

Minutes
VERMONT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COALITION
Richmond
April 11, 2001

Present: Richard Bernstein, Dale Critchlow, David Jacobowitz, Jon Kaplan, Jan McCleery, and George Plumb.

Minutes of previous meeting: Dale moved and David seconded to approved the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

President's Report: Bunky announced the Bike Festival 2001 in PA on August 3-5 and asked if anyone was going. He read a letter from Richard Cileski in Rockingham asking if we could have someone be on the local cable TV. He will ask Neil Quinn if he will do it.

Executive Director's Report: George said had worked on revising the membership form to include more categories. He would like to send out a letter with the new form, a cover letter, summary of summit, and our work plan to the mailing list used for the summit.

Treasurer's Report: There is a balance of \$1,081.66.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator's Report: Jon covered several items including.

- ❖ Public review for the new Design Manual will be from November to January.
- ❖ The VTrans Long Range Plan has been updated and we should comment on it. Jan will review and prepare comments.
- ❖ The Driver's Manual will be revised and include most of our suggested changes. Dave and Dale will prepare a letter of support for the changes and ask to be involved next year.
- ❖ The new Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, has sent a letter strongly supportive of bicycling and walking.
- ❖ An article in www.bicycleretailer.com from a bike shop owner supports the work we are doing.
- ❖ The Governor's Highway Safety Council has a grant program and we should apply. Deadline is May 25th.
- ❖ There will be a bike rodeo at Central Vermont Hospital on May 19th and they need help.

Critique of Summit: Comments were mostly positive including a diversity of people and a good amount of enthusiasm. One comment received was that it was not what was expected. We need to develop a work plan using the information gained.

Work Plan: Bunky presented a proposed work plan, which was reviewed and changes made. It is attached.

Executive Director: There was a lengthy discussion about hiring an executive director. George has explored several grant programs which might provide small amounts of money. The possibility of collaborating with the Vermont Mountain Bicycle Advocates was also discussed positively. It was moved by Dave that, "We explore the possibility of collaboration with VMBA and if this seems like a possibility we financially help support the attendance of their executive director at the Thunderhead Alliance's Executive Director Training this summer in Washington state. The amount would be up to \$250 with reconsideration of a larger amount at a future date." Seconded by Jan. Motion carried.

New Business:

- ❖ It was moved by Dave, Seconded by Jan to support the Middlebury bike ride as part of the Middlebury festival. It is suggested that Rick write a letter.
- ❖ Dave will arrange for the showing of the Share The Road PSA at Channel 22 and Bunky at Channel 3.
- ❖ It was suggested that we provide Valet Parking at the Jazz Festival. Jon will talk with Chapin and see what we can do.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 9th at Checquers.

It was moved by Dave, seconded by Dale to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

George Plumb
Secretary Pro Tem