekly dinner rides during riding season (April – October) and will have our meeting monthly in off season (November – March) but not another “dinner ride”. We will have a meeting at one of the weekly dinner rides during ride season. Those details will be ironed out more at the February meeting 2/12/12 (at Perkins in Olathe).

We asked what offices people wanted to take for the next year. Patti and Craig are stepping down as directors after almost 5 years serving. We discussed whether or not we need a director. What ever the name of the position is we need someone who will take over and lead the meetings to keep them running smoothly. Remember we need a leader. Although Craig and Patti said last year they weren't going to remain as leaders when no one volunteered they kept the office, this year that won't be the case. We need someone to step up and lets see if we can get some more people to join us.

We will be having elections at the February meeting
Paula has agreed to remain as dinner ride coordinator
Bob Poste is remaining as web site coordinator and would like to be the ride coordinator.

Patti has agreed to remain as secretary

However, if anyone has strong feelings about taking over these positions come to the meeting and we can discuss it.

Bob Poste has set up a ride this Saturday January 21. It will take off from the regular meeting place. Look to the website for details or call Bob.

Director's Notes:

We were asked at the party if since we said we weren't going to be directors any more were we planning on leaving the group. It is an unequivocal NO. We have made many friends in this group and want to continue. We just feel it's time for someone else to steer the group for a while. We have appreciated all the help people have given and know they will help anyone who will step up to the plate for the group. Thanks to all of you and see you February 12 (5:30 for those that want to eat and 6:30 for the meeting).