# Bike Thief River Falls

# Notes/Minutes

## May and June, 2021

## 8-9 AM

Folks present- May- Laura Stengrim, Fran Tougas, Andy Mueller, Glen Kajewski, Vanessa Ellefson, Jake Rantanen, Sue Johnson, Meg Kolden, Ted Duepner-BikeMN, Kjelsy Stueber, Marissa Adam

June- Dorian Grilley-BikeMN, Glen Kajewski, Andy Mueller, Kjelsey Stueber, Cheryl Lee, Marissa Adam, Laura Stengrim, Sue Johnson, Fran Tougas

1. Bike MN report from- Ted- Adding additional BikeMN chapters- Access Hopkins and Grand Marais From Dorian- new website launch for BikeMN/WalkBikeFun, Safe Routes to School- $5 million in funding, additional flexibility for project grants, E Bike class was updated
2. Bike Map update- placeholder- no updates at this time
3. Ride and event calendar update- Have finished rides (two pub crawls, a good time for the riders, a bunch of new faces on the rides which is great to see! Family ride to fundraiser at Northrup park was well attended as well.
4. 2021 BikeTRF project ideas- from last meeting and beyond

A. Bike to Business punch cards additional updates- Have been handing the cards out during the pub crawl rides, available at the TRF Chamber, Jake at Northern State Bank and Glen has some that he’s handed out to people on bikes during our club rides.

B. Bike racks- placeholder- no change/plans at this time- Update, the TRF Education Foundation will be purchasing 8 bike racks to be placed at TRF school facilities. Jim Weckwerth will be working on tweaking the TRF Prowler Paw to work on the racks- has been too busy at this time to do anything with it. Joel Ziegler, NCTC, is ready to do the cutting and welding and Layden Hanson will do the powder coating.

C.bike repair station(s), Update on funding- Donations from Sanford- $1,000 and Eagles Club- $1,200, Approved for a grant through QUINSHIP for $2,897. Repair stations were ordered in late May from Saris and like a lot of things it’s taking a bit longer than the original planned delivery date due to demand, part availability, etc. First report was submitted along with the request for the grant funds and was approved. Plans are to install one at the Greenwood Trail and the other near the MEC trail. As part of the grant we are to do some traffic counts, some safety and bike maintenance training using the repair stations for the training.

D. MEC 100 bike ride around the MEC trail and college, leads for event- Glen and Laura will have some ideas to discuss- Proposed date September 18, We continue to work on this. A project/ride proposal was sent to law enforcement, NCTC, MEC members, mayor and a few more. This was shared with our email group as well.

E. Bike to school day- set date – placeholder for ‘fall’- Set date to match Walk to School Day in September?

F. Bike month events- bike month proclamation-city passed a resolution in support of May Bike Month, promote bike to work day, Riding in Traffic training – May 10- No participation. Timing and weather seemed to be a challenge.

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. – Update Sue was able to get 100 wrist slaps for use at ride events.

G. Story book ride on Greenwood trail, -July 29

H.Troll Roll ride, -Placeholder, maybe do something with Sons of Norway?

I. monthly organized bike rides- Riding in Traffic - May 10, Pub Crawl- June 10, Annual Picnic in Park- June 17, Pub Crawl- July 8, Movie in the Park August 5, One more Pub Crawl was discussed.

K. Bike rodeo – Discussed holding this in another location downtown, (further discussion

L. Walk!Bike!Fun! training – Jeff will work on date, willing to work on this if we target appropriate age groups for the Bike portion of the curriculum – Update, didn’t have enough students apply to hold the course, Cheryl visited with Tate Sorvig about providing the curriculum at St. Bernard’s school – fall?

M. Bicycle Handbooks- Sponsored by Digikey- currently at Carnegie Library/VisitTRF, Eagles Club, Sanford Wellness. (other location suggestions for distribution were- health related businesses, businesses with available counter space to place the books, restaurants/bars on the punch card, Discovery Place, Drivers Ed, AARP driver training, Digikey will also pick some up for their use at career fairs and internally.

N. Walk Bike Fun Bike Fleet maintenance/repair day- Update maybe tie this in with repair training for repair stations and MEC 100 ride

1. Bikeable community assessment update – Dorian still working on completing the report, offered to come up again later this year to visit. Will delay applying for Bikeable Friendly Community until next year.
2. Cycling Without Age- Danica Robson worked with Oakland Home to submit a grant to purchase a trishaw to give residents bike rides. As part of the grant request/proposal we were asked if we’d be willing to provide training to the volunteers who would be giving residents rides in the trishaw.
3. Other Bike Friendly ideas- group

Next meeting-