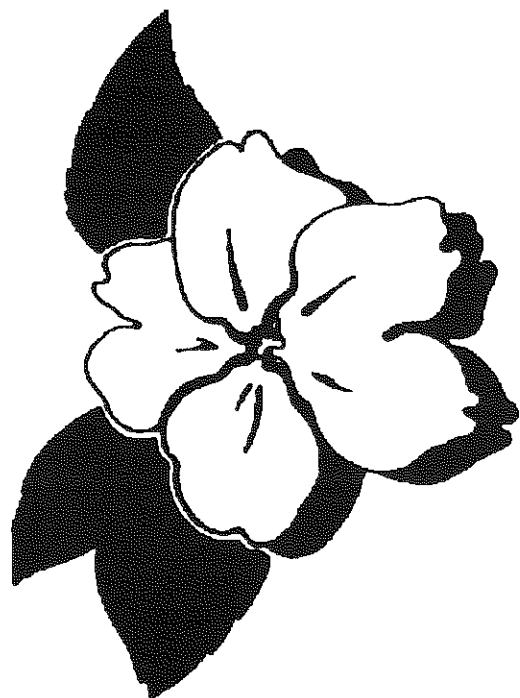


## CLUB NEWS

### Membership Renewals Requested

Because our last Pedal Press, once again, didn't have a renewal form, and since we are looking into changing the expiration to April anyway; we've extended this copy to those who've expired. No guarantees, but if you aren't current and don't renew now, this may become your last. Continue to support cycling and KBC by renewing today!



### Club FlowerFest Tour Gearing Up

As Jim Dagwell and his crew gear up for the tour in July, we could use more help on the committee to ensure that the club has a successful tour. Contact Jim at 372-0103 if you can help.

### Club Corp Olympics Bike Event Needs Volunteers

As the Corporate Olympics Bike Event gears up, Charlie Fuentes needs club volunteers to help conduct weekly training sessions that start Tuesday evening, June 22nd. Same as last year, the sessions will be held on at K-Central. Contact Charlie for details and if you would like to help out at 327-2809.

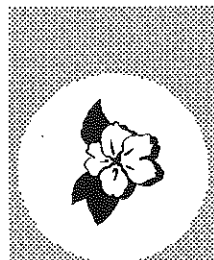
### AlSabo Trail Work Schedule Picks Up

With an anticipated reopening planned for later this year, the AlSabo advisory committee is hard at work planning and organizing trail-work sessions. As of press time sessions are held the first Saturday morning of each month. For further info contact Paul Wells at Breakaway Bikes.

### MMBA To Hold Local Meeting

As of press time Duwain Abromowski is planning a meeting in Kalamazoo to finalize mountain bike race plans and explore if the MMBA and KBC can assist in the distribution of a mountain bike education brochure to local bike shops. Currently, KBC is not a MMBA member club, a whopping \$100 annual dues is required and has not yet been addressed by the club, however, with the AlSabo

preserve conflict and other area mountain bike issues, the need appears to be there. Some area bike shops and Paul Wells have shown an interest, and KBC has shown some support so we'll keep you posted as to what could be done. The idea was once brought up at a KBC meeting and tabled for lack of support. If a club member would like to help out on this give Dave DeRight a call at 381-2678. He may not be able to attend the meeting due to his second shift work schedule.



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### **May Meeting Location Changed**

The Monthly meeting location has been changed, at least for May.

To:  
Eric Arnold's  
home at 1109  
Royce Ave., in  
Milwood.

### **Monday, May 3rd**

Bring something to eat if you like, Eric is making available his grill and charcoal.

Meeting starts at 7pm.

## **DNR Looking For Support For Proposed Trailway**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public support for another local multi-user rail-to-trail conversion similar to the Kal-Haven Trail as part of their State-wide trail network. The proposal consists of an extension of the Grand Rapids Kent Trail system to Allegan, then to Kalamazoo and Battle Creek via the Kalamazoo River valley. The section of the trail proposal locally stretches from Otsego to Battle Creek via Kalamazoo and has been named "The Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway" by a group under the auspices of the River Partners Program/ Kalamazoo Forum. This group and the DNR are seeking support from local governments for assisting in the planning and maintenance responsibilities while the DNR itself would secure the land and carry out construction. A show of citizen support is critical for the DNR to go ahead with the development of the trail and you can do that by writing a letter to: Michigan Natural Resources Commission; Mr. Lawrence DeVuyst, Chairman; Box 30028; Lansing, MI 48909.

## **DNR Asks For Input Into Allegan State Game Area Management Proposal**

User group input into the DNR's Allegan State Area Strategic Management Plan is requested by the DNR. Copies of the plan should be at local libraries. However, KBC attained a copy and Cal Lamoreaux currently has it if anyone has questions. The general feeling is that the plan falls far short in accommodating mountain bike activity in the Area. MMBA Executive Director, Dwain Abramowski, was able to make a pitch for mountain bikers at one of the public meetings, however. If you are a mountain biker who uses the trails at Allegan State Game Area and want to know what is happening give us a jingle.

## **State elementary bike safety ed. curriculum being revised**

Sketchy as of press time, but our Regional LMB rep says a much needed overhaul of the States bicycle education curriculum is in the works. Yes! Details forth coming and we'll keep you posted.

## **LMB Sponsors ISTEA Conference**

On March 27th, in Lansing, LMB sponsored an Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) conference. ISTEA is *the* bill that cyclist's nationwide have worked hard for so many years, and it's on our doorstep *now* for us to finally take advantage of on the local level. At the conference, experts were on hand to give bicycle advocates the information needed to make their communities more bicycle friendly. How bicyclists can benefit from the bill, what bicycle facility best fits each need, why sidepaths should be avoided, the Enhancement Projects application process, etcetera. Those who went, Cal Lamoreaux, from Shelbyville, for example, came back pumped! The word from LMB is they need an ISTEA rep for the Kalamazoo area, and as of right now, there isn't one. We need someone to help coordinate and identify possible enhancement projects in the area. Do you know of someone, how about you? Do you know of roadway hazards that could be improved? Make a wish list and let us know. We need to get more active as a Club and help our local officials implement bicycle enhancement projects in our area. The time has arrived, let's get jumping.

## Notes From Your President

I could start by lamenting over the loss of our co-sponsorship of the Trailblazer. But I didn't sign on to lament over spilled grapes. I signed on because I felt I could somehow help our organization get better organized. To get over the hump, so to speak, so we wouldn't have those problems in the first place.

While we have a lot of great people making wonderful contributions, we're still suffering from a lack of involvement and the organization necessary to achieve what our members, and the cycling community as a whole, seem to expect from us. Sure, we're basically only a Social Club, so let's be realistic—but, we're basically no different than any other bike club in any other city anywhere across the country. Our ultimate goals are well understood and that's to further cycling—and that's much more than just the social club many of us would be happy with.

Since bicycling is once again a mainstream activity quickly gaining in popularity, and because we're the only bicycle organization in the area; we do have a pressing responsibility to become more aware, become better skilled, and make those contributions to further cycling any way we can. For example, helping local governments overcome bicycle ignorance and assisting in the education of bicycle users are only two examples of what Club's like us are currently struggling with and are only limited by the people and money to do it—simple as that. But first it takes organization, and that's where we need to focus at least some of our attention—the sooner the better.

Right now we have too few people doing too much. Many are on the verge of, or have already burned out. Work loads in their careers or in school are heavy, making Club commitments scarce. To rectify this problem we all have to be sensitive to the needs of our current members and continue signing up new members for obvious reasons—to spread the workload.

So far, this year, we have conducted a survey of our members to get input on your cycling habits and what you want out of your Club. Results are now being compiled and we'll report the results just as soon as they're finished via these pages.

We're also taking a look at our Constitution to see what improvements can be made. Letters have been sent to other Club's requesting copies of their Bylaws and Phil Caruso informs me that they have responded. So, our committee will be going to work sometime this month. Have a look for yourself, a copy of our current Constitution is enclosed. Have any comments or suggestions? Send them to Phil at the Club PO Box. They'll report on their progress and bring each suggested change to a vote only after you've been informed also via these pages.

If your looking for a cause in which to make a personal commitment to, a place to meet great people, and a place where you can make a contribution to your community—look no further. Cycling, in itself, is a great cause. KBC is loaded with great people. And, yes, you can make a contribution. Look no further, we have a niche for you!. Get involved!

Some of us will not be able to make more of a contribution than buying a membership, or maybe going on a Club ride—that's ok, your money will be well spent. Some of us are already doing more then should be expected—we know, and we'll find you some help. But we can get better organized and make a more serious effort to accommodate the needs of our members, and then maybe more of us will be willing to make those extra commitments necessary to reach those goals spelled out in our own Constitution.

Also, there seems to be, or has been, some antagonism going on between those who race and those who don't. If your a dues paying member, our Club doesn't differentiate—and we really don't need to waste time. Just be sensitive and respect other's cycling interests.

The same goes for the somewhat obscure "joke", in reference to ride classifications in the last Pedal Press, that was misconstrued by some as fact. We currently have no ride classifications and we apologize if you were offended.

This current issue was put together by myself with the help of, past-President, Tom Kayser. We'll keep this thing going until a regular editor can be found and shouldn't have further problems sticking to delivery, hopefully monthly before meeting date. Deadline's still the 15th.

## Club Picnic/ Ride, Saturday, May 22nd.

(Weather Permitting)

Meet at West  
Lake Nature  
Preserve at 1pm  
for a ride, then a  
picnic around  
2:30 or 3.

Bring a dish to  
pass. The Club  
will provide  
sandwiches, pop  
and table-settings.

The Preserve is  
on South Shore  
Drive just off  
South Westmedge  
between Center  
Ave. and  
Osterhout.

Contact Shirley  
for info 329-  
4003.

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## 1992 KBC Income-Expense Statement

### Revenues

Membership Dues	\$2,740.00
Flowerfest Tour	863.00
YMCA Corporate Olympics	714.00
'92 Trailblazer	656.00
Bike Case Rental	19.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$4,992.00</b>

### Expenses

Newsletter	
Printing	\$1,779.98
Postage	418.00
Total Newsletter	2,197.98
Waterbottles	426.62
Administration	
Postage, Printing	271.85
Annual Report Fee	15.00
Post Office Box	49.00
Total Administration	335.85
Club Insurance	272.00
Michigan Bell	210.04
Safety Committee	205.06
Open House	140.28
Dues	
LMB	30.00
LAW	45.00
Total Dues	75.00
Christmas Party	19.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,881.83</b>
<b>Net Gain</b>	<b>\$1,110.17</b>

### **Pedal Press Ed. Resigns**

As noted in the previous Pedal Press, Marc has chosen to pass on the duties of Pedal Press editor to someone else.

### **KBC Treasurer Resigns: Another Appointed**

For personal reasons, including a desire to "just ride her bike", Nancy DeBoer has decided to pass on the duties of KBC treasurer. Without the assistance of a regular Pedal Press to notify members of any nominations, the President, effective the April meeting, resorted to the Constitutional option to appoint Laura Dagwell to serve until the November election. Laura, wife of FlowerFest tour director Jim Dagwell, is a CPA and well qualified to carry out the Treasurer's duties. Welcome aboard, Laura! As for Nancy, KBC is indebted to her for her steady leadership as a board member and as Treasurer and looks forward to her continued active involvement. As of press time, Nancy plans to lead a club ride.

## KBC Ride Calendar for May

### Mondays

*The Monday Recovery Ride*. Relieve those legs of that weekend lactic acid build up.

15-30 miles from Texas Drive Park—few hills. Led by Jim Wyrick who plans to ride at 18-20 mph. (Every Monday, including the Monthly meeting night—take your pick.)

### Tuesdays

*The Buffalo Rumble*. Leaving from Migala's, Gull Road and "G" Ave.. Led by Nancy DeBoer.

### Wednesdays

*Roberta's Ramble*. A pretty hilly 15-50 miles from Kalamazoo Central HS. The main group rides at 20-25 mph, but all are welcome.

Led by Roberta Hillman—382-1823.

### Thursdays (Starting May 13th)

You screamed, we all screamed, now it's back! *The Icecream Ride*. Cruise to "Scooters", in Scotts, for your favorite flavor. Pretty flat. Leaving from Kalamazoo Academy, 4221 E. Milham. Shirley Williams and John Mathieson (5/20) plan to lead a tourist group.

### Fridays

*The Tour de Gull Lake*. A 25 mile scenic loop around picturesque Gull Lake—a few hills.

From Billy's Bike Shop in Galesburg. Led by Marc Luoma every Friday, at a 20-25 mph pace, with Brad Cosgrove pitching in on 5/7 and 5/28 leading a 18-20 mph group.

### Saturdays (May 15th and 29th—Only)

A ride from KVCC led by Brad Cosgrove at 2pm. 12-15 mph pace.

### Sundays (May 2nd, 16th and 30th—Only)

A ride from Kalamazoo Academy of 10-20 miles at 8-10 mph. Led by Phil Caruso.

### Other Club Rides

**Mountain Bike/ Yankee Springs** (Sunday, May 16th, 2:30 pm)

Meet Shirley Williams, at Deep Lake Campground. 329-4003 for directions.

**Langley Covered Bridge Ride** (Sunday, May 23rd, 2:00 pm)

Meet at Langley Covered Bridge Park, Centerville, for a ride with friends from the Three Rivers, Sturgis, and Battle Creek Bike Clubs. Ride a 23 mile or a 40 mile loop, then join us for ice cream or sandwiches at a local "Dairy Mart". Take 131 south to the Three Rivers M-60 exit. Follow M-60 east, thru Three Rivers, about 5 miles just past the airport, which is on left, to Schweitzer Road which is on the right. Follow Schweitzer, about 2 miles, to the Bridge and Park. Bring your family, your favorite riding companion, or come as you are. Call Shirley for info—329-4003.

## May Tours

**May 8th Kal-Haven Trailblazer**  
657-3232

**May 15th, Cherry Blossom Pedal**  
Acme, Mi.  
947-2255

**May 22nd, Allegan Pride Ride**  
673-4807

**June 5th, 100 Grand, Grand Rapids**  
363-6529

## Volunteer Tandem Ride Captains Needed

Ed Kolodziej is helping the Western Michigan Blind Rehabilitation Center organize a bike riding experience for sight impaired youth, ages 15-16.

They are looking for tandem captains for Friday, May 7th, 1:30 to 3:30pm, at Morris Park, west of Echo Valley.

If you would like to help out, call Ed at 372-4129. Bring extra helmets, if you can.

## Spring Valley Race Report

An overcast sky and cool temperatures didn't prevent Team Teel and the KBC crew of volunteer's put on another heated, action packed day of racing at Spring Valley, Sunday, April 25th.

After course marshaling the first six races, Tom Kayser and I had the pleasure of witnessing a highlight in the action from the pace car, as KBC's **Marty Minka** put on a great show in the Masters 30-44 event. Marty broke free early from a field of 31 rider in the 25 mile event, and stayed away solo until midway through the race when it appeared he would be swallowed up on that short, steep hill on the back stretch. Unfortunately for the pack, at the top of the hill, Marty was able to hang on and escape with five others and this time make it stick. That group of six worked together and increased their lead on the field in preparation for the sprint finish—and what a finish! Marty led out early, too early, he said afterwards, but hung on for spirited second place finish—by inches! **Great job, Marty!** The discouraged pack rolled in several seconds later. Marty, also won a Prime during the race, and went to race in the 60 mile Senior I/II event.

### Other local rider results:

**Linda Wood**, from Battle Creek, took 2nd in the Women's Race.

**Roger Pozezniak**, of Village Cyclery—Schoolcraft, took 1st in the Citizen Men.

**Andy Burns**, in his 1st race ever, took 4th in Cat V.

**Michael Tice** took 7th in Cat V.

**Bret Austin** won a Prime in the Senior III race.

Mike Teel expressed his deepest appreciation for all who contributed to putting on another great event, particularly all the contributing sponsors, especially PHP, and all those who organized and volunteered. We're not real happy with those who committed to volunteering in the afternoon and didn't show, it made it hard on those who did, and may have contributed to a mishap on the course where some riders crashed. Because we were short handed, volunteers may not have received their free t-shirts or food, either. If you have a t-shirt coming, we'll have them at our meetings or call Mike. Thanks again everybody—we're finally going to press.

## Other Race Results

**Brett Austin** took first in the Fisk Knob Time Trial, March 21st, at Sand Lake.

At the Yankee Springs, Jan 30th, Paul Bunyan Mountain Bike Race:

**Marty Minka**—1st—Pro/Expert Class

**Bill Fisher**—8th—Sport/ 35 and over

**Bob Kennedy**—9th— ditto

**Paul Guimond**—10th—Sport/ 19-34

At Snow's Sugarbush, March 7th:

**Marty Minka**—3rd—Pro/ Expert

And, as of press time, after 3 races at the Tour of Illinois,

**Brett Austin** is in 3rd place.

*Congratulations and good luck to you all from KBC.*

### Bike For Sale

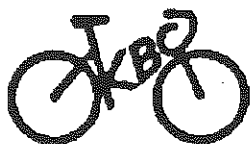
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Frameset, with  
components and  
extras.

Call John—  
344-2710.



## USCF & Mountain Bike Race Schedule

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| <p><b>5/2 Mountain Bike Race/ Yankee Springs</b><br/> <b>MMBA Trail Benefit</b><br/>           Steve Miller 694-5641/ or<br/>           Paul Wells 349-5555</p>                         | <p><b>5/23 Crystal Mtn. Challenge</b><br/> <b>MMBA Points Series</b><br/>           Brent Walk, again?</p>                               |
| <p><b>5/2 Time Trial/ Dearborn</b><br/> <b>Wolverine Sports Club</b><br/>           Chris Hughes 313/652-0511</p>   | <p><b>5/23 Criterium/ Harbor Springs</b><br/> <b>Harbor Springs Bike Club</b><br/>           Bill Praul 616/526-2594</p>                 |
| <p><b>5/6 Grattan Training Series</b><br/> <u><b>(Every Thursday for the rest of the Summer)</b></u> Grattan<br/> <b>Rapid Wheelmen</b><br/>           Diane Obermeyer 616/241-1969</p> | <p><b>5/29 Criterium/ Rockford</b><br/> <b>Team Rockford</b><br/>           Bob Croft 616/866-2226</p>                                   |
| <p><b>5/8 Road Race/ Spring Lake</b><br/> <b>Team Yogurt</b><br/>           Tin Meyer 616/846-2800</p>  | <p><b>5/30 Pando Challenge/ Rockford</b><br/> <b>MMBA Points Series</b><br/>           Brent Walk, yep.</p>                              |
| <p><b>5/9 Cool Big Lap Challenge/ Leroy</b><br/> <b>MMBA Point Series</b><br/>           Brent Walk 616/453-4245</p>  | <p><b>5/31 Garland Hammer/ Lewiston</b><br/> <b>MMBA Points Series</b><br/>           Larry Kinney 800/968-0042</p>                      |
| <p><b>5/9 Time Trial/ Cedar Springs</b><br/> <b>Team Rockford</b><br/>           Bob Toft 616/866-2226</p>  | <p><b>6/4-6 Specialized—Cactus Cup</b><br/> <b>Mansfield, Ohio</b><br/>           Kris Burchard 800/245-3462</p>                         |
| <p><b>5/15- Wolverine 200/ Belle Isle, Mi</b><br/> <b>5/16 Wolverine Sports Club</b><br/>           Chris Hughes 313/652-0511</p>   | <p><b>6/6 Criterium—District Champ/ Jackson</b><br/> <b>Rose City Velo Club</b><br/>           George Webster 517/789-6362</p>           |
| <p><b>5/15 Criterium/ Grand Rapids</b><br/> <b>Rapid Wheelmen</b><br/>           Diane Obermeyer 616/241-1969</p>   | <p><b>6/11- NORBA National Champ. Series</b><br/> <b>6/13 Bloomington, Indiana</b><br/> <b>800-800-0037</b></p>                          |
| <p><b>5/16 Addison Oaks Spring Classic/ Lake Orion</b><br/> <b>MMBA Points Series Race</b><br/>           Jim Dunleavy 313/858-0906</p>   | <p><b>6/11- USCF Senior Road Championship</b><br/> <b>6/19 Columbus, Ohio</b></p>  |
| <p><b>5/16 Time Trial—Senior Nats Qualifier?</b><br/> <b>Clinton, Mi.</b><br/>           Reg Modlin 313/675-3539</p>  | <p><b>6/19- National 24-Hour Challenge/ Grand Rapids</b><br/> <b>6/20 Rapid Wheelmen</b><br/>           Diane Obermeyer 616/241-1969</p> |
| <p><b>5/22 Road Race—District Champ/ Harbor Springs</b><br/> <b>Harbor Springs Bike Club</b><br/>           Bill Praul 616/526-2594</p>   | <p><b>6/20 Time Trial—District Champ/ Clinton, Mi.</b><br/>           Reg Modlin 313/675-3539</p>  |



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Database.....Phil Caruso.....381-0135  
Newsletter.....Open  
Ride Line.....Ann Johnson.....327-7767  
Ride Captain.....Brad Cosgrove.....349-7367  
Flowerfest Tour Director  
.....Jim Dagwell.....372-0103

### KBC Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family ☐ \$17.00

Individual ☐ \$15.00

Youth, 17 or Under & Seniors 60+ ☐ \$13.00

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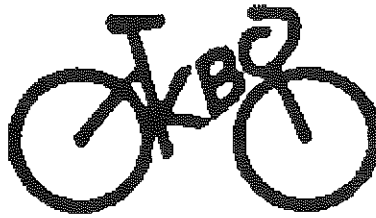
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## KALAMAZOO BICYCLE CLUB ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION

(adopted at the June 1991 Meeting, amended at the November 1992 Meeting)

### Name and Goals

- Name:** The name of the organization is the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club.
- Goals:** The Kalamazoo Bicycle Club is a non-profit organization whose goals are to:
- Promote bicycle safety through education and publicity.
  - Encourage and facilitate bicycle touring, racing, and recreational riding.
  - Defend and protect the rights of cyclists.
  - Encourage the allocation and development of facilities for cycling on public lands and roadways.
  - Advocate recognition of the bicycle as a vehicle for pleasure, health, and economical and environmentally sound transportation.

### Membership

- Eligibility:** Anyone who shares the goals of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club is eligible for membership. A member in goodstanding is one who has file an application for membership with an appropriate officer of the Club and has remitted the current annual dues. Membership ends on December 31 of each year. Memberships purchased after September 1 are valid until December 31 of the following year.
- Dues:** The dues will be set yearly by the President, subject to the approval of the membership.
- Discipline:** A member may be expelled from the Club for up to one year by the executive board for any of the following:
- Disregard for safety during a Club activity.
  - Misuse of Club funds or property.
  - Harassment of Club members or participants in Club activities.

## Officers and Executive Board:

*The following Officers will be elected by those in attendance at the annual meeting or by absentee ballot received at the Club Post Office box before the annual meeting date.*

### Elected Officers:

- President:** The President presides at all meetings and is responsible for the overall conduct of the business of the Club. The President appoints committees to plan and execute Club activities. The President authorizes spending of Club funds.
- Vice President:** The Vice President assumes the duties of the President when the President is absent. The Vice President is responsible for arranging for the Club meeting sites and meeting programs.
- Treasurer:** The Treasurer maintains the Club treasury, making deposits and disbursements at the direction of the President and Vice President.
- Secretary:** The Secretary keeps minutes of the Club meetings and the correspondence of the Club.

*The above officers constitute the executive board of the Club. A majority of the executive board may act on official Club business.*

### Appointed Officers:

- Newsletter Editor:** Responsible for publishing the Club newsletter which includes the monthly meeting minutes, meeting notices, monthly ride schedule, and any other items of general interest to Club members.
- Ride Committee Chair:** Responsible for scheduling weekly Club rides throughout the year.
- Safety Committee Chair:** Responsible for promoting bicyclesafety in the West Michigan area.
- Membership Database Administrator:** The Database Administrator will keep up to date records of the Club roster and supplies this information to the Newsletter Editor on request.

*If an officer is unable to complete his or her term of office, the officer will be replaced by Presidential appointment or election at the next Club meeting.*

- Elections:** Elections of the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club Officers are held each year at the annual (November) meeting. Nominations and elections are held on the following schedule:

**October meeting:** Nominations from those in attendance.

**November Newsletter:** Announcement of nominees.

**November meeting:** Election of officers.

- Amendments:** Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any member of the Club and may be incorporated into this Constitution if approved by a simple majority of the members at a regular meeting.