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MEETING	DATE/ TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
BOARD MEETING	Dec 1, 2015 6:30 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Members are welcome to attend all board meetings to express their concerns. Due to time constraints, if you have a specific item to be brought before the board, please contact the President one week prior to the meeting and ask for add'l agenda item.
MEMBERSHIP	Dec. 3, 2015 6:00 p.m.	Dec.-Chisholm Hills Golf Club Jan.-Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Dec.-Holiday Party, no member meeting Jan.-Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month
TCBA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE	Dec. 9, 2015 6-7:30 p.m.	Avenue Café 2012 E. Michigan Ave Lansing, MI	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER Dec. 11

Please send items to Patricia Mead, via e-mail, chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.

RIDE CALENDAR for Dec. 9

Please send ride calendar information to Ed Usewick, by email tcbamonthyrides@aol.com on or before the deadline. Be sure to include ride times, days of the week, mileage, location, and ride leader name and telephone number or any special qualifications. No ride, if rain, is assumed.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM TCBA



November 3, 2015, Foster Community Center, Lansing, Michigan

Vice President Bill Smith called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. All Directors except Darryl Burris were present. Deb Traxinger and Mike Unsworth were also at the meeting. The meeting agenda and October board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: Steve Leiby reviewed and passed around item of interest to the board.

Board Reports

Presidents: Darryl Burris no report

Vice President: Bill Smith acting President in Darryl's absence. He reviewed the 2016 meeting speakers.

Secretary: Patrick Baughan announced the transition dinner is December 9th at Kellogg Center at 6 PM.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby submitted the financial report and a motion to approve passed. A motion to accept the DALMAC Fund Committee recommendation to withdraw funding for the city of Lansing 2012 Moore's River Drive Trail for \$10,000 passed.

Events Director: Ken Hendrick reported that 7 club members were going to the Tour Directors meetings.

At Large Directors: Patrick Kelley discussed the 2015 ride incentives, as well as trying to order 2016 award items in March.

Joel Wickham reported the progress on the 2016 DALMAC jersey design.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth reviewed his submitted report.

New Business

Tour Committees should come to the December meeting and submit plans and budget needs for 2016.

The board would like to have a group of members that could set up routes for "C" and "D" riders that may utilize area trails to bring in new riders and families. Date for meeting has not been set.

A motion to fund the Foster Center food basket drive with \$1000.00 passed.

Old Business

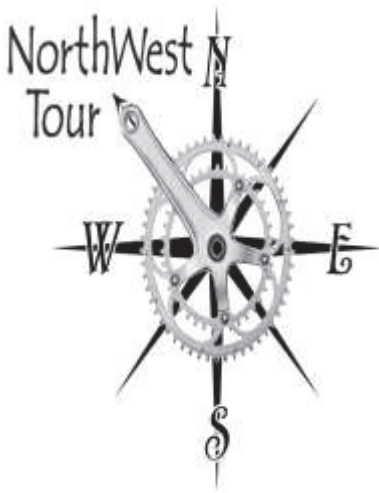
2016 Board Transition – Post Office Box keys, Locker Keys, Credit cards, and Computers was discussed.

TCBA Volunteer recognition -motion by Patrick Kelley was tabled till next meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted by Patrick J. Baughan, Secretary, TCBA Board of Directors.

NorthWest Tour – 10th Annual! Biking "The Bear"



Winter is fast approaching and riding is either less frequent, non-existent, or maybe for our lucky "snowbird" members rolling right along. In any case it's a perfect time to start planning your riding season for next year!

I recommend that you plan on spending 5 days biking the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes and Leelanau areas with us for spectacular scenery through small towns and tourist areas, all from the convenience of a single campground. Empire, Glen Arbor, Traverse City, Frankfort, Leland, and Suttons Bay are just a few of the highlights.

NorthWest Tour 2016 begins on Wednesday, June 15 and ends on Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day). This is primarily a tent camping tour but a limited number of sites for recreational vehicles/popups are available for an extra fee.

Application for NorthWest Tour will begin on Monday, January 11 at noon. The online registration link for the Tour will be on our webpage at nwtour.biketcba.org. Tour fee will be \$160. To guarantee your participation prompt signup is highly recommended.

So plan on attending, and then plan also on hilly terrain, good food, and a great time!

2016 Activities

The Committee will working on the following activities:

- Bike/Pedestrian Detours when the River Trail and other cycling venues are shut down—Working with the City of Lansing when city events such as Common Ground and the Chili Cook-Off take place
- National Bike Summit in March-- Sending a TCBA representative
- Ride of Silence
- National Bike Month
- Bike Movie Night—will probably take place in May at a new venue (the acoustics at the Michigan Brewing Company were poor)

Ingham County Regional Trails and Parks Plan public discussions (<http://tinyurl.com/ICTrails>)

Six sessions are designed to get public input on how to spend the voter-approved millage (\$3.5 million per year for the next six years) on a county-wide trails and parks system. These discussions will help assist the a Task Force in crafting a plan that will include construction and maintenance costs, as well as recommendations for priority projects and best practices.

Committee members attended the Delhi and Meridian Township meetings and spoke about the need to connect existing trails, to spend money on maintenance, and to have a comprehensive system of signs for the network.

Projects

- **Outreach**--Committee members will be helping with local Thanksgiving food distributions in Bath Township and East Lansing.
- **Bike racks:**
- **Bath Township**-- The first racks are at the Township Hall. More will soon be installed at other locations.
- **Bike Rack Assistance page** (<http://advocacy.biketcb.org/bike-rack-assistance/>) has been formally brought up. There is also a link at the "TCBA News" section of the main TCBA page (<http://www.biketcb.org>)

- **Proposed Park Lake Trail**—Michigan Trails & Greenways has provided assistance to the Bath Township Park Board. This project scored high on Parks priorities and is awaiting a funding decision.
- **Bath Township Bike Day (Spring 2016)** -- Tom Hardenbergh and Dan Stockwell are working on this event which would include activities such as a safety rodeo, bike repairs, helmet giveaways, etc.
- The Thursday Bath Township Farmers Market rides will continue in the 2016 season.
- **"Zero Fatalities" initiatives:**
- This philosophy emphasizes road design for safety not for speed of motorized vehicles. It aims to minimize the impact of inevitable mistakes (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vision_Zero)
- We will be monitoring the experiences of Ann Arbor's Ped-Bike Zero-Fatality Goal (<http://tinyurl.com/AASafety>) and the Michigan Dept. of Transportation's "Toward Zero Deaths" campaign (<http://tinyurl.com/MiTZD>)
- **Bike infrastructure on regional East-West roads :**
- **Frandor** – Downtown Lansing bike route— Mike Unsworth will be submitting a proposal to the City of Lansing for a signed route on side streets. A key element will be to have through-access for bikes at the intersection of Jerome and Holmes Streets.
- **Mount Hope Road**—This is a long term project since it will involve several local governments. Our first step is to convince MSU that "campus section" of Mount Hope should have bike lanes. The University's current position is that the present markings facilitate home football game traffic. We hope to show that Ann Arbor and the U. of M. have no problem with bike lanes markings on their main streets.

The TCBA Advocacy Committee (<http://advocacy.biketcb.org/>) meets the second Wednesday of each month at The Avenue Café (2012 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend



Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
January	5	28
February	2	25
March	1	31
April	5	28
May	3	26
June	7	30
July	5	28
August	2	25
September	6	29
October	4	27
November	1	17
December	6	Holiday Party

2016 TCBA EVENTS

T-Shirt	June 4 or 11
NorthWest Tour	June 15 - 19
TCBA Picnic	June 26
Summer Tour	July 13-17
Women on Wheels (WOW)	July 23
DALMAC	August 31-September 4
Holiday Party	December 1 or 8

DALMAC News and Info

2015 Merchandise for sale!

There are a limited number of jerseys, tee shirts, and sweat shirts. Posters and pint glasses are also available. Email all merchandise inquiries to Joel at:

joelw61@hotmail.com

DALMAC Lost and Found is up and running!

Lostandfound@dalmac.org

Most of 2015's items have been claimed but we do have a nice floor pump with wood handle, a Bontrager helmet, bib shorts, lots of eyeglasses, bike computers, some tent parts and a few other things - get in touch and let us help you reconnect.



December 2015 Ride Calendar

Recurring Rides; No Ride if Rain or Wet Roads, Unless Noted

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
					No rides sent in	

FOR MORE RIDES Visit the Web Site:
www.biketcba.org . To receive the Ride
 Line Transcript by email, send your
 email address to: Thomas Bogle
bikerides@comcast.net

RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

- A 17-19 MPH
- B..... 14-17 MPH
- C..... 12-14 MPH
- D Under 12 MPH Fun and Social Group Ride
- M Mountain Bike..... N/A
- Z.Rides over 40 miles in length, ridden at the rider's own pace without ride leader supervision. Leader has copies of the map.



December Sunrise/Sunset

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:06 PM	2 Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 5:06 PM	3 Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	4 Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	5 Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	6 Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM
7 Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	8 Sunrise: 7:55 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM	9 Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM	10 Sunrise: 7:57 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM	11 Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM	12 Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 5:04 PM	13 Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM
14 Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	15 Sunrise: 8:01 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	16 Sunrise: 8:02 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	17 Sunrise: 8:02 AM Sunset: 5:05 PM	18 Sunrise: 8:03 AM Sunset: 5:06 PM	19 Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:06 PM	20 Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:07 PM
21 Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:07 PM	22 Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:07 PM	23 Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM	24 Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM	25 Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM	26 Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:10 PM	27 Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:10 PM
28 Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:11 PM	29 Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:12 PM	30 Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:12 PM	31 Sunrise: 8:08 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM			

Did you know?

The first known iterations of a wheeled, human-powered vehicle were created long before the bicycle became a practical form of transportation. In 1418, an Italian engineer, Giovanni de la Fontana, constructed a human-powered device consisting of four wheels and a loop of rope connected by gears.

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