

**“CYCLE BROOKFIELD” MEETING RECAP
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
LSF BROOKFIELD LIBRARY**

Joe O’connor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Joan Engstrom, Robin Fuener, Elaine Jans, Pete Janunas, Joe O’Conner, Joe Seymour

1. Approval of Minutes:

1.1 There being no changes or corrections, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the February 15, 2024 minutes and seconded by Robin F. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report:

2.1 March International Women’s Day Ride

There were 10 riders: 3 men, 6 women, and 1 child. The weather was great and the ride was enjoyed by all. Those completing the ride received a “Together We Ride” patch.

2.2 March “Learn about Randonneuring” Event – March 15, 2024

In addition to the 3 guest speakers: Dawn Piech, Inspryd Movement; Sara rice, Chicago randonneurs/RBA; and Phil Fox, Paris-Brest-Paris and La Society Charly Miller, there were 19 participants to this event. Two people became members and one member renewed. A few t-shirts were sold.

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Peter J. reported a balance of \$3,946.66 in the Cycle Brookfield account.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that there are currently 49 members for 2024 – 5 new. An email reminder will be sent out in March for members to renew, and if necessary, a paper mailing will be sent out in May.

3.3 Inventory Review – Joe O. indicated that remaining inventory of t-shirts will be sold at half price.

3.4 Engagement – N/A – Chris V. was not at meeting

3.5 Village Planning Updates

3.5.1 Joe S. reported that he has sent in the application for the 2024 AARP Community Challenge, \$2500 Capacity Building Microgrant. The application proposes a bike and walk audit to highlight cycling problem areas in Brookfield, specifically in the 3 corridors of Maple Avenue, Prairie Avenue and Kemman/Eberly Avenues. Notification of applicants who will be receiving the grant will be in Mid-May. Upon successful notification, Cycle Brookfield will complete the bike/walk audit, present findings to the Village of Brookfield, and then submit report to AARP. Joe S. suggested that if Cycle Brookfield does not receive the AARP grant, an bike/walk audit should still be completed.

3.6. Social Media Updates – Pete J. reminded the members about the SpokeN’Wheel podcasts for the every day cyclist. Podcast information is posted on the Cycle Brookfield Facebook. Joe O. will look into including podcast information on the Cycle Brookfield website.

3.7. General Fundraising – Joe O. indicated there is a “donate” button on the main page of the Cycle Brookfield website. Pete J. suggested looking into a Corporate Matching Gift program.

3.8. Intelligentsia Cup 2024

Pete J. indicated that a meeting was held with Village of Brookfield officials and it was indicated that Prairie Avenue will be closed for the July 24th event, and that it is planned that food trucks will be located in the LSF Brookfield Library parking lot.

Pete J. also stated that the name of the Intelligentsia Cup is being changed to “Chicago Grit.”

3.9 Cycle Brookfield 2024 Event Calendar

Joe O. indicated that the 2024 calendar is posted on the Cycle Brookfield website with suggested event dates. The Farmer’s Market was discussed and it was suggested that Cycle Brookfield have a table at the market one or two weeks before the crit races.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1 April Slow Roll will be held on Friday, April 5, starting at the Compassion Factory. Start time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., but Joe O. will look into changing it to 6:00 p.m. for April so the ride can start and end in daylight.

4.2 The Brookfield Volunteer Fair will be held at the LSF Brookfield Library on Sunday, April 21, 2023. Set up for the fair is at noon, and fair will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cycle Brookfield has a table at the event.

5. New Business

5.1. Energize Ogden -- Joe S. presented an overview of the Public Information Meeting for the Ogden Avenue Corridor Improvements study held on Tuesday, March 19 at the LSF Brookfield Library. Joe S. noted that except for bicycle stands, there was no other planning for bicycles. It was agreed that putting bike lanes on Ogden Avenue or the sidewalks along Ogden Avenue was not practical. However, it was discussed that Cycle Brookfield should present a request for a bike crossing. Joe S. will put together wording for this request and share with Cycle Brookfield members for input.

5.2 Bike Fix Station at 26th St.

About 2 years ago, as an Eagle Scout project, a bike fix station was set up at 26th street Salt Creek trail. At the time, Cycle Brookfield was asked to continue to maintain the bike station while the Eagle Scout attended college. Cycle Brookfield agreed to continue maintenance. Joe O. will look into what is needed and cost will be determined. Joe S. suggested reaching out to Cycle Brookfield members to help fund this maintenance via either a fundraiser or donations

5.3 “Ride Riverside” – Pete J. stated that he and Chris V. have attending meetings with the Ride Riverside group. They plan to host their first “Second Friday” ride on April 6, 2024. The ride will start at the Riverside Train Station. The ride will be posted on the Cycle Brookfield Facebook. All are welcome.

6. Open – No comments

Motion was made to end the Cycle Brookfield meeting at 8:09 p.m. by Robin F. and seconded by Joe O.. Motion passed unanimously.

The next 3rd Thursday meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library—Lower Level Meeting Room #2.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary