

# Riverbend Bicycle Club

February 2014

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**EMMETSBURG FOREST CITY**  
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**INDEPENDENCE GUTTENBERG**

## Icicle Bicycle March 22nd

The ride once again will leave Happy Joe's in Clinton and travel to Thompson, Illinois.

Registration will begin at 10am and the cost is \$20 which includes the SAG stop, tickets for prizes and the HJ buffet.

## 2014 Officers

The election of officers took place on January 16<sup>th</sup> with the following results:

President: Joe Raaymakers

Vice President: Gregg Peessman

Treasurer: Randy Meiers

Secretary: Mary Bertrand

John Bonte will continue as RAGBRAI

Coordinator, Sarah Raaymakers will take over as Membership Chair. We are still searching for a Newsletter Editor.

River Bend Bicycle Club  
January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurers report was given by Treasurer Randy Meier. The November 2013 income and expenses worksheet was handed out. Donations since the last meeting were to Clinton Cranksgiving and membership for the League of Illinois Bicylists. Randy reported that roughly the 2013 year end finances had expenses of \$6,344.52 and income of \$2,490.82. A third of the expense are from the two insurance policies, which the club carries to cover liability on rides and to cover club officers. Club dues are the biggest source of income for the club, followed by the Icicle Bicycle ride. Randy reported that even though income did not cover expenses this year, the club has good reserves. Other sources of income were discussed, included raising club membership dues.

A motion and approved to raise club membership to \$15 for individual and \$20 for a family. New rates will be in the 2014 club membership form.

**Mail and Communications** Randy Meier reported he has spoken with Lee Bezotte of Inspaket, about developing a new website for the club. There was discussion of the importance of security of the new website. The developer of the site should provide ongoing support and backup the site. The new website needs to be up soon for RAGBRAI.

**RAGBRAI** John Bonte and Jon Fah of Argo Moving will be attending the RAGBRAI Announcement meeting January 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open for the ride on the RAGBRAI site. John will contact members who, in the past, have gone with the club on RAGBRAI with Jon Fah's assistance. Three buses have been reserved with Wiersema. John recommended increasing the non-member fee for the bus ride to \$140 and the non-member fee for camping/baggage to \$160. Those using both services would get a discount and pay \$280.

**Icicle Bicycle ride** Ron Peters reported the Icicle Bicycle ride will be March 22. There will not be a mass mailing. The ride will be promoted by listing on ride on various websites and using social media. Ron is looking for help with the SAG stop on the ride. The theme for the ride t-shirt and sweatshirts was discussed.

**Annual Banquet** The Banquet Committee reported that the banquet will be February 6th at the Corner Deli, with Mark Wyatt of the Iowa Bicycle Coalition the speaker.

**Reports of Accidents, Sickness or Death of Members** A moment of silence was observed for long-time club member Eileen McDeid, who passed away last November.

**Election of Officers**

President- Joe Raaymakers

Vice-President - Gregg Pessman

Treasurer –Randy Meier

Secretary –Mary Bertrand

Membership –Sarah Raaymakers (nominated by Joe Raaymakers)

John Bonte agreed to continue serving as RAGBRAI Coordinator.

A Newsletter Editor is still needed and there was a discussion of either alternating or making the newsletter quarterly.

**Good of the Club**

Options for future of the club's newsletter and for sources of revenue for the club to offset the cost of insurance were discussed.

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2014 Thanks to Mary Bertrand for taking notes for the January Meeting before assuming the duties of the office.

RIVERBEND BICYCLE CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2014

Membership is January 1 to December 31

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_). \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

We do not share your email, you will receive newsletter via email from RBBC and it is used exclusively for club use only.

( ) 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 League of Illinois Cyclist

\_\_\_ 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



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