

COMMITTEE FOR SAFE BICYCLING, INC.

Wednesday, April 14, 1971

The 36th meeting in a span of eleven years of the Committee for Safe Bicycling, Inc., was held on Wednesday, April 14, at the Sherman Union of Boston University at 6:00 p.m. Members present were P. D. White, Peter Tarter, Bert Kessel, Lou Antonellis, Ed Witte, Bill Loughton, Ben Olken, Bob Hunneman, David Wilson, Keith Kingbay, and Charlotte Mason. Dr. Josephine Murray, pediatrician from the Judge Baker Clinic, was a guest.

Dr. White opened the meeting and asked for officers' reports as follows:

1. Treasurer's Report: Charlotte Mason, who succeeded Doug Adams on December 1, 1970, reported \$274.16 in the Treasury, and raised the question of whether the Committee should continue its policy of annual dues. It was decided to discontinue annual dues, and instead to solicit and accept contributions from wealthy members of the Committee as needed.

2. Secretary's Report: Bert Kessel reported on activities in his community of Lincoln to promote bicycle riding, picnics and races on April 18 in conjunction with Patriots' Day. Each participating town has contacted other towns. Response has been enthusiastic across the state as far as Worcester. Rex Trailer of WBZ-TV agreed to provide publicity. The City of Boston has responded by declaring the week of April 19th "Bicycle Week" and will direct a bicycle safety day in the schools.

Mr. Kessel also mentioned that the Committee enjoys a continuing heavy correspondence from all over the United States, which is generally forwarded to League of American Wheelmen and the Bicycle Institute of America.

3. Nominating Committee's Report: (Tarter, Chairman, Olken, Mason) Nominated and then voted to the Board of Directors of the Committee for 1971 were: Dr. White, President; Bert Kessel, Vice-President; Bill Loughton, Ben Olken, Peter Tarter, David Wilson, Ed Witte, and Bob Hunneman. It was recommended and voted that the office of Secretary and Treasurer be consolidated, and that Charlotte Mason serve as Secretary-Treasurer.

Bob Hunneman raised the question of the future role of the Committee. Dr. White named Dave Wilson Chairman of the Goals Committee with Bert Kessel to report at the next meeting while the Committee continues at a low level of activity. It was agreed that the Committee has unfinished business in Boston with the M.D.C., and will continue its role as a catalyst in the future. Dr. White's continued presence as President of the Committee gives it national prominence.

Dave Wilson sees a need for a national organization which would frame legislation to replace pathways whenever highways are upgraded, and to provide legal help for cyclists, such as exists in England. He described recent activities at M.I.T: invention of an improved, weather-proof bicycle brake and creation of four wheel pedal cars recommended for recreational use on Long Island in Boston Harbor. He announced the

award of \$3,000 by SCOPE, an environmental protection agency, for making a film or films to advocate bicycling and public transportation. The film is to be made by WGBH and will be shown on local TV stations across the country.

Lou Antonellis reported that at last progress is being made in Boston: a labelled bikeway through the Common to Westgate has already been created and will stretch to Franklin Park when completed. Bike racks and signs are provided at reasonable intervals. He suggests the Committee keep after the M.D.C. for similar improvements along the banks of the Charles River. The Committee decided that Dr. White should contact Commissioner Sears to discuss such bikepaths with him as soon as possible.

The annual bike ride will be held on Saturday, June 26th at 10:00 a.m. and will celebrate the completed Boston Bikeway by riding from the Common to Franklin Park. The ride will be co-sponsored by the Committee and the Parks and Recreation Department. A subcommittee of Kessel, Antonellis and Mason is charged with publishing the event.

The annual fall meeting of the Committee will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sherman Union of Boston University. At that time in addition to regular business, brief reports from Boston area schools will be heard:

M.I.T: Dave Wilson

Harvard: Ben Olken

B.U: Bert Kessel

Tufts: Mason will contact someone from Tufts.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Sanford Mason