

Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition
December 6th, 2000 Board Meeting
City Hall, Montpelier, Vermont

Present: Richard Bernstein <rbernste@zoo.uvm.edu>, Dale Critchlow
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Guests: Amy Bell <amy.bell@state.vt.us>, Jon Kaplan <jon.kaplan@state.vt.us>, Eric Scharnberg <eric.scharnberg@state.vt.us>

Meeting called to order by Richard at 6:30 PM

Minutes approved from last meeting with no changes.

Review of agenda – no changes.

President's Report:

Membership renewal letter written with the aid of George. We have 40 current members. George will send out the letters this month.

Executive Director's Report:

George has obtained permission of several organizations to have their names on our Letterhead as Supporting Organizations.

Our 501(c)(3) form has been completed, reviewed by David Watts, and mailed to the IRS. Richard will write a thank you letter to David Watts.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$241.19 in our checking accounts.

We have one outstanding check for \$150.00 to the IRS for the 501(c)(3) application.

The checking account is being moved to Caswell Credit Union as the fees are less and some interest is paid.

Share the Road Brochures Report

Dale stated that no action would happen until the spring.

Driver's Brochures Report

Rick has e-mailed Jeff to get the template. Jeff has not gotten back to Rick yet. George will ask Jeff about the brochure.

Video Report

The video is starting to be shown on at least one television station according to Amy. It will be distributed to other stations this spring.

Buck-A-Bike Program Report

It was suggested that we try to get some feedback as to what the bicycle shops might actually want in the way of a display. Richard, Dave, and Eric will talk to various bicycle shop owners.

Amy Bell's (Vermont Bicycle Coordinator) Report

Jon Kaplan is on board as Vermont's Assistant Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator. Jon is an engineer with lots of bicycle experience.

Funding. Interest in Bike/Ped projects is increasing. Many of these projects are paths, rather than road, projects. The paths are very expensive, especially as some include bridges.

Funding for Bike/Ped projects may also be reduced to \$4 million from the present \$6 million as there are several other major non-bike/ped projects that the state wishes to fund in the next couple of years—including the Circ Highway in Burlington and the Bennington by-pass.

Bicycling and Walking Summit

George has tentatively scheduled the date of the Summit on March 17th at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Montpelier. George thought that about 50 people might attend. There was some discussion about whether Montpelier was central enough. It was decided that George would also look into the Vermont Technical College in Randolph.

Goals. Some goals discussed were:

- a) form a coalition for bike touring companies, bicycle shops, and bike clubs. Include walking groups also.
- b) help develop scope of where we are going.

- c) define what an umbrella organization should look like and cover.
- d) determine funding – needs and how to obtain.

Who to invite. Some ideas from Amy were:

- a) VBPC (Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition) members.
- b) LAB (League of American Bicyclists) members.
- c) VMBA (Vermont Mountain Bike Association) members.
- d) Governor's Counsel on Physical Fitness and Sports
- e) Bike Clubs
- f) Tour Groups
- g) Bike non-profit organizations
- h) Rail Trail Councils
- i) Council on Aging
- j) Regional Planning Commissions
- k) Bicycle Shops
- l) Vermont Center for Independent Living

Amy will have a complete mailing list by our next meeting.

George has obtained Jeff Miller as our facilitator. Jeff has suggested he would be willing to be the moderator for \$100 plus travel.

Agenda. Some thoughts were:

- 9:30 – 10:00 AM – coffee & registration
- 10:00 AM – Opening Address – Richard – Mission & Goals
- 10:?? AM - ??? – Introductions

Four Agenda Items are:

- a) Do we want a strong statewide coordinating group?
- b) What would it do?
- c) How would it be structured?
- d) How would it be funded?

George will work on a more complete Agenda.

We reviewed George's time line and thought it was fairly good. Individuals accepted the following responsibilities.

January 2001 – Program Developed – George and Amy
Preliminary announcement mailed – George

February 2001 - Final notice and registration mailed – George

March 2001- Registrations received – Dave
Registration acknowledgement e-mailed – Dave
Letters to facilitators confirming details – George

Week Before - Final Program Form Designed – Rick
Final Program Form Printed – Amy
Attendees list printed – Amy
Arrangements confirmed with site – George
Name Tags – Dave
Individual packets assembled – Registration Chair
VBPC exhibit prepared – George (or maybe Eric)
Gift for Facilitator - ???

Day of - Set up 8:00 AM – George
Signs on Rooms – Board
Registration – Board
Photos – Board

Week After -Thanks you’s to helpers – George
Invoices processed – Treasurer
Critique for next year – George

There was also a discussion of various sponsors. Richard will talk to the Freeman Foundation. Amy will talk to VTrans. George and Dave will talk to the Governors Council on Physical Fitness.

Thunderhead Alliance

Motion was made by Dale, seconded by Dave to join the Thunderhead Alliance for \$30. Discussed. Unanimously accepted.

LAB

Motion was made by Dave, seconded by Rick to join LAB for \$35. Discussed and decided to table the motion for the present.

New Business

Rick stated we received mail from VANPO (the Vermont Alliance of Non-Profit Organizations) about a meeting with state legislature members in Burlington. Dale expressed an interest in attending.

Rick stated we also received mail on Kids Safety Grants. Amy will copy the information and distribute it to those interested.

Domain Name. Rick will look into a web domain name for a web site.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 PM. Place to be determined, although George will look into Waterbury.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, rick