

Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Board Meeting  
Chequers, Richmond, Vermont

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Guests: Jon Kaplan <jon.kaplan@state.vt.us>

Meeting called to order by Richard at 6:10 PM

Review of agenda – no changes.

Minutes approved from last meeting with two changes. One, VTrans received approval for green bike lanes from the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration). Two, Jon had only done one bike rodeo.

#### President's Report

Two grants have been submitted by Bunky. A Lake Champlain Basin Project Grant for \$10,000 and one from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for \$35,500. It was unknown when we will know whether either of these grants have been obtained.

Vermont Country Village Coalition wishes us to submit to them our 5 highest priorities for legislative action. George will respond.

#### Secretary's Report

We again received a newsletter from VANPO.

The kids bike rodeo in Middlebury went well. They had about 50 kids show up.

#### Executive Director's Report

The members recruitment letter was mailed out. The response has been slow.

The letterhead was reviewed and 3 minor changes were made.

George has not heard any news from VMBA concerning last month's meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

We have 8 new members.

The Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports paid Jeff \$555.62 for his services at the March Summit.

Our checking account balance is \$1,119.51 with no outstanding bills.

## Web Site Report

The web site ([www.vtbikeped.org](http://www.vtbikeped.org)) is up and running. Bud Reed is donating the web space and is acting as the ISP.

There are other components which should be added to the web site such as a legislative area and a state calendar of events, but it was determined that these components can wait.

It was suggested that we list all of the bicycle shops and bicycle touring groups in Vermont. It was pointed out that then we would not have an incentive for these groups to become members. There followed a discussion as to what we could offer sponsors on the web site that would make them "special". It was decided that Rick and Dave would work on some ideas.

## Share the Road Brochure Report

Bunky was going to try to get these out to the school nurses, but it seems to late for this spring.

Dale stated that he needs 500.

## VTrans Report

Jon stated that the final copy of the Driver's Manual will be ready during the first 2 weeks of June.

Jon talked to Barry Ford, the coordinator for Driver's Education programs in the state. Barry stated that all of the Driver's Education teachers meet 3 or 4 times per year and suggested that VBPC make a presentation at one of this meetings.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program is looking for input on how to promote "Walk your Child to School" day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

VTrans has recommended that the Lamoille Valley Railroad become a recreational trail. The final decision has yet to be made though as the state legislature may decide to have some input.

There were 12 applications for Bike/Pedestrian Enhancement Grants funds. Jon and Amy are now doing visits to the proposed sites. There is \$2 million/year available, therefore only 4-6 projects will be funded.

An article by Amy and Jon about bike/pedestrian project funding will be in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns July magazine.

Jon noted that there is a lot of discussion in some other states about rumble strips (cut strips in the pavement at the side of the road to help keep drivers awake), although the discussion has not yet reached Vermont.

## Work Plan

Bunky and Jon will work on a seminar on How to Create a Bicycle or Pedestrian Enhancement Project for September.

The following individuals have agreed to work on these committees:

Publicity – Dave & Rick  
Legislative Action – Bruce Cunningham will be asked  
Special Events – Bunky  
Membership – Rich  
Education – Dale (Rich will talk to Jan)

## New Business

Representative Karen Kitzmiller has passed on after a long illness. Karen was a real friend for bicyclists. George will write a letter to Warren, her husband.

Dave noted that Matt with GMBC has suggested removing the words “with bicycles and pedestrians” from the Share the Road Bumper Sticker, although he was unsure exactly what the proposed changes are. George noted that we are running low on the bumper stickers. Moved, seconded, and passed that: “George to have authority to print 1,000 bumper stickers after receiving proposed changes from Dave.”

George showed us a VMBC brochure and suggested we do something similar. Moved, seconded, and passed that “VBPC create a recruitment brochure.” Dave will follow up with James McKee of Champlain College.

George suggested that we add members to our Board of Directors. Suggests were: Connie Livingston (Dave will talk to), James McKee (Bunky will talk to), and Chris Soares (Jon will talk to).

It was recommended that we ask Chapin from a report about the Thunderhead Alliance meeting in Washington.

Bunky will talk to Liz Campbell about a potential board member from the Rutland-Killington area.

Bud and Kathy should be back from their 9 month bicycle trip by our next meeting. It was suggested we ask them to give a presentation at our annual meeting.

The South Burlington Bike Path, Phase 3, Grand Opening will be on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

LocalMotion will have their grand opening on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Dave agreed to help out. Jon will try to get our logo plotted and laminated.

The Chittenden County MPO will have a public hearing at 7:00 PM on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Jericho.

Rick noted that there was a 22% increase in bicycle production world wide in 1999.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM at Chequers in Richmond.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Rick