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Working Bikes General Meeting Minutes

August 4th, 2021

(Via Zoom and In-Person)

1. Call to order - 7:15 PM
Trevor Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM.
 - a. Introductions/In Attendance
Present were Trevor Clarke, Josh Korby, Phil Kaplan, Dave Gorman, Anna Henschel, Xail Hernandez, Ed Hanlon, Nikki Patino, Angela Taylor, John Fraleigh, Anthony Nicholson, Michael Santomauro, Greg Lewis, James Paneral, Tom Mulhern, Regina Murphy, Taylor Jones and Adam Kessel.
2. Approval of June 2nd, 2021 minutes
Dave distributed paper copies of the draft minutes, which had also been posted on the website. These were approved as presented. (Trevor -1, Xail-2, unanimous)
3. Community Partner Presentation – Adam Kessel, Cook County Forest Preserve
Adam explained how bikes that we've donated are being used by students and interns at Beaubien Forest Preserve, which is 279 acres at 132nd Street and the Little Calumet River, and also contains Flatfoot Lake. They are improving trails there and use the bikes to get around in furtherance of stewardship and conservation efforts.
4. International Partner Presentation – Taylor Jones, Bikes for the World
Taylor has been our longtime partner for shipping to Africa and Central America. They have only three employees so they also rely heavily on volunteers. The pandemic has posed many challenges for acquiring containers and reliable shipping schedules. In a normal year, they had been sending two containers per month, totaling 10-15 thousand bikes per year. They still managed 17 shipments last year.
5. International Donation Updates
 - a. AKP projects
The pandemic has taken a toll on their tourism business and also their sponsored bike shops so they'll be shipping fewer containers this year. The container currently parked outside will go to their shop in Zambia on 8/20.
 - b. CESTA – Schwinn project through 2021
The subsequent container will go to CESTA.
 - c. Fiji?
Still to be confirmed.
 - d. 2021 shipping estimates
Plan is still to send 14-15 containers this year.
6. Operations updates
 - a. Storefront
Josh reported that in-store parts sales have been very popular, especially for neighborhood garage bike shops to be able to serve their customers.

- b. Service Department
Xail said that most repairs require taking in the bikes rather than doing immediate repairs, unless they're very minor adjustments.
 - c. Collections and incoming donations
The dock is full and there's little room for additional bikes until the container is sent on the 20th. We're trying to delay bringing more bikes in until then.
 - d. Staffing
Gabe Cohen has been hired as our new Wrangler!
 - e. Interns!!
Josh said that our six interns have been a huge help this year. Their attendance has been stellar, they have picked up skills during their time with us, and many hope to volunteer in the future.
7. Brandon's & Kitchen Crew Updates
- a. Brandon's Bike Shop
 - b. Volunteer schedule
We're aiming to restore evening sessions in the Fall.
 - c. Community Hub Overhaul
It's a work in progress.
 - d. Collection event volunteering
 - e. Cycle of Power/Peace donations
Anna reported that the wait time is still under a month, which is our goal.
 - f. Upcoming Rides
Mark your calendars for the Boxing Out Negativity's Street Love Ride in North Lawndale on 8/21 and Think Outside Da Block's Roll 'N Peace Ride in Englewood on 9/17
8. 22nd Anniversary Party!
October 2nd, 4-8PM. Ideas for block party activities were shared with introductions. Tickets are now available on our website.
9. Other Committee Updates
10. Additional Business

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 (Trevor-1, Anna-2)