

Minutes of REBAC Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2003

Directors Present: Dave Snyder, Dave Burch, Robert Cronin, Robert Raburn, Mick Weninger, Lou Penning, Mark Birnbaum. Guest present: Steve Schmidt

Robert Raburn feels that the most important "base level" efforts of REBAC should be to maintain our presence before Caltrans and the MTC through the quarterly Caltrans District 4 BAC (CTD4BAC) meetings and to have a unified voice on Safe Routes to Transit and Bridge issues.

We discussed various ways to raise money, to hire a part time executive director.

- Hold an annual bike ride
- Ask Bay Area clubs to attach a \$1 or \$2 surcharge to Century fees, to support REBAC
- Apply for a Bikes Belong Grant, and ask for \$10,000
- Ask former members for money.

ACTION ITEMS: Dave Snyder will get letter to former members. Mark will contact clubs, Lou will draft bikes belong application, which Mark and Amanda will review. This will all be done by 2/8/03.

We agreed to meet every two months for a while. The next meeting date was set as March 11, at SFBC at 7:00. Mark will get out a reminder as it gets closer. We discussed various things to do for Alex, such as getting copies of photos to him, and perhaps developing an annual award in his honor, for exceptional levels of bicycle lobbying.

Robert Cronin expressed a desire to leave the Board, and introduced Steve Schmidt as a possible replacement. Steve will consider joining the Board as the representative of Mid Peninsula Bicycle Coalition. Dave Snyder also wants to leave the Board. He will work with Leah Shahum to get a replacement to represent SFBC. The replacement would begin serving at the May meeting.

Robert Raburn reported that he has gotten Safe Routes to Transit into the list of programs being considered for funding by the toll increases on all Bay Area Caltrans bridges. The legislature will decide which programs actually end up getting money, as the list of programs greatly exceeds the amount of revenue generated by the toll increases. All the projects have some nexus to a bridge. We are asking for 7% of the revenue. More details are on EBBC.ORG web site.

Doug Johnson of MTC will be taking over as regional Bay Area Bicycle Plan coordinator, from Trent Lethco, who has left the organization. Dave Burch will contact Doug, and urge him to begin meeting regularly with REBAC and others.

Mark will present an updated Treasurer's report at the March meeting.

Robert Raburn attended the quarterly Caltrans BAC meeting on January 14. He will take responsibility for calling for agenda items and putting together an agenda for these meetings. The next deadline for agenda meetings is on March 11, one month before the next CBAC meeting at 1:30pm on April 8.

We agreed not to aggressively pursue Bike to Work Day contract money this year, since funding for this event seems to be drying up. We will discuss this further at the March meeting.

Dave Snyder reported that he wrote a letter to the Water Transit Authority, and also spoke to Heidi Machen, via telephone, concerning better policies for bicycle access to all present and future ferry terminals.

We agreed not to put a lot of emphasis on new freeway access for the present time.

Dave Snyder reported that REBAC is now a non-voting member of the TALC group. Dave will also contact Carol Levine, concerning putting together a newsletter. He will also get SFBC involved in editing and getting a newsletter out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Submitted by Mark Birnbaum