

January Club Meeting

The January club meeting was held Wednesday, January 18th in the meeting room of the "Fire Mountain Grill" at 7200 Bandera Rd. The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Amanda McCoy, President of HCBTC. All other board members were introduced. At the present time you cannot register on-line, mail-in only until further notice.

OLD BUSINESS

Tour de Cure

Sandy Barsun will be the team leader for the Tour de Cure. This year the ride will be on May 20th and 21st (Saturday and Sunday), the registration fee is \$15.00 before March 1st. Cindy Rodriguez organizes the event which is much smaller than the MS150 ride. At the present time Sandy is the only volunteer to ride the Tour de Cure. She is recruiting for approximately 20 riders. The pledge is \$125.00 per rider. She has set the HCBTC team goal of \$2000.00. This year on the 1st day they will have a 20, 45 and 75 mile route. There will be a party after the ride which will include dinner and awards. The second day will also have ride options. There has been a change in the accommodations to the Tower Dorms which has more rooms. Mike Weiner informed her of the confusion last year on the accommodations in San Marcos. People who had paid for their room had to wait for hours. Hopefully, that will not happen this year with the change of accommodations. Sandy is asking for volunteers for the break points. The HCBTC Tour de Cure Team will meet after next months meeting.

Bikes for kids at Christmas

Vern Jeys and Kathy Hill volunteered to buy bicycles and helmets for 5 children of the Rainbow Room. \$500 was allocated and \$375 was spent. These are for children in Child Protective Services care.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of the Aransas Refuge Ride – Amanda McCoy

We have started the year with the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge/Corpus Christi the weekend of January 14th – 15th. The Aransas National Wildlife Refuge/Corpus Ride was a success. On Saturday there were thirteen riders who rode 16 miles, and Sunday there were eight riders. Sunday consisted of a Whooping Crane Tour. Thanks to Ken Kanagaki and his son who provided tickets to the CCOPC Symphony.

Membership - Sandy Barsun

We have 128 members; everyone's membership is up to date. When renewing membership a new form needs to be submitted. Sandy edits the Newsletter before she sends it out to have fewer copies; she also pays for the 7-8 copies.

Treasurer - Jackie Jeys

As of January 19th, 2006 we have a total of \$5,733.45 in the HCBTC account. There are four checks outstanding which have not been cashed. Monies for club expenditures over \$200.00 will need the Board Members approval.

Website Editor - Chris Marsh

Website now has more web space for a total of 5 GB. He has migrated website to a new space. Send pictures to Chris so he can post them on the website. The existing website account is on Yahoo, there are 200 e-mail addresses available for HCBTC, if you are interested. This is only for those who have home computers. Chris is looking for an Assistant Website Editor. His goal is to have the website set up easy to use for the assistant to use. He is using HTML Webpage-ENVU. He has made a copy of the past website and placed it in archives. Amanda's picture is now on the webpage.

Ride Chair/Tour Director - Amana McCoy for Heidi Lynn

Heidi is looking for ride leaders for March and April. Lillian La Fare's said the Bicycle Shack in Boerne is looking for recruits to start rides from the bike shop, at least on per month. Currently, she has made cards advertising the HCBTC.

Public Affairs - Ethel Pedraza

She is happy Lillian is helping her out with public affairs and advertising for HCBTC, since there are many bicycle stores. Plans are in the works for a new video. Her plans are to make new posters for advertisement.

Lillian La Fare – said that the Bicycle Shack can give a class on how to change tires to beginners. Bike World on Broadway has classes on Instructions on how to change tires and maintenance. The classes are on Tuesday and Thursday s at 6:00, but reservations need to be made ahead of time.

Tour Director - Vern Jeys

1st weekend in April is the Llano Ride; Vern has the name of the hotel which is next to a restaurant.

The Katy Trail Ride has been replaced with the Nacchez Trace, Mississippi 125 miles has never been done, so it will be an adventure. Roy Monroe will be sag support; he will give an update at next months meeting. This ride will be the second weekend in September.

Leaders for Beginners Bike Rides - Mac McCormick

A new program for first Beginners' Ride was held Sunday, January 8th. They met on the west side of the Taft High School Parking lot at 1:00 PM. There were nine people who joined Mac for this ride, three who were retreats. The eight mile ride over flat terrain was well received. The pace was set to accommodate all nine of the riders. He is asking for volunteers with patients and encouragement to lead this ride in the future. He suggested having a Poster made for advertisement. He was informed of several bike stores who say there is always someone looking for rides. Mac requested business cards.

Volunteer T-Shirts - Amanda McCoy

Prices, amounts and Color for T-shirts were discussed. Final decision on ordering Club T-shirt will be after the meeting with board members.

Items for Club Historian - Cathy West

Cathy West is our new historian; she will be making a photo album. She is requesting HCBTC members to share stores, pictures, etc. for the scrape books. Pictures will be kept for the project; do not expect the pictures to be returned. She is open for suggestions.

Other information:

The Bicycle Shack in Leon Springs will have Cannondale Bicycles available for test drives on February 10th.

Chris Marsh - Passed around the 2006 mileage goals, and has the 2005 goals if anyone would like to see them. In addition, Chris presented a video he designed on last year's Holland tour.