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Working Bikes General Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2022; 7:15-9:00 PM

1. Call to order - 7:15 *Trevor Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.*
 - a. Introductions/In attendance *Trevor Clarke, Jim Lindsey, Nikki Patino, Phil Kaplan, Ellen Gibbon, Aaron Brown, Josh Korby, Xail Hernandez, Mikey Young, Mike Santomauro, Steve Irwin, Angela Taylor, Lee Ravenscroft, Amy Little, Mike (Lee & Amy's friend from Uganda), Mark Dabrowski, Karim Kamara, Derek Brown (Boxing Out Negativity), Julie Globokar (BON), Lamont (BON), and Dave Gorman*
2. Approval of April 6, 2022 meeting minutes -- 7:20 *The minutes were approved as presented. (Phil-1, Amy-2, unanimous)*
3. Community Partner Update – Derek Brown, Boxing Out Negativity -- 7:25 *Coach Derek and the others that lead BON are taking kids on rides every Friday night. Biking has become an activity to nearly equal the importance of boxing with their group. Most present at this meeting have been on BON rides. Derek rides most mornings through the neighborhoods in the predawn hours to get a sense of where the activity is and what the hot blocks are in the neighborhood. His solo rides are aimed at helping keep peace in certain areas known for trouble, and to map out the ride routes. We recently provided BON with 120 kids bikes, and will continue to provide them with bikes and ride support.*
4. International Partner Update – Karim Kamara, Village Bicycle Project, Sierra Leone – 7:40 *Karim held another successful Tour de Lunsar in March. Our bikes are saving and improving lives in Sierra Leone. Besides being used for sport and commuting, they crucially provide access between villages and health care facilities through Ebola and Covid-19. They could use more road racing bikes. Some of the COSTCO bikes that we'd sent were used by racers. Phil suggested that we might make a special appeal for high-end bikes to be earmarked to be sent to VBC. Karim is planning to be here for our anniversary party!*
5. Operations Updates – 7:55
 - a. Storefront *Josh reported that the hybrid sales model is continuing to work well. An in-store computer is available to customers, and they're told that the bike will be brought down within a half hour, after it is checked over one last time.*
 - b. Service Department *Xail said that we're continuing to focus on quick, necessary repairs and forgo tune-ups, which are rather deferred to other shops. Mikey and Cauria are also working in service.*
 - c. Volunteering
 - i. Group volunteering *Walgreens had provided 35 employees and a \$3,500 donation. They are likely to become a recurring partner. Chicago Cares, thanks to Lyana Funches, is sending lots of good folks our way (Walgreens included).*
 - ii. Individual opportunities
 - d. Collections and donations
 - e. Staffing *Trevor said that we're looking to hire a bookkeeper to replace some of Steve activities as he retires. Colette Balas, our Community Programs Manager, will be able to attend the next general meeting in August.*

- i. New folks *Two new production mechanics have been hired. Currently producing just over 80 bikes per two-week pay period. Another production bench has been added to accommodate the part-time mechanics.*
 - ii. Interns!
6. Cycle of Power / Knowledge is Power flat fix series – 8:15 *Xail came up with this idea to attract a grant for community benefit. It's been funded by \$4K from the Evanston Bike Club and \$9K from Latinos Progressandro. Based on this success, it was suggested that we might hold clinics in various parks.*
7. International Donation Updates - 8:20 *The next container is expected this Friday for Tanzania. They need hybrids and mountain bikes. Trevor mentioned that a tornado decimated the hometown (Uxbridge, Canada) of Africycle's founders, Jon and Ben Voss, and the home base of Africycle in Canada. We'll load the next container for them starting June 23rd, most likely. Trevor shared that Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy unfortunately incurred an extra \$14K from Uganda's Customs Department for very minor details. We hope that this questionable development won't interfere with our ability to continue providing bikes to that important project.*
8. Cycle of Power/Peace - 8:30
 - a. Referral status
 - b. Upcoming donation events
 - i. The Community Builders donation fleet
 - ii. SAFE Ambassador support
 - iii. Chicago Help Initiative
 - iv. TCEP Youth
 - v. Roll N'Peace 9
 - vi. Intelligentsia Cup Series
 - vii. GPCC/Disparti *We are now a billboard, thanks to Disparti. The location is Inbound I-55 at 35th/Pulaski.*
9. Committee Updates - 8:45 *Strategic Planning: Jim mentioned that surveys, interviews and small group discussions will go out very soon. Volunteering: Ellen said the Committee is working on volunteer appreciation, and also volunteer engagement by matching their skills/interests with our needs via a survey.*
10. Additional Business
Nikki reported that the bees are thriving in our rooftop hive boxes.
11. Adjourn - 9:00 *The meeting was adjourned at 9:02. (Josh-1, Ellen-2)*