

## ***Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes***

Dan Metz' House

**September 13 2023 6:34 pm**

**Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)**

**Attendance:**

Sue Jones, president

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer

Joan Wingo, secretary

Richard Brannon, membership

Dan Metz, at large

Michael Fuerst, media

Guest: Jen Gravley

**Not in attendance:**

Open, At Large

Open, Activities Director

**Minutes [Joan]**

May & June minutes – tentatively approved. – need to approve these

No July meeting.

August minutes – need to be approved emailed to PCC Board on 9.2.2023.

**Budget report [Sue Ellen]**

- 8.31.2023 email Sue Ellen to Jen and PCC Board
  - Pedal the Preserves – 58 riders were non-PCC.
    - Insurance cost (American Specialty) was \$735.94 paid by PCC/Sue Ellen – this will be reimbursed by Preserves.
    - \$12.69 per rider much more expensive than originally anticipated cost of \$8.37 per rider. \$8.37 per rider is what is paid for our PCC members (150 members)
    - Insurance company does not publish their rates online so it was assumed that the price would be the same \$8.37 per rider. It was significantly higher.

Beginning \$3800 (look up) - \$2869 currently this includes the deduction of \$735.94 that will be reimbursed by Pedal the Preserves income.

Membership dues are keeping us afloat.

\$859? Paid for pizza party at Papa Dells. This was very expensive compared to past PCC General Meetings.

Next time Riggs and a potluck to save money.

Insurance \$1300.00 – big jump.

Structure the fees – to get more PCC members when they sign up for the Pedal the Preserve. Also, we can reduce the insurance if people sign up to be on PCC before riding – get the membership dues.

Jen Gravley– this year fees for ride kept we kept low to encourage sign up. The low fees did not bring in enough revenue for insurance and expenses.

In the past, the PCC ride generated enough money, that a large amount of the money went back to preserve.

What would PCC like to get from doing the ride with Pedal the Preserves. Or do we want to make a contribution and waive the insurance. PCC would make an extra in-kind donation by covering the cost of the insurance.

PCC would also like to support Champaign County Bikes.

There was tabling by Champaign County Bikes at the Pedal the Preserves ride.

Thoughts on Pedal the Preserves ride 2023

Sue Jones – send out a survey or find some way to get the ideas from the people who were on the ride. Example: the person who organized the camping did a presentation to campers on how to be self-supporting while camping, was that appreciated? Should we do similar presentations in the future at the campground?

Rides with a theme – Jen Gravley– example native plants or native animals.  
Do things in combination with things that are happening anyway.

- (noting from last year – has River To Rail asked for a donation yet?)
- September – Ledger for year sent out to PCC Board 9.13.2023.
  - Took in \$320 in memberships via PayPal.
  - Paid \$735.94 insurance for non-club members who rode Pedal the Preserves
  - Will we be reimbursed by Pedal the Preserves?

**Ride with GPS – subscription for the Group \$50.00 – Sue Ellen will purchase. Voted on – all approved.**

**Will be sent to Ride leaders**

**Share with Preserve for big ride**

**Membership report [Richard]**

- a. 138 members as of 9.13.2023 \$2390 – 38 new 100 renewing members
- b. Last sign up was 8.31.2023. August 1 you get for the next year
- c. 2022 – 150 members (post covid surge), 2021 138 members
- d. Around 125-150 members is the trend.
- e. Dues \$20 per person and \$40 for family

**Activities Report [Open]**

- a. Rides!! Pedaling the Preserves Aug. 19-20, 2023 – successful PCC/Preserve volunteer combination to make the ride a success – 89 riders per Jen Gravley.
  - a. Lorri – money to support PCC.
- b. River to Rail Ride fundraiser for KRT – September 9 – 7am-2pm CST on PCC home page – Good ride – good PCC turnout.

- c. Springfield Century September 9 – on the sponsored rides page – also a good PCC turnout.
- d. Bike Month – Ride to work tomorrow 9.14
- e. Pedal the Preserves follow up meeting – need to schedule to review the ride and decide if PCC would like to do this next year. Also Insurance and donations to KRT.

### **End of season ride: when and where**

Sunday October 15, 2023 at Riggs 3:00 pm –Sue Ellen made a reservation.

Expect 30-40 people. Tables are reserved. We need to get board members to sign up.

### **Publicity Report [Michael Fuerst]**

What publicity needs to be posted for September?

Are Bike Month events on PCC website?

Road closures – is there a link or some way to list the road closures PCC members send out?

Alan Metcalf reports – Monday 9.11.2023 – spray painted message – Barricade – before bridge on Windsor, not sure of location between 600E and 500E?

Ellen Hedrick reports - County Road 1500N in Champaign Township 9.13.2023 press release– From Michelle D Carter, Office Manager, Champaign County Highway Department 217-384-3800. County Road 1500N will be closed between 600E(Barker Rd) and 700E(Rising Rd), Begins Monday 9.18.2023 for reconstruction of a bridge. End of October scheduled completion. No marked detour will be signed.

### **Old Business New Business**

- none

### **Action items by Next Meeting**

- f. Sue Jones – send blurb about end of season ride to Michael
  - a. Richards’ Concerns – how long are the lines, will I like the food.
  - b. Can bring your own food – can have it delivered, etc.
  - c. Ride out to where? Concerns about riding on Windsor due to cars. Sue Jones will figure out different routes – wind, weather.
- g. Dan Metz offering his house for social stuff or annual vote in January. Potluck etc.
  - a. Weekend Sunday Check for week before Superbowl
  - b. January 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday at Dan’s House – Sue will look up details from previous meetings held at restaurants. Social time? Dinner? Times. Or afternoon, if not potluck, pizza. Maybe 3pm in the afternoon instead of evening when it is dark.
  - c. Recruit new board members.
- h. November 5 time change – consider time change if planning an event.
- i. Need to plan PCC members days out – Sue Jones will start planning these.
- j. John Prince – Ride with GPS subscription – so all ride leaders can post routes – then people can access the rides. \$50.00 for PCC to give access to ride leaders.
- k. Were these action items accomplished?
  - a. Richard B. will send the membership doc to Sue Jones.
  - b. Sue Jones to make the membership doc a google document to share.
  - c. Sue Jones will give Richard B. the proper status to access the pending members in google groups.

- l. Pending membership – Richard would like to know if it is possible for Michael to get notification of pending memberships. Not ready to be a member, get on the email list.
- m. Sue Ellen and Frank have the Post office key.
- n. Jen Gravley will give us the date for next year's Pedal the Preserve Ride 2024

**Adjourned: 7:18 pm**

***Next Meeting: Wednesday October 4 or 11, 2023 6:30 pm at Dan Metz house***

***Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes***

Dan Metz' House

**August 8 2023 6:39 pm**

**Take attendance: (quorum is # 4)**

**Attendance:**

Sue Jones, president

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner, treasurer

Joan Wingo, secretary

Richard Brannon, membership

Dan Metz, at large

**Not in attendance**

Michael Fuerst, media

Open, At Large

Open, Activities Director

**Minutes [Joan]**

May & June minutes – tentatively approved.

No July meeting.

**Budget report [Sue Ellen]**

- (noting from last year – has River To Rail asked for a donation yet?)
- July treasurer report, August \$10 fee for Not for Profit Fee with State.

**Membership report [Richard]**

- o. 135 members as of 8.8.2023
- p. People are still signing up. 149 last year at this time.
- q. Richard B. will send the membership doc to Sue Jones to make it a google document to share.
- r. Pending members – people who are interested in the club, but not ready to join. Richard receives about 3-4 of these requests.
- s. Sue Jones will give Richard B. the proper status to access the pending members in google groups.

**Activities Report [Open]**

- f. Rides!! Pedaling the Preserves Aug. 19-20, 2023
- g. River to Rail Ride fundraiser for KRT – September 9 – 7am-2pm CST on PCC home page

h. Springfield Century September 9 – on the sponsored rides page

**b. End of season ride: when and where**

Sunday October 15, 2023 at Riggs 3:00 pm –Sue Ellen made a reservation.

Expect 30-40 people.

**Publicity Report [Michael Fuerst]**

Yes Michael added the rides to the PCC site. Good publicity is out there for Peeling the Preserves.

Michael has been boosting River to Rail, too.

**Old Business New Business**

- none

**Action items by Next Meeting**

- t. Richard B. will send the membership doc to Sue Jones.
- u. Sue Jones to make the membership doc a google document to share.
- v. Sue Jones will give Richard B. the proper status to access the pending members in google groups.

**Adjourned: 7:15 pm**

***Next Meeting: Wednesday September 13, 2023 6:30 pm at Dan Metz house***

***Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes***  
**El Toro At The Fields**  
**June 7, 2023 (Wednesday) 8:30 pm**

**Attendance:**

Sue Jones, president

Joan Wingo, secretary

Richard Brannon, membership

**Not in attendance**

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner

Michael Fuerst

Dan Metz

**Positions open on PCC Board**

Open, At Large

Open, Activities Director

**Minutes [Joan]**

Minutes for May 2023 were not approved at this meeting. Will be submitted and approved July 2023.

**Actions taken since last board meeting**

**Budget report [Sue Ellen]**

Not available

**Membership Report [Richard]**

Sue Jones takes care of google groups so that Richard gets notified when someone inquires by reading "Not yet ready to join PCC?? Then read about joining the PCC email list.

Richard had questions about some emails with small penny charges. It was due to a link on the website that will be resolved.

Membership on an excel doc on Richard's computer.

Sue Jones suggested making it on google docs and share it with the board. Make one board member an editor.

**119** members for 2023 as of 5.10.2023

### **Activities Report [Open]**

w. Rides -

x. It's Bike Month Local rides: <https://champaigncountybikes.org/> has a free ongoing bike things described. See the website for bike rides and events. Farmers Market, Next Wednesday Ride of Silence, Mother's Day ride. Memorial Day Ride – will be figured out.

### **Publicity Report [Mike]**

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

#### **Action items by Next Meeting**

The PCC Tour not happening this year.

Lorrie Pearson pedaling the Preserves. Waiting to hear from them when they are setting the Pizza/Volunteer Party. Their event will be in August 2023.Meier Park in St. Joe August 19, 2023.

**Adjourned: 9:15 pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday July 5, 2023, 6:30 pm, Location TBD**

#### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Board Meetings - First Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm (may change due to events)

Jan 31 - Feb 8 - Mar 1 - Apr 5 - May 10 - Jun 7 - Jul 5 - Aug 2 – Sep 6 - Oct 4 - Nov 1 – Dec 6

Annual Membership Meeting – December



**Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes**  
Dan Metz House  
**May 10 2023 (Wednesday) 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:**

Sue Jones, president  
Joan Wingo, secretary  
Richard Brannon, membership  
Dan Metz

**Not in attendance**

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner  
Michael Fuerst

**Positions open on PCC Board**

Open, At Large  
Open, Activities Director

**Minutes [Joan]**

Need approval from board for Jan 2023 minutes.  
April 4, 2023 at 6:00pm, at Papa Dels General Membership Meeting

**Actions taken since last board meeting**

**Budget report [Sue Ellen]**

Papa Dels – People enjoyed the pizza. The price may not be much more at Papa Dels vs Jupiters - check prices next year.  
Paid up on insurance and League of American Wheelman membership  
Need to pay for Ride for Illinois \$100.00

**Membership Report [Richard]**

**115** members for 2023 as of 5.10.2023

Ride speeds have been brought up by members – average 15 mph people want to know what they will be peddling all the time. Currently listed as average speed 12-15 mph so need to ride faster for average.

**Activities Report [Open]**

- y. Rides -
- z. It's Bike Month Local rides: <https://champaigncountybikes.org/> has a free ongoing bike things described. See the website for bike rides and events. Farmers Market, Next Wednesday Ride of Silence, Mother's Day ride. Memorial Day Ride – will be figured out.

## **Publicity Report [Mike]**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

#### **Action items by Next Meeting**

The PCC Tour not happening this year.

Lorrie Pearson and JenGravely Pedaling the Preserves. Waiting to hear from them when they are setting the Pizza/Volunteer Party. Their event will be in August 2023.Meier park in St. Joe August 19, 2023.

**Adjourned: 7:15 pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday June 7, 2023, 6:30 pm at El Toro – ride then meeting.**

#### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Board Meetings - First Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm (may change due to events)

Jan 31 - Feb 8 - Mar 1 - Apr 5 - May 10 - Jun 7 - Jul 5 - Aug 2 – Sep 6 - Oct 4 - Nov 1 – Dec 6

Annual Membership Meeting – December

***Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes***

Papa Dels, Champaign

**March 8, 2023 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:**

Sue Jones, president                      Joan Wingo, secretary  
Richard Brannon, membership      Michael Fuerst

**Not in attendance**

Sue Ellen Finkenbiner      Dan Metz

**Positions open on PCC Board**

Open, At Large – Sue Jones will contact Joe Hedges.

Open, Activities Director – No nominations, need to fill.

Richard Brannon will contact other people who may want to join the board.

**Minutes [Joan]**

Joan send 2022 minutes to Michael Fuerst to upload to PCC website

Joan send Jan 2023 minutes to PCC Board and Michael F.

Need approval from board for Jan 2023 minutes.

**April**

**Kick off pizza party Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 6:00pm, at Papa Dels.**

Parking available.

Sue Ellen arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms. The pizza and soda will be ordered closer to the date.

Membership sign up at the pizza party. Can sign up online or download a membership form.

Membership forms will also be available at the party.

Richard B. will send an email and follow up emails to ask attendees to RSVP.

**Rides** begin on Tax Day April 15, Saturday.

**Rides** [www.prairiecycleclub.org](http://www.prairiecycleclub.org)

**Sue Jones** - will contact Ride Leaders

**Budget report [Sue Ellen]**

Spreadsheet Nov 2022-Feb 2023

Balance as of 3.6.2023 \$3829.61

Post office box paid for year.

Need to be paid:

Insurance

League of American Bicyclist membership dues

Ride Illinois membership

### **Membership Report [Richard]**

23 members for 2023 as of 3.8.2023

Membership runs calendar year January – December 2023

**Rates** - \$20 & \$25 to cover insurance, pizza party, and support Kickapoo rail trail group.

### **Publicity Report [Mike]**

Mike will post the Pizza Party online. Membership options are already online.

### **Activities Report [Open]**

#### **TOURS**

**PCC not doing a tour.**

**Pedaling the Preserves** – Will occur in August. Date TBD.

PCC will publicize. Sue Jones will share how we got volunteers to sign up, i.e. Pizza party, sign up for specific tasks and times.

Jen Gravley and Lori are Volunteer organizer for Pedaling the Preserves.

PCC members will be encouraged to volunteer with Pedaling the Preserves.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

#### **Action items by Next Meeting**

Richard B – will send out emails regarding the Pizza Party and membership sign up scheduled for April 4, 2023 6:00 pm at Papa Dels.

**Adjourned: 7:15 pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday April 5, 2023, 6:30 pm**

Location TBD

#### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Board Meetings - First Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm (may change due to events)

Jan 31 - Feb 8 - Mar 1 - Apr 5 - May 3 - Jun 7 - Jul 5 - Aug 2 – Sep 6 - Oct 4 - Nov 1 – Dec 6

Annual Membership Meeting – December

***Prairie Cycle Club General Board Meeting Minutes***

Urbana Free Library

**Jan 31, 2023 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:**

Sue Jones, president  
Joan Wingo, secretary  
Richard Brannon, membership

Jenn Gravely – volunteer organizer Pedaling the Preserves  
Rich Furr & Margie  
Steve Rumbaugh  
Joe Hedges, new PCC member

**Not in attendance:**

Michael Fuerst  
Sue Ellen Finkenbiner  
Dan Metz

**Positions open on PCC Board**

Open, At Large – Board will vote in Joe Hedges at the next PCC Board Meeting.  
Open, Activities Director – No nominations, need to fill.

**Minutes [Joan]**

**Elections for PCC Board, January 31, 2023.**

Joe Hedges, new PCC member, nominated self for general At Large Member.  
PCC Board will vote Joe in at the next PCC Board meeting.  
Joe Hedges, software engineer and photographer. Son also bikes.  
Email: joe.hedges@outlook.com

**April**

**Rides** begin the first Saturday after taxes, April 22, 2023.

**Kick off pizza party Tuesday April 4 or April 11, 2023 6:30 pm,**

Membership sign up at the pizza party. Joan Wingo is searching locations. Options: Papa Dels second floor – parking available. Jupiter's at the Crossing. Other pizza shops with indoor seating. Need cost of pizzas, how many slices per pizza. We ask for RSVPs and then add some.

**Rides** [www.prairiecycleclub.org](http://www.prairiecycleclub.org)

**Sue Jones** - will contact Ride Leaders

**Ellen Hedrick** – Monday Mahomet ride

**Rich Furr** – Thursdays, Friday morning – show and go.

**Wednesday** – El Torro 6:15 pm ride – Allen and other leaders?

**Moonlight Rides** – unsupervised – not a PCC club ride. No insurance, community event, no specific bike group that leads the ride. PCC and other bike groups offer publicity. Champaign Cycle Bike no sponsorship. Gene contacts Sydney ice cream Barn to let them know which night the moonlight ride will take place.

**Sue Jones – Saturday Saunter**

### **Budget report [Sue Ellen]**

January 2023 report will be reviewed at the February 2023 meeting

### **Membership Report [Richard]**

10 members for 2023

Finished the year 2022 with 150

Covid 2020 85

2021 – how many

Brought in \$2038.00

**Pizza party membership sign up** – lots of people sign up using the paper form. Richard B. says to leave it online as an option. Membership starts beginning of the year runs through year so our season is covered.

**Online** - The membership sign up is online on the PCC website. Options – sign up online or print out the form and mail it in with a check. Most PCC members sign up online. Michael Fuerst thinks there are lots of changes for online. Richard Brannon fixed everything that needed to be fixed/updated. If we make changes to the prices, ask Michael to do it first before contacting anyone else.

**Rates** - \$20 & \$25 to cover insurance, pizza party, support Kickapoo rail trail group, can get by without a tour.

**Other Tours** - Welcome gifts from other tours if we help with the other tours to bring in members. We had good response from locals signing up for the PCC Tour if they were also donating to the rail trail.

### **Publicity Report [Mike]**

Steve Henkel - Publicity for local biking groups and event. Our PCC Board sends bike information and events to Steve to send out via his newsletters and social media.

## **Activities Report [Open]**

### **TOURS**

**PCC Tour:** Chris Dangles (Doctor at Gibson City) suggested we ask the hospital to be a Major Sponsor – the way Christie Clinic sponsors the marathon.

- a. Jeff – recruit to ask if they would help make it happen. Nina Chanley too?
- b. Lake of the Woods and loops – Allerton, Gibson city, Other, one day event.
- c. Will support the other rides if no big PCC tour.
- d. PCC Tour usually 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August

**Pedaling the Preserves** – Discussed with Jenn Gravely, Volunteer organizer for Pedaling the Preserves. Their tour will be held in June if PCC Tour is happening in August. Their tour will be held in August if the PCC Tour is not happening. Lori Pearson, former PCC president will be organizing the Pedaling the Preserves Tour.

PCC will offer publicity. PCC members will volunteer with Pedaling the Preserves if PCC Tour will not take place this summer. The PCC Board will continue to discuss these options and decide soon on if the PCC Tour will occur or not. PCC needs a leader for the PCC Tour to take place.

**Kickapoo Rail Trail Ride** – Rich Furr – talked about their big ride. September 9, 2023, Saturday

## **Publicity Report [Mike]**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Action items by Next Meeting**

Joan Wingo – planning Pizza Party location reservation

Next PCC meeting location, Ask Dan, if not figure out a place to meet. Riggs is nice, but maybe cold.

**Adjourned: 7:15 pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday March 8, 2023, 6:30 pm**

### **2023 Meeting Schedule**

Board Meetings - First Wednesday of the Month 6:30 pm (may change due to events)

Jan 31 - Feb 8 - Mar 1 - Apr 5 - May 3 - Jun 7 - Jul 5 - Aug 2 – Sep 6 - Oct 4 - Nov 1 – Dec 6

Annual Membership Meeting – December