

Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission



Agenda for KBBC Web Video Meeting
9:30 AM (EDT) July 21, 2015

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Central Office/ Frankfort	Joe Bowen (KBBC), Greg Rawlings (FHWA), Lynn Soporowski (KYTC), Troy Hearn (KYTC), and Carol Brent (KYTC)
Lexington, KY telephone	William Gorton (KBBC Chair)
Louisville, KY video/telephone	Katie McBride (KBBC)
Midway, KY video/telephone	Randy Thomas (KBBC)
Owensboro, KY video/telephone	Schley Cox (KBBC)
Elizabethtown, KY video/telephone	Vince Carman (KBBC)
Louisville, KY video/telephone	Rolf Eisinger (Louisville Metro)

- *Bring the meeting to order.* Bill Gorton was not yet present at the advertised meeting time so Katie McBride called the meeting to order at about 9:40 AM.
- *Approve minutes of last meeting.* Minutes were approved on motion by Randy Thomas with second from Vince Carman.
- *Treasurer's report.*
 - a. *The Broke Spoke in Lexington is planning to return unexpended funds (\$1613.17)*
 - b. *Does the KBBC want to request any other funds be returned?*
 - c. *Total Funds awarded = \$485,359.07 / Total Funds recorded as expended = \$324,153.38*

Katie McBride reported that the checks to the Chain Reaction Cycling Club (\$2,874) and the City of Paducah (\$5,000) for their Paula Nye grants approved in November of 2014 have not yet cleared the bank. The balance in the checking account (including those funds) is \$9,022.87.

Katie mentioned that the Broke Spoke in Lexington is planning to return \$1,613.17. Other Nye grant recipients have returned unused grant funds in the past (including the Louisville Metro Health Department in 2013). Bike Lexington reports that they have \$202.13 in unexpended funding but has requested to hold that money for next year's event or for other events to purchase additional blinking lights. The auditors last year recommended that the grant period be limited and that funding be returned if not used. Katie noted that the auditors have sometimes followed up with groups to be sure that they have correctly recorded their grant fund activities. The most recent version of the grant contract now limits the grant period to two years and encourages grantees to return any unused funds by the end of that period.

The current Paula Nye awarded funding report shows there are a number of programs/organizations, for which funds have been granted, for which reports of

expenditures are either incomplete or altogether missing. The Fayette County Public Schools grants, at least part of which were transferred to the Central Kentucky YMCA, have had issues with reporting because the responsible people have changed over time. The documentation has some \$13,000 from a 2009 grant that has not yet been reported as used and the two entities report different amounts of funding granted or transferred. Bill Gorton will speak with them. Ashland/Boyd County has accounted for \$750 of their \$10,000 grant awarded in January of 2012. Joe Bowen will contact them about their reporting.

- *KAR updates are now final!!! Huge thanks to all that helped for so many years to get this done*
 - a. *Now what? Are there any follow up tasks (filing future amendments)?*
 - b. *Getting a clean copy of the regulations*
 - c. *Current status?*

Katie commended Jason for his work in shepherding the regulation amendment through the process. Bill requested a clean copy of the regulation from Ann D'Angelo and Troy reported that the state website hosting the regulations will be updated with a clean copy in August. An amendment needs to be filed regarding the stipulation that the shared use lane be 14'. It would follow the same process as the KAR revision. Randy noted that if there is an actual error by LRC (as opposed to a change made purposely), it might be a different process for correction instead of an amendment. Jason told Katie that the next step is to contact Ann about the amendment process so Katie will contact her.

- *Social media / comments on KBBC Facebook page*

There have been comments on the KBBC Facebook page regarding the KAR revision. The commissioners discussed whether a response should be made, what it should be, and who should make the response. Sometimes commissioners might respond as themselves or as KBBC commissioners. Katie suggested that if there are factual errors, KBBC should respond but otherwise might be just feeding the fires. Vince noted that the Facebook comments make it look like KBBC is not in control of their message. Lynn recommended that the issue of social media use be scheduled as a major topic for the fall KBBC annual conference.
- *2015 KBBC Conference in Elizabethtown*
 - d. *Meeting location*
 - e. *Confirm dates and how many days (Thursday – Saturday?)*
 - f. *Hotel*
 - g. *Agenda items*
 - h. *Speakers*

Bill has contacted Cheryl Murphy, the Director of Tourism in Elizabethtown, who is excited and waiting to hear from KBBC. Vince will be attending a Trail Town meeting on Friday and is hoping to get with Cheryl before that. The Community Center in Elizabethtown is booked but Vince has a list of other places to try. Central Kentucky Wheelmen have been

notified that the conference is coming and they are on board to participate. Vince has also spoken with Green Space which has the trail system around Elizabethtown.

The preferred weekend for the attending commissioners is the weekend of October 8, 9 and 10th with October 22, 23 and 24th as the backup. Lynn emailed the absent commissioners regarding the proposed date. Previous KBBC meeting notes indicated that, by this meeting, a date and venue would be decided.

Topics suggested for discussion at the conference included:

- Social media use
- A question and answer session on the updated KAR and further updates (15 minute session)
- Cycling clubs discuss their activities, especially someone from Western Kentucky to spark further activity in the area
- Invite Chris Chaney to discuss the 3-county purchase of land and development of mountain biking trails along with application for Trail Town status
- National Parks' work with communities to develop non-motorized travel master plans
- Federal policies and activities (Greg Rawlings)
- Recreational Trails Program funding (100% match, often used for smaller projects using in-kind services for a match)
- Past Nye grantees describe their experiences with the program and the grant's long-term impact
- The future of bicycling, trends, bicycle sales, etc.
- KYTC's work with the local Health Departments
- Ty Collins to discuss other KYTC activities
- The evolution of cycling in the KYTC
- Adventure Tourism, including discussion of activities and economic development
- Economic impact of cycling
 - a. Joe noted that the impact of the Rugged Red ride in his area, according to a state study, was \$100,000.
 - b. Rodney Hendrickson (Laurel County Tourism Director) discussed the economic impact of the Red Bud Ride (in Laurel County) with a group from Powell County.
 - c. Katie would like to hear about the economic impact of the Dawkins Line.
 - d. Andy Williamson of the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) Great Lakes Region has a prepared presentation about trail development and its economic impact.

Troy requested that any agenda items or speakers be emailed to him as soon as possible. Randy will reach out to the other bike clubs regarding their activities. Bill requested that Vince keep the commissioners posted on conference preparations.

Donations will be solicited for food for breakfasts and lunches at the conference. Randy said the Bluegrass Cycling Club provided funding in the past and he will solicit funding (and a presentation on economic development and activities) from Adventure Tourism. Bill's firm has provided funding in the past. Joe Bowen committed to a donation for that purpose.

- *New bicycle and/or pedestrian master plans*
 - a. *City of Campbellsville*
 - b. *City of London*
 - c. *City of Stanton/Powell County*

Troy mentioned that the bicycle/pedestrian master plans for Campbellsville and Stanton/Powell County have already been completed and London's should be completed by the end of the year.

- *Is KY ready for another Bike Summit (or Bike/Ped)?*

Bill wants to solicit a proposal for a Paula Nye Grant to organize a Bicycle Summit for sometime next year. He suggested that while the KBBC fall conference is interesting, a statewide meeting is best for relationship and network building. Katie agreed that a statewide meeting is good to connect groups that need to be involved. Lynn noted that the summit held around 2000 was funded by Transportation Enhancement funds. KBBC could request funding assistance from the Secretary's Office.
- *Other business*

Katie will post a notification on the KBBC Facebook page of the approaching deadline for applications for Paula Nye Grants, hoping that it will reach more people and that the applications will be submitted sooner.
- *Meeting adjourn*

There being no further business, on motion by Joe Bowen, seconded by Randy Thomas, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.