

Bike Thief River Falls

Notes

March 17, 2021 Zoom meeting
8-9 AM

Folks present- Ted Duepner-BikeMN, Meg Kolden, Jeff Loe, Kjelsy Stueber, Andy Mueller, Troy Schroeder, Mark Borseth, Sue Johnson, Cheryl Lee, Marissa Adam, Mike Flaagan, Glen Kajewski

1. Bike MN report from Ted- March 17 summit, League of American Cyclists summit discussion, 30 Days of Biking (Glen and Ted)- Ted and Glen gave a quick update on the National Bike Summit held virtually this year, the BikeMN Summit happening late afternoon/early evening on today- March 17. Ted gave a quick update on 30 Days of Biking in April activities that BikeMN is working on. In Twin Cities area 3 different bakeries are offering donuts to the first 100 riders that arrive at their shop on their chosen give promotion day. Statewide people can enter to win a gift certificate to Erik's Bike Shop by posting to social media using #30DOBMN.
2. Bike Map update- Laura, Glen, Troy- Bike Map was updated to include new bike trails and bike lanes and ready for the VisitTRF guide. Troy working on map updates that can be included or added to Google maps
3. Ride and event calendar – Kjelsy gave an update on the ride and event calendar. Will be featuring different events during spring and summer. There will be a mix of adult and family themed ride events. Update- Kjelsy finalized the poster with updates. Will attach the pdf of the poster in the email.
4. 2021 BikeTRF project ideas- from last meeting and beyond
 - A. Bike to Business punch cards- Jake – Latest update- Jake has worked on the design and concept for the punch card. Participating businesses to offer a BOGO for a beverage when purchasing a meal and participants will get a 'punch' when patronizing participating businesses. When the card is 'complete' it can be turned in to Northern State Bank for a chance to win \$100 in TRF Chamber Bucks.
 - B. Bike rack update- Cheryl, Andy and Glen. Cheryl will be working with the city, Zehlians and other interested groups/people to develop some ideas and support for submitting a grant request to develop some artistic themed bike racks to be placed around the city. TRF ed foundation has awarded a 'grant' to purchase 6 bike racks to be placed at TRF schools. Discussion on racks was to place the 'Prowler Paw' on the

racks which was Update on pricing- steel prices have doubled in the last few months and discussion was held to wait a bit to see if prices drop.

C. bike repair station(s), signage for trails, other bike friendly infrastructure- QUIN SHIP is working with Northland College and users of the MEC trail to add signage and also a bike repair station. Update- Glen provided repair station costs to Kari Conner- QUIN and Fran. Costs range from \$1510 to \$1690 before sales tax for models from Dero and Saris. This includes the stand, repair tools, pump and wheel stand/chock.

D. MEC 50/100 bike ride around the MEC trail and college, leads for event- set date tentatively for September 11. Glen and Laura will meet and develop ideas to share with the group. (Update- we still have to get together.)

E. Bike to school day- set date – May 5, bike rodeo that day after school- initially set the date for May 5 and after followup by Meg there are still concerns to meet CoVid protocols and keep students and volunteers safe. The decision was to ‘cancel’/postpone’ the event and hope to be able to do a September ride with the students. (Other thoughts- some communities sponsor Kidical Mass bike rides during the year, not sure if that’s a copyright name or not.)

F. Bike month events- set some dates and specific activities for the month

Earlier suggestions- Bike to work, Sue said if it’s bike month we should work to organize and feature weekly activities around biking – Bike to work, community rides, Mayor/city council ride, etc. Provide promotional and educational material to cyclists, Sue will contact MNDOT TZD to see if she can secure some wrist slaps to share with cyclists. Ideas suggested- Pizza ride, DQ ride, other businesses involved to promote safe and fun cycling in TRF and the county.

G. Story book ride on Greenwood trail, - Cheryl will take the lead on this

H. Troll Roll ride- placeholder for now

I. monthly organized bike rides, including (on poster developed by Kjelsy)

J. Bike training- maintenance, riding in traffic, bike rules, etc. through community ed with Glen instructing. Update- will do in April and May to feature 30 days of biking in April and Bike Month (intro rides 101) Glen will have some dates and curriculum ideas to share with the group- training location Eagles Hall to provide extra space for distancing. April 14- Bike Maintenance presentation- 6-7:30 pm, April 28 5:30-7:30 pm, Riding in Traffic session, May 10 Riding in Traffic session 5:30-7:30 pm. All events to be held at the Eagles Club.

K. Bike rodeo – See notes related to Bike to School Day- possibly link to fall event or with Walk!Bike!Fun! training if we're able to do that training this summer.

L. Walk!Bike!Fun! training –Update- Potential dates were proposed and trainers (Jeff, Cheryl, Glen) were to submit dates they're available to provide training to Meg.

M. 30 days of biking, set a date and location for a kickoff ride- April 12- Eagles Club starting point, up to a 5 mile ride with a start time of 5:30 pm. Eagles will provide a BOGO participant card to folks over 21.

5. Bikeable community assessment update and discussion on Jan. 19 zoom meeting

Next meeting- April 14, 2021- Connection info below

Topic: BTRF Monthly

Time: Apr 14, 2021 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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