



Johnson County Bicycle Club

Chain Chatter

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January 2009

JCBC's Annual Banquet

Saturday, February 7, 2009, 6:00 PM

At Cinzetti's in Overland Park

Register by February 2

Details and Registration Information Inside

Why You Should Attend This Important JCBC Event

JCBC's annual banquet is the occasion on which JCBC members elect a board of directors for the coming year. This is your opportunity to have a say in the leadership of your bicycle club. You must be present to vote.

There are several incumbents on this year's ballot and there are some current members who will be leaving the board of directors at the conclusion of this term. The board of directors currently does not have enough nominees to fill all of the available positions. Any JCBC member interested in serving on the board of directors is encouraged to approach a current board member for more information.

In addition, to the dinner, the door prizes and the annual reports that are part of every annual banquet, there are two very important matters on the agenda this year.

There has recently been serious discussion by the boards of directors of the Johnson County Bicycle Club and the Kansas City Bicycle Club, of making one large club out of the two smaller ones. There will be a brief presentation and discussion of this issue at the banquet. Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about this important decision which will affect the future of your club, and participate in a discussion of the issues involved.

Vote on new proposed bylaws. The board of directors are required to adhere to the club's bylaws, our constitution. The current JCBC bylaws are available for viewing on the JCBC website www.jcbikeclub.org. These bylaws were written many years ago, and some aspects of them are proving cumbersome for the board of directors to work around in an efficient manner. A committee of the current board of directors has worked to come up with proposed revisions to these bylaws, which will to make them more suitable to the current needs and direction of our club, and to give the board of directors more flexibility in certain areas. The board of directors endorses these revisions. The revised bylaws are available for viewing in this newsletter, on pages 4-11. Changes from the original bylaws are noted in parentheses. Please read the new bylaws and come to the banquet prepared to discuss them and vote on whether to adopt them.

The annual banquet is an important forum for JCBC members to get more involved in the workings of your bike club. On behalf of the board of directors, we hope to see you there.

JCBC Board Meetings:

The JCBC Board Meetings are usually held at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at:

Community America
Credit Union
5601 95th St.
Overland Park, KS

Members are welcome to attend. Please contact a board member to confirm meeting time and location.

Next Meeting: Jan. 14

2008 JCBC Officers & Board of Directors

President	Maggi Hacker	913-498-3689	president@jcbikeclub.org
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JCBC members: to receive a printed newsletter in the mail or to notify us of an address change, please email us at: membership@jcbikeclub.org

Or write us at: **JCBC, P.O. Box 2203, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-2203.**

Newsletter contributions are welcome and may be sent to chainchatter@jcbikeclub.org. Please type "JCBC Newsletter..." in subject line. Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of each month.

Has Your JCBC Membership Lapsed?

Have you never been a member? Are you just waiting for the 'right' time to join?

That time is now.

The JCBC is increasingly involved in important advocacy work. That means having a voice to represent area cyclists in local cycling issues. It means providing crucial funding to state-wide bicycle advocacy organizations like the Missouri Bicycle Federation and KanBikeWalk, which work with state and local governments to promote cycling, make our roads and communities safer for cyclists and our laws more cyclist-friendly. The larger we are, the louder our voice. In addition, the JCBC hosts three fund-raising rides which are important annual events on the calendars of hundreds of local cyclists. Membership also entitles members to discounts at local bike shops and certain other retailers.

We need your involvement and support. Renew or join today!

Membership Special—Join or Renew Now

Your JCBC Membership will be Good Until April 30, 2010

CALLING ALL CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS

Do you dread winter's short days, cold temperatures, and icy roads? Or do you watch the local weather praying for snow and extended cold spells so you can get out on your Nordic skis? If you answered yes to the later, read on... Lets face it: Kansas City is just too far south for any type of quality skiing. While we typically get only one or two weekends to ski locally, the snow line is within easy driving distance for much of the winter. With this in mind, we are establishing a group of like minded people interested in weekend trips north for 4 to 5 hours of fitness skiing. The intent is to be flexible for changing weather conditions and communicate through an informal e-mail network. When ideal snow conditions exist in the Upper Midwest we will (loosely) coordinate a trip to a specific location. Trips will vary depending on the desires of the group, but likely involve one-day trips to Iowa and 2 or 3 day trips to Minnesota or Wisconsin.

If interested please respond to **David Mathews** mathews3@mindspring.com or **Kent Fulton** kentfulton@sbcglobal.net.

JCBC Monthly Board of Directors Meeting Summation

by Jan Hudzicki, JCBC Secretary

To better inform our members of the work being done by the elected Officers and Board of Directors, a brief summary of the monthly Board of Directors meetings will be published in each newsletter. The Board feels that the membership should be aware of the decisions being made for the club, and the activities of the elected officers. We hope that this will encourage more members to take an active interest in the workings of the JCBC. These monthly meetings are open to all members and everyone is invited to attend.

Summary Report of Business Conducted at the November 3, 2008 JCBC Board Meeting

President Maggi Hacker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, Nov 3. Members present were Maggi Hacker, Rich Davis, Jim Coggins, Jan Hudzicki, Ken Cobb, Kent Fulton, and Dale Crawford

Highlights of the meeting are as follows. Vice President Rich Davis reported that the joint picnic went very well and everyone seemed to have fun and enjoyed the food. The ride was a good route following part of the Gringo's ride route.

Jim Coggins, webmaster and membership chair reported that currently we have 323 members. November is when we usually offer an 18 month membership for the price of 12. This information has been posted to the website and a post-card will be sent out to those who do not have e-mail addresses. Jim reported that 'The Commuter's Corner' is now up. It consists of various links to commuting related pages at this time. This part of our website will grow as we get more information and links related to commuter cycling.

The upcoming annual banquet will be held at Cinzetti's on February 7th. We have several important topics to discuss at this meeting. There will be several proposed bylaws changes. We need to notify the members of the meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting since we will be discussing bylaw changes. This will be done in a mailing as well as via email and will include a ballot, the proposed bylaws changes, and a membership renewal form.

The board discussed the end of the year donations. We determined that the following organizations will receive donations from JCBC: Missouri Bike Federation \$1000; Kan Bike Walk - \$250 (\$1000 challenge grant); Miami County and Johnson County HAM Radio operators - \$800; Headstrong for Jake \$500; Kanza Rails to Trails \$500. The board also decided to sponsor the MARC Commuter Bike challenge and to develop some Share the Road public service announcement for a total of \$3,300

The Slate of Officers for the next year was discussed. Next year, there will be several openings on the board. So far, efforts to find members willing to fill these empty positions has been unsuccessful. All Board members should encourage others to consider stepping up to fill these positions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**PROPOSED
JOHNSON COUNTY BICYCLE CLUB
BY-LAWS**

Article I. Name

The name of the club shall be the Johnson County Bicycle Club, Inc., herein after referred to as the Club. The use of the Club name by any individual or group shall be by permission of a majority of the Board. The Board may set rules or restrictions before granting permission. Permission must be secured for a specific date and use.

(Deleted reference to corporate seal.)

Article II. Purpose and Definitions

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of the Club is to promote general interest in bicycling in all its phases:

- (a) To promote recreational cycling
- (b) To promote the rights of bicyclists
- (c) To promote understanding and recognition of the need for safer bicycling conditions among participants and the general public
- (d) To aid in the development of educational materials and programs on bicycling
- (e) To cooperate with governmental authorities in the education and enforcement of traffic safety regulations applicable to bicycling
- (f) To advance the bicycle as an economical, healthful and pleasurable means of transportation
- (g) To promote legal and safe cycling and driving practices

(Subpart (g) is new.)

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) As herein used, the terms "bicycle", "bicycling" and "cycling" refer only to two or three-wheeled vehicles propelled exclusively by the rider(s) without the assistance of any engine, motor power, or sail.

(Reference to three-wheeled vehicles is new.)

(b) As herein used, the term "Board" refers to governing body of the Club, made up of the Officers and Directors.

(c) The use of the masculine gender in these By-Laws is for convenience only and shall, in all respects, be deemed to include female members of the Club.

(d) The fiscal year of the Club shall be the calendar year.

(e) The term "Club Website" refers to a website maintained by the Club for the benefit of its members.

(Website definition is added.)

Section 3. Activities.

The Club will generally promote and sponsor organized group bicycle rides chosen by the Board, and will support advocacy, education, or other activities to promote cycling, as directed by the Board. The Club will hold at least one annual meeting of members each year. The Club will establish a regular means of communication with its members, which may be by Newsletter, e-mail, Club Website, or other forms of electronic communication. The Club will maintain a website if possible.

(All of this Section 3 is new.)

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 1. Members.

Club members are those whose dues have been paid for the current year.

(Old language required members to agree with our purpose.)

Section 2. Classes of Membership.

- (a) Individual
- (b) Family - includes one or more adults and their children under 18.
- (c) Such additional classes as may be authorized by the Board.

(Removes the "individual youth" category, and gives the Board freedom to create other categories of membership.)

Section 3. Dues.

Dues shall be reviewed and set by the Board annually. The Board also will determine the starting and ending point of each membership year. The membership year covered by each member's dues does not have to correspond to the calendar year.

(Removes specific amounts of dues; replaces it with Board discretion as to amount.)

(Section 4, "Loss of Membership", was deleted. It was felt pointless to have a procedure for expelling members. They lose their membership now only if they fail to pay dues.)

Article IV - Officers and Directors *(This article was moved up; previously it came after the meetings article.)*

Section 1. Officers.

(a) The Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers and at least five elected Directors shall constitute the Board. The President, with approval of the Board, may assign specific tasks to each member of the Board, to cover such needs as advocacy, the Club newsletter, ride planning, marketing, the Club website, and membership logistics. The President may also appoint committees to conduct tasks deemed necessary for the Club.

(Touring Chairman is eliminated as an officer, and provision is made for the creation of special task members. They would not be officers, but would be on the Board as members at large. The Board is now free to assign tasks among themselves without constraint by the by-laws. The automatic position for the past-President is eliminated.)

(b) The Officers and Directors shall serve for a term of one year. The terms of office will begin immediately following the annual membership meeting and end immediately after the annual meeting of the following year. Officers and Directors are eligible for re-election.

(The prior language didn't make it clear that anyone could serve for more than one year. It made reference to their "successors.")

Section 2. Nominating Procedure.

In the fall of each year the President shall cause the Board to develop a slate of potential new Officers and Directors to replace any who plan to leave the Board at the end of that calendar year.

(The prior language called for a complicated nominating committee that was deemed unnecessary.)

Section 3. Election Procedure.

The proposed slate of Officers and Directors shall be posted in the Club newsletter and on the Club Website no later than one month prior to the Annual meeting. A copy of the ballot shall also be posted in both the newsletter and on the Website. The ballots may contain brief factual information about each candidate for the information of the membership. Members must vote in person at the Annual meeting. If vacancies remain on the board as of the Annual meeting, additional candidates may be proposed and voted on at the Annual meeting who were not on the ballot posted earlier in the Newsletter and on the Website. If the election of any Officer or Director is contested, the ballots for such election must be counted by persons who are not competing for such position. The results of the election shall be entered in the Club records.

(New language allows for adding candidates at the Annual Meeting, if necessary, and requires voting in person at the meeting. This encourages members to come to that meeting. Dealing with mailed-in ballots also is more of a burden on the Secretary, who has to keep track of who has voted already by mail.)

Section 4. Duties.

(a) The President shall preside at all membership and Board meetings, and shall be the executive officer of the Club. The President shall sign all official documents adopted by the Club, and shall perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

(b) The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence or inability to act.

(Former subparts (a) through (c) are streamlined into two, eliminating the reference to the President as Chairman of the Board and no longer requiring the VP to organize the annual banquet. The Board is now free to have anyone organize the banquet.)

(c) The Secretary shall attend all membership and Board meetings, and shall keep all minutes. The Secretary shall keep a current roll of all Club members. The Secretary shall have custody of all Club minute books.

(References to "Club Records" and corporate seal are eliminated; Club Records becomes "minute books".

(d) The Treasurer shall, subject to Section 4 (f) below and such other restrictions and conditions approved by the Board, have custody of all money, debts and obligations belonging to the Club, and he shall cause the Club's expenses to be paid. He shall receive all money paid to the Club and deposit it in Club accounts. He shall give bond at Club expense if required by the Board. The Treasurer shall give a report of the financial status of the Club at the Annual Meeting and at any other meeting of the members if requested.

(Added, "cause the Club's expenses to be paid")

(e) All checks, drafts, notes, or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Club by the President, the Treasurer, or any other person authorized by the Board to sign checks. No disbursement or obligation, including debit card transactions, greater than \$200.00 may be made or incurred without specific Board approval. A Club debit card for cash advances or purchases may be issued to members authorized by the board to purchase items on behalf of the Club, such as purchases of food for a Club-sponsored ride. The Treasurer will take appropriate steps to limit the Club's liability for any misuse of such a debit card.

(This new subpart formerly was a part of the Treasurer's job description. Disbursement maximum goes up from \$100, and debit card loaning procedure is spelled out for the first time.

(f) The Officers and Directors shall attend all membership and Board meetings, and shall participate in policy planning for the Club.

(Old subparts concerning duties of the Touring Chairman and Past President are now deleted.)

Section 5. Resignations.

Any Officer or Director may resign from office when it is deemed in the best interest of the Club or of the individual. The resignation must be in writing and shall be effective when received by the Secretary.

Section 6. Vacancies.

Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elected office other than that of President, the President shall appoint a member of the Club to fill the office for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall immediately assume the office of President and shall appoint a new Vice-President. If the office of Vice-President shall be vacant, then the succession shall be Secretary and Treasurer. A current Board member may be appointed to another position on the Board. However, he must resign his current position to accept the appointment.

(Prior section filled vacancies only until next membership meeting, because the old draft of by-laws contemplated that there would be monthly membership meetings instead of just annual meetings.)

Article V – Membership Meetings *(The old By-laws mixed membership and board meeting provisions together. This new draft separates them into two sections.)*

Section 1. Annual Meeting.

The Annual meeting of the membership shall be held at any time during the period from the beginning of January until the end of February each year, for the purpose of electing the Board, hearing committee reports, and conducting such necessary business.

(The annual banquet now can slip into February if necessary for scheduling.)

Section 2. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the members may be called by a majority of the Board. The object of the special meeting shall be stated in the notice and no other business shall be transacted.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings.

Notice of all membership meetings will be posted at least 30 days in advance of the meeting date in the Club newsletter, in a calendar of events or at a membership meeting.

(The 30-day notice requirement is new, although previously ballots had to be mailed out at least 30 days before the annual meeting, which served the same purpose.)

Section 4. Rules.

The President shall endeavor to conduct all meetings in substantial accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised; however, departures from such Rules shall not invalidate any actions.

Section 5. Voting.

(a) All who are members of the Club in good standing are qualified to vote at membership meetings. A quorum for Annual meetings shall be 5% of the total membership as recorded by the Club Secretary. There is no quorum for special meetings.

(Do we want to continue to say there will be no quorum for special meetings? The rationale of not requiring a quorum is that members know what the special meeting is about, and if they don't come, then they voted by their absence that they didn't care if others decided the issue.)

(b) All actions except elections of Officers and Directors shall be by a majority votes cast, a quorum being present. A list of members in good standing shall be maintained. Such list, as recorded ten days prior to any general membership meeting, shall be the list of eligible voters for that meeting. Election of Officers and Directors shall be by ballot only, with the results being decided by a simple majority of all votes returned.

(Requiring the maintenance of a list of members in good standing is new. The new language also clarifies what is meant by a "majority". The old language made you wonder if it was a majority of those voting, or a majority of the members generally.)

Article VI – Board Meetings

Section 1. When Held.

Meetings of the Board shall be held once each month at a time selected by the Board. It shall be the duty of the Officers and Directors to attend these meetings. Board Meetings may be held on other occasions when the President deems it necessary.

(A previous reference to separate touring committee meetings is now deleted.)

Section 2. Voting.

Any member may attend Board meetings, but only the Officers and Directors may vote. Five Board members shall constitute a quorum. Upon direction of the presiding individual, any person not an Officer or Director may be excluded from the deliberations when deemed necessary.

(The previous quorum was four, rather than five. The change is meant to address the possibility that the board may be larger than in the past as we go forward.)

Section 3. Notice of meetings.

The Board may determine what level of notice it wishes to give to the Officers and Directors about each meeting. No notice is necessary for meetings that are held at a regularly scheduled time and place each month.

(The prior by-laws said all meetings had to be announced in the newsletter, even Board meetings.)

Section 4. Conduct of business electronically.

The Board may choose to maintain a group e-mail site for the use of the Officers and Directors to communicate electronically. The Board may act on a matter electronically if an issue cannot reasonably wait until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Any Officer or Director may propose a motion by e-mail to the other Officers and Directors. After an e-mail second of the motion, discussion on the motion may proceed by e-mail. The President (or in the President's known absence, the Vice President) shall cut off an e-mail discussion and call for a vote on any electronic motion when the President deems it appropriate. The Board members may then vote "yes" or "no" by e-mail. An electronic Board resolution shall have the same force and effect as one that is passed in a regular Board meeting. Electronic motions must have e-mail approval of two-thirds of the full Board in order to pass. Electronic motions shall be recorded in the minutes.

(This is a new section. The requirements for a motion and for a two-thirds vote are designed to assure that the board takes deliberate action with a minimum of controversy. The two-thirds requirement is a safeguard. If there are ten Board members at a given time, it takes seven to pass an electronic motion.)

Article VII - Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1. Initiation of Proposal to Amend.

- (a) The Officers and Directors may initiate a proposal to amend the By-Laws. If a majority concurs, the proposal will be submitted to the membership for approval.
- (b) Any member may initiate a proposal to amend the By-Laws and submit it to the Board for approval. If it is approved by the Board, it will be submitted to the membership for approval by vote.
- (c) If a proposal is submitted to the Board under the provisions of part (b) above and is not approved, the member who initiated it may circulate a petition among the members asking that the proposal be submitted to the membership for vote. If signatures of 25% of the members eligible to vote are obtained, the proposal to amend must be submitted to the membership for their vote.

Section 2. Submission of Proposal to Members.

When a proposal to amend the By-laws has been approved as required in Section 1, it shall then be submitted to the voters by means of a posting in the Club newsletter and on the Club Website. The proposal shall include notice of the date and place of the meeting at which the proposal shall be brought to a vote. This date shall be at least thirty days after the date on which the proposal is posted to the Newsletter and Website.

(This updates the section to include a reference to posting on the Club Website.)

Section 3. Voting on Amendment to By-Laws.

At the meeting designated for voting on the proposed amendment, time will be allowed for discussion of the proposal. Only members in good standing may vote. A two-thirds majority of those present and voting is required for approval.

Article VIII - Indemnification

All Officers, Directors or other duly elected persons of the Club, their heirs, executors and administrators shall be indemnified by the Club against all cost, expenses and amounts or liability therefore, reasonably incurred by or imposed on them in connection with any action suit, proceeding or claim to which they may be made a party or become involved by reason of an act of omissions or commission of their duties; provided that such indemnification shall not apply if a person be finally adjudged as having been individually guilty of willful misfeasance in the performance of this duty.

Article IX - Budget

The incoming Board shall draft and approve an annual budget no later than the last day of February of each year, and shall make copies available to members upon request.

(Previously the final budget date was March 30th.)

Article X - Date of Enactment

These By-Laws shall become effective upon approval and upon that date all previous By-Laws, amendments and resolutions are repealed.

Article XI - Disposal of Assets

Upon dissolution of the corporation the Board of Directors shall, after paying all debts, dispose of the assets of the organization. Assets shall be distributed either to another organization (or organizations) that have a primary purpose of promoting bicycle access, safety or education, or to a cycling club similar to the Club.

These By-Laws first enacted November 1, 1982

Amended April 1, 1986

Amended December 5, 1995

Amended October, 2002

Revised text February 2004

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Johnson County Bicycle Club's Annual Banquet Saturday, Feb 7th, 2009



7201 W. 91st Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66212, 913-642-0101
(91st St. & Metcalf Dr.)

Social hour begins at 6:00 PM in the bar area.

Our banquet room will open for seating and eating at 6:30pm.

Door prizes and raffles will be held after the meal.

We have reservations for 80 only! Please remit payment ASAP to insure your seat!

Join all your Johnson County Bicycling friends for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Dinner will be a "Tour of Italy" buffet that caters to the vegetarian and meat-lover alike.

Drinks and desserts are included (excluding alcohol)!

If you have questions about the event, email or call:

Rich Davis
816-225-8559

richdavis@rich-davis.com

\$20.00 per person

Fill out the registration form below and mail to:

JCBC Banquet
5508 W. 70th St.
Prairie Village, KS 66208
(Postmark no later than Mon, February 2nd).

Make checks out to JCBC.

Or register online!

www.jcbikeclub.org/2009banquet

Detach here and mail

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Number attending: _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____ (please enclose check)

Email: _____

Vote on our 2009 officers & directors

The Johnson County Bicycle Club needs **YOU!** About this time each year the JCBC Board of Directors prepares a ballot (see below) for the annual banquet in which our membership votes for another round of board members for the next calendar year.

Right now, our nominating committee is campaigning hard to find those who might be interested in joining the board. We hope that person will be you! JCBC's board consists of like-minded individuals who share a passion for our cycling community and a commitment to its future. While we appreciate the loyalty of our existing board members, who sometimes choose to run for multiple terms, it is just as important to make room for new faces and ideas.

Have you ever attended one of our pay rides and thought you could run it better? Have you ever read an article about a cycling advocacy issue you felt needed a greater, more passionate voice? If you think of yourself as a critical thinker and often find yourself in leadership roles wherever you go, you will definitely enjoy being on the board!

And you don't have to be "great" to join. Board participation comes in many forms, large and small. That's why we also have At-Large positions that allow you to ease your way in. These board members contribute by exploiting their specific (sometimes professional) skills or talents in things like journalism, computer/website management, communications, product production, marketing... there's no limit to what you can contribute or achieve! Community service looks good on any resume!

Don't sit on the sidelines another year! The time to give back for all that you've enjoyed from the club is NOW!

The sample 2009 ballot below shows the names of who have been currently nominated for each position. The blank spaces under that column indicate positions that have yet to be claimed, OR you may nominate yourself for a position that HAS been claimed. Our current nominees are flexible and are willing to move, or compete in the spirit of democracy!

For more information on any board position, please feel free to contact any of our board members who currently hold that position - go to our website at www.jcbikeclub.org and click CONTACT US on the top menu.

Official ballots will be available at the banquet. You must be present to vote. If you chose not to purchase a dinner at the banquet, but still wish to cast your vote, please see the people at the ticket booth between 6-6:30pm to get your ballot. Please bring your JCBC ID card to prove your membership, because only members can vote!

See you there!

SAMPLE BALLOT

<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Place your vote by stating a current nominee's name in the blanks below</u>	<u>Current nominees for each position</u>		
President:	_____	Maggi Hacker	or	_____
Vice Pres:	_____	Ken Cobb	or	_____
Treasurer:	_____	Kent Fulton	or	_____
Secretary:	_____	Jan Hudzicki	or	_____
Co-advocacy:	_____	Dale Crawford	or	_____
Co-advocacy:	_____	_____	or	_____
Marketing:	_____	Fred Wohlgemuth	or	_____
Newsletter:	_____	Maury Brown	or	_____
Website:	_____	Jim Coggins	or	_____
Membership:	_____	_____	or	_____
Tour Director:	_____	_____	or	_____
At Large:	_____	Doug Stone	or	_____
At Large:	_____	_____	or	_____
At Large:	_____	_____	or	_____

Vote on our new bylaws

Members,

We need your vote on a new set of bylaws. Some revisions were necessary to modernize some outdated language and to make normal business easier to conduct for the board and our membership. Please review these new bylaws between now and the banquet. There will be some time set aside at the banquet for discussion of these new bylaws before the official vote takes place.

View it online here:

www.jcbikeclub.org/newbylaws

If you are unable to get online but plan on voting on these bylaws, please contact the name below and a paper version will be sent thru USPS mail for your review: Jim Coggins 816-721-6524.

Please note:

You must be present to vote. If you chose not to purchase a dinner at the banquet, but still wish to cast your vote, please see the people at the ticket booth between 6-6:30pm to get your ballot. Please bring your JCBC ID card to prove your membership, because only members can vote!

Discuss the formation of a new metro-wide bicycle club out of the JCBC and the KCBC

There will be a brief discussion of this issue at the banquet. Don't miss the chance to learn more about this important decision affecting the future of our club. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make your suggestions.

Should the Johnson County Bicycle Club and the Kansas City Bicycle Club combine resources and form a new metro-wide bicycle club?

This is the question being considered by the respective boards of directors of the JCBC and the KCBC. The two largest metro area clubs are remarkably similar in terms of their activities and orientation. Recently, this orientation has turned increasingly toward bicycle advocacy, particularly as gas prices (*which will go back up*) have spiked public interest in alternatives to automotive transportation. A Kansas City Metro Area bicycle club would have the potential to be much larger than either the KCBC or the JCBC. A larger organization, which would represent cyclists across the Kansas City metro area, would have more resources and more clout when it comes to working with local and state officials to make the roads that we all ride, safer for bicyclists.

The discussions of forming a metro-wide club out of the JCBC and the KCBC are currently preliminary and exploratory. If the two clubs move forward with this, the process would be lengthy, and the membership of both clubs would be involved in the discussion and the decision.

At this time, the boards of directors of the JCBC and the KCBC have released the following statement:

The Boards of Directors for the Kansas City Bicycle Club and the Johnson County Bicycle Club are exploring the opportunities and challenges of forming a single, metropolitan- wide bicycle organization. Until the Boards have had an opportunity to evaluate and discuss the outcomes of this exploration, there is little news to pass on. As a member of either club, please be assured that the outcome of these exploratory discussions will be communicated to all members of both clubs. Additionally extensive feedback will be sought from all members of both clubs prior to any decision to move forward or to maintain the status quo.

What is at stake is the potential disbanding of our club in the forming of a new, larger club that would represent cyclists from the entire metro area. The membership of the JCBC is encouraged to discuss the relative merits of such a move. Would this benefit Johnson County cyclists? Would this benefit cycling across the Kansas City metro area? Can one large club offer the same benefits and number and quality of events as the two smaller clubs? These are some of the questions we need to be asking.

Local Bike Shops

<u>Shop</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Acme Bicycle Company	816-221-2045
Bicycle Shack	816-761-3233
Bike America—Lee's Summit	816-524-1819
Bike America—Olathe	913-7804500
Bike America—Overland Park	913-381-5431
Bike Source	913-451-1515
Bike Stop—Blue Springs	816-224-8588
Bike Stop—Kansas City	816-353-8448
Biscari Brothers Bicycles—Liberty	816-792-8877
Biscari Brothers Bicycles—Kansas City	816-231-1331
Epic Bike and Sport	816-382-3100
Family Bicycles	816-268-1757
Harry's Bike & Pipe Shop	913-321-3161
Leawood Bicycles	816-942-4442
Midwest Cyclery	816-931-4653
Pace Bicycle Haven	816-461-7433
Peddlers Cycling and Fitness	816-254-6855
Precision Tandems	913-962-8866
River Market Cyclery	816-842-BIKE
The Wheel Cyclery	816-455-2453
Trek Bicycle Store of Kansas City	913-631-6800
Turner's Cycling & Fitness	913-381-6800
Volker Bicycles	816-756-5510
Waldo Bike Shop	816-333-6595

Check Out the Joint JCBC/KCBC Ride Calendar



Note: The ride calendar will no longer appear in the on-line version of Chain Chatter.

The interactive calendar is best viewed directly from the website. Excluding it from the newsletter will reduce file size and make room for other content. View the interactive calendar by visiting the JCBC website at www.jcbikeclub.org. Click the Ride Calendar button at the top of the page.

Or just click here <http://freecal.brownbears.com/jcbcrides>

To post your ride on the calendar, email: webmaster@jcbikeclub.org

Please note that the information listed on the calendar may change at any time.

The information on this calendar is only as accurate as the information that has been given to JCBC

Johnson County Bike Club Membership Application for 2009

Join the JCBC and support cycling - Membership good until **April 30th, 2010**

Name(s): _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City, St, ZIP: _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ E-Mail: _____

If this is a family membership, please list other members at this address.

Name(s): _____ Age: _____

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New Member Renewal Address Change Notification

I would love to volunteer once this year to assist with a ride or other activity. **Annual Membership Fees:**

Please do not publish my name in the annual club member directory. **\$20 Individual**

Please send a paper newsletter **\$25 Family**

I, the undersigned (a parent for members under 18), accept that cycling is a hazardous activity and I accept all risks associated with participation in the Johnson County Bicycle Club and its events and activities. I agree that in the event of a mishap during a ride or activity, I will not hold the JCBC, its members or officers responsible for any injury, loss or inconvenience.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make check payable to JCBC and send this form to:
JCBC, PO Box 2203, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201

Sign up is also available online at Active.com. Search for JCBC