

**Minutes of BABC Board of Directors Meeting  
January 6, 2004**

Directors present: Dave Burch, Mick Weninger, Lou Penning, Deb Hubsmith, Carol Levine, Josh Hart, Robert Raburn, Robert Cronin, Mark Birnbaum, Christine Culver. Guests Present: Dave Campbell

**Agenda Items**

Call to order

Introductions

Consent Calendar items approval:

- 1) Approval of minutes of the November 5, 2003 meeting

**Discussion Items**

We discussed the status of T2030. Dave Burch reported that the commission has approved the figure of \$200 million to be used for bicycle projects as part of the plan. What has not yet been determined is whether this will be all “new” money, in addition to current sources of bicycle related money, or if some portion of current sources will count towards the \$200 million. Dave, Deb and Robert Raburn will develop a preliminary BABC platform and strategy. Deb will draft and send a thank you letter to the MTC commissioners.

Mark reported that he has made contact with most Bay Area clubs, regarding a BABC/local coalition surcharge on centuries. Response so far has been positive, but no firm commitments have been made. Mark and Robert Raburn will make a presentation to the Grizzly Peak Cyclists on Jan. 14. Mark will also draft thank you letters to the Grizzly Peak Cyclist, and the Eagle Cycling Club, who made contributions of \$850 and \$1,000 respectively, which were deposited in the BABC bank account in January 2004.

Dave reported that the Bikes Belong grant organization will decide by January 19, who will receive grants during the current granting cycle. Carol, Lou and Mark will work with Dave, to develop criteria for conducting a search for a part time employee, should BABC get the grant that we applied for.

Josh reported on the Dec. 19 Bike to Work Day (BTWD) meeting. No support is currently planned for the local clubs and coalitions, for their work in organizing and running the energizer stations. None of the currently planned marketing will promote or advertise the work that the local coalitions are doing to make it easy and fun for people to actually participate in BTWD. There will be a conference call with the MTC BTWD coordinator, Susan, on January 16, to discuss BABC’s concerns. Deb wrote a pre-conference call letter, which will be revised and circulated to all board members on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of January. This letter outlines the BABC concerns, and will serve as an agenda for the conference call. Josh also announced that the next BTWD planning meeting is on January 23. An important task for all the local coalitions to do this year, is to document the actual costs incurred and time spent, to organize, promote, and operate energizer stations in their respective counties. This will improve the chances of getting a financial contribution towards these efforts from MTC, in future years. Josh will coordinate the preparation for the Jan. 16 conference call, to come up with talking points and goals. Deb will take the lead on finalizing the letter that BABC will send to MTC by Friday January 9, as input for the Jan. 16 conference call.

Deb announced that the next meeting of the Richmond-San Rafael Technical Advisory Committee will be during the week of January 12-16. This will kick off the latest study of the bridge.

Josh and Robert Raburn will set a date for the next meeting of the Bay Bridge subcommittee.

Mark reported that the bylaws are officially adopted, the approval of most of the former paying members having been obtained.

The entire Board expressed its gratitude to Carol Levine, for her outstanding work on improving the BABC web site.

Mark moved, Josh seconded and the entire Board approved the endorsement of Regional Measure 2, the toll bridge toll increase. Dave will draft and send a letter of support for the measure.

Deb reported that the Safe Routes to Schools, and the Community Grant funding bills are in need of support. Robert Raburn moved and Josh seconded that we endorse both of these bills. This was approved by the Board unanimously. Dave will draft and send letters in support of both measures.

Josh reported that SFBC has gotten stickers on cab windows, throughout the City, urging people to look before opening cab doors, to avoid dooring cyclists.

#### **Items for Follow up**

Dave, Deb and Robert Raburn will develop a preliminary BABC platform and strategy in relation to getting the maximum amount of new money out of T2030.

Deb will draft and send a letter to the MTC commissioners thanking them for approving the \$200 million.

Mark will draft thank you letters to the Grizzly Peak Cyclists, and the Eagle Cycling Club.

Dave, Carol, Lou and Mark will develop criteria for conducting a search for a part time employee

Deb will revise the BTWD pre-conference call letter, which will be circulated to all Board members by Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Josh will coordinate the preparation for the Jan. 16 conference call, to come up with talking points and goals.

Josh and Robert Raburn will schedule the next Bay Bridge subcommittee meeting.

Dave will draft letters of support for the Regional Measure 2 Toll Bridge Increase, Safe Routes to School Reauthorization, and the Community Grant bills.

Next meeting date was tentatively set for March 9, 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Submitted by Mark Birnbaum