

Hutch Tigers Cycling Association
April 23, 2024

Opening:

A board meeting for Hutch Tigers Cycling Association was called to order at 6:15 pm on April 23, 2024, by Lori Moore, President @ Shaggy's Bonfire Bar & Grille, Litchfield

Members Present:

Lori Moore-President, Stephanie Rech-Vice-President, Shari Niemela-Member-at-Large, Nicole German-Secretary, Frank Jarman-Treasurer. Dan Kallhoff-assistant coach/team director, Craig Juhnke-Head Coach and Peyton Chiotti were also in attendance.

Minutes:

Shari moved to approve the minutes from March 14, 2024. Lori 2nd.

Treasurer's Report:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1X665eaPwyH9OvH8WbFlcmHjRkY7EaPmXIBbKB-pURrc/edit#gid=0>

Areas of discussion included:

- Apparel for athletes
- Stipend for head coach and director,, training fees for other coaches
- Banquet expenses
- Boat parade
- Advertising
- Trailer Storage
- Sponsor t-shirts
- League Fees

Lori motioned to approve the budget for the 2024 season. Peyton 2nd

Leader's Summit:

- Returning coaches
 - In person *all day* May 4 @ Scheels in Eden Prairie.
 - Virtual Option June 10 and June 12-must attend *both* sessions for complete training

Craig will send an email with more information regarding sign up for coaches

Craig highlighted a league program specifically for girls, hopes to use some of that for recruiting and practices

Race Priorities:

Races announced. They will all be back to back in September. Nicole posted them on the website and Facebook page.

Fundraising:

- Lori will head up UnHinged Pizza fundraiser, earlier than last year might be more profitable
- Nicole has organized contacting local businesses for fundraising in the past. She would like to hand that off. Contact Bob about taking this over.
- Request for softer sponsor t-shirts

Recruiting:

Brainstormed some possible recruiting ideas...

- 1) Table at the middle school during concerts or other spring events
 - Peyton's contact, Erika (counselor) @ HMS, said we could contact the office for event dates and the principal is open to having a HTC table set up to recruit. We basically just need to let them know when we'd like to be there.
 - Nicole to contact HS principal and athletic director regarding placing yard signs in front of the high school during conferences, April 25th
 - Nicole to contact Erika regarding signs at MS for upcoming spring concerts May 16th and 20th
- 2) BMX track in Glencoe-Stephanie to reach out, starts in June
- 3) Dan to update flyers and print for in the box on the sign at Stahl's park and to handout

- 4) Shari to figure out contact person at D/C middle school in regards to putting up a fliers
- 5) Team members ride with kits and/or have a table at Red Rooster Days bike Ride-Labor Day Weekend
- 6) Signs at county parks-Craig to ask about Piepenburg and Stahls.
 - Does anyone have connections along the Luce Line trail to put up signs?
- 7) Sign in Lori's yard across from Tiger Elementary
- 8) Real Life in Hutchinson Facebook page
- 9) Watercade in Litchfield
- 10) Cokato Corn Carnival 8/12-14
- 11) HAMBAs rides
- 12) Information session in May with slide show, similar to event help prior to covid-maybe move to later in summer

League Information:

Craig to email parents a reminder to sign up athletes

- Coaches can sign up for the season March 1
- Athletes can sign up for the season April 1

Preseason Events:

Can have 6 events prior to season starting

Need to get league approval, need 5 days notice/approval time

- Ride at Stahls-double as a try-it out session-Tuesdays in June
- Ride on the Luce Line-if Stahls is too wet
- Boat parade-Thursday, June 13, 7 pm, Frank registered and it was suggested team captains could come up with a theme
- Craig to check with league regarding trail maintenance if not riding bikes-Craig to talk with Jon at the county to see about what can be done
- May bike fitting and maintenance event-Craig & Dan

Team Captains:

- Help with fundraising
- Help with social media
 - Tik-Tok
 - Facebook page
 - Instagram
- Boat Theme for boat parade
- Help set up for practice
- Sign a commitment statement

Misc:

- Craig is in contact with Outdoor Motion regarding trade-in bikes to purchase for the team.
- Senior signs-get made to have at all races-Nicole to contact Standard Printing, they have done them in the past, ask about big faces on sticks
- Shari to continue taking and sharing photos on private HTC photos page
- Shari contacted a new apparel company. She shared a temporary storefront to view and get feedback.
 - Narrow down
 - Add some colors
 - Check on socks
- Sell or donate old bikes
 - Wheels of Mercy-Christ the King Group
 - Team families
- Nicole brought printed yard signs and posters for distribution

Next Meeting: May 21, 2024 @ Shaggy's Bonfire Bar & Grille, Litchfield @ 6:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Nicole German