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Officer Report- we are seeking a new secretary, please contact the club email (rbbccclinton@gmail.com) if you are interested or would like more information.

Club Officers:

Co-President – Chad Jensen

Co-President- Annis Bear

Treasurer- Randey Meir

Membership- Joe Raymaker

RAGBRAI Chair- Jon Fah

Newsletter- Zane Pennock

Upcoming RBBC Ride Schedule:

- March 19th: RBBC Board Meeting 7PM McKinley Street Tavern
- March 28th: Icicle Bicycle, 9:30 AM, Happy Joes
- April 6th: Trails Advisory Committee Meeting, 4:30 PM, City Hall
- April 8th: Full Moon Ride, 7:00 PM Elijah Buell Terrace (weather Pending)
- April 16th: RBBC Board Meeting, 7PM, McKinley Street Tavern
- May 7th: Full Moon Ride, 7 PM Elijah Buell Terrace (weather Pending)

NEXT MEETING: Thursday March 19th , 7PM McKinley Street Tavern.

Winter Round Up

Thank you to everybody who joined us at Backshop Pizza. We had a great turnout and it was nice to see some familiar faces in the midst of these cold winter months. Drinks were had, pizza was eaten and laughs were shared. It was a casual and informative meeting. With the warm weather approaching it's time to start getting ready to ride (or keep riding if you have been braving the elements). All of our popular rides will be back this year, Sunday afternoon rides, Full Moon Rides rides and the Icicle Bicycle which is coming up soon, check out the entry form attached to this email.

You can also register here:

https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=134062

2020 Points Program

New this year our club is introducing a points program. The purpose of the points program is to promote our club, to gain new members and to encourage existing members to participate in rides and events.

Everyone can earn points and win prizes, it's easy!

Points are awarded for the following:

- Referral of new members 5 points
- Newsletter Article 4 points
- Board/Committee participation 4 points
- Meeting participation 4 points
- Event participation 2 points
- Ride participation 2 points

Prizes will be awarded to at least the top 3 place winning members at next year's winter bash.

If you have any questions concerning our Points Program, please feel free to contact us.

*This system is new and is subject to change throughout the year. Please be patient as we work out all of the details.

RAGBRAI in Clinton!

Big news! Clinton was selected as RAGBRAI's ending town! But a lot has happened with RAGBRAI since our last newsletter. If you haven't kept up to date here is a brief synopsis:

- A college kid held up a 'Need Beer Money' sign with his venmo ID during the lead up to the Iowa v Iowa State football game. He ended up donating \$3 million dollars to the Children's Hospital.
- The Des Moines Register wrote a contentious article about him.
- RAGBRAI donated Money to said, kid.
- Argument between The Register and RAGBRAI ensued, RAGBRAI Director quit, started Iowa's Ride. A week long ride that would compete with RAGBRAI.
- RAGBRAI hires a new director.

- Iowa's Ride Picks dates and locations.
- RAGBRAI picks towns, Clinton chosen as the end town.

Now the split and creation of the new ride has created some problems. Which ride are people supposed to go on??? How do you choose??? We can't tell you which ride to pick BUT, we can tell you that whichever ride you select we have you covered. As it so happens we are working with the Quad City Bike Club charter to organize a charter service for both RAGBRAI and Iowa's Ride.

The Quad City Bike Club will be providing a Charter for Iowa's Ride and for anybody that decides to choose Iowa's Ride this year we suggest you reach out to them and organize your charter services through them. We will be providing our usual Charter Services through ARGO Moving and the QC Bike Club will be referring to all of their members who want to ride RAGBRAI to use us. This is a great partnership we are lucky to have and we should definitely take advantage of.

As for the event of the ride actually coming THROUGH Clinton. There is a major task force being put together and in order to make this event successful there are 19 committees that will oversee everything from marketing, entertainment and sanitation for the day RAGBRAI comes to town. If you have some spare time and would like to help out and potentially volunteer for a committee or are interested please contact us.

Riverbend Bicycle Club RAGBRAI Report: Feb 2020

We hope everyone is as excited about RAGBRAI ending in Clinton as we are. How amazing it is to be able to share the town's riverfront and community with cyclists from all over the world.

Planning has already begun for us and we are looking forward to another great year. We will be meeting with the new RAGBRAI director, his team, and the overnight towns this week. We hope to leave these meetings with a greater understanding of what the new team's goals are and what their plan is for the future of RAGBRAI.

New this year we will be securing portable toilets at our campsite for our charter!

Another big change for the charter is that we are working with the Quad Cities Bike Club (QCBC) to offer riders options for both of the July rides (RAGBRAI and Iowa's Ride). Also if riders are interested in participating in both rides we will have transportation options available to them.

RAGBRAI RBBC will continue to operate our charter service for RAGBRAI. Any QCBC members that would like to join our Charter for the week will be able to sign up for any of our services at the member rate. QCBC will still offer a bus service out of the Quad Cities and back to the Quad Cities for its members.

Iowa's Ride -QCBC will be offering its services on Iowa's Ride. Any members interested in riding on Iowa's Ride can contact QCBC (www.qcbc.org) to make arrangements. They will depart from the Quad Cities at the beginning of the week and bus riders back to the Quad Cities at the end of the week.

So far, the registrations for RAGBRAI are going well. We currently have 50 riders taking the bus out to Le Mars. We have an additional 30 riders signed up for our camping/baggage only service. We have 2 buses reserved currently, so we have most of one filled. We anticipate the second one filling up quickly, so please get registered as soon as possible.

If you are planning to go on RAGBRAI this year, time to register with RAGBRAI is getting short. Registration for the full week will be taken through March 31. When registering you will want select our group (#68) so that we can make sure you get your wristband.

On March 18th QCBC arranged for Dieter Drake, the new RAGBRAI director, to give a presentation at the Davenport Public Library(6000 Eastern Ave, Davenport) at 5:30 PM. Any members interested in attending should RSVP @ qcbc.org

If you have any question contact Jonathan Fah @ 563-650-2595 or RBBCRAGBRAI@gmail.com

Trail Projects in Clinton

This summer the city of Clinton will see some trail renovations take place. The Discovery Trail will undergo an asphalt resurfacing project. Specifically the portion of the trail from 32nd Ave North to Eagle Point Park. This is the final piece of the Discovery Trail to be resurfaced. New asphalt will be paved along this section with a small section of the trail being reconstructed and realigned.

The project has not been scheduled yet, but because of the work you can expect the trail to be closed for a short while during the summer months. Please keep an eye on the Clinton Herald additional Information.

RIVERBEND BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM
Membership is January 1 to December 31

Full name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: (_____) . ____ . _____

E-mail address: _____

We do not share your email address. It is used exclusively for club use only. You will receive a newsletter via email from RBBC. () Check if you wish to receive your monthly newsletter via postal mail. Please list additional family members for family memberships:

_____ I and
any family members listed above understand that the RiverBend Bicycle Club, its officers, and activity leaders are not insurers of my personal safety. I understand that bicycle riding has personal risk and I thus release them from any and all liability arising from any personal injury, property damage, loss or inconvenience resulting from participating in RiverBend Bicycle Club activities or rides. All cyclists ride at their own risk and are advised to wear a helmet.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of parent or guardian is required if primary member is under 18)

Please check all that apply:

I do not want to be included in the membership directory

I am a member of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition

I am a member of the Ride Illinois

I am a member of the League of American Bicyclists

Choose one of the following membership levels:

Single yearly membership: \$15.00

Family yearly membership: \$20.00

Business yearly membership: \$30.00

Total amount: _____

Please make checks to RBBC and mail to:

RBBC/membership

PO Box 1571 Clinton, IA 52733