

PORTLAND WHEELMEN TOURING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Joan Cullen, Rec. Secretary

Attendance: Attendance was estimated at 38 members.

President Patricia McManus called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church.

First time attendees: Newer member Bob Hillhouse was welcomed.

Program: Pat McManus shared slides of her cycling trip last fall along the Rails to Trails Great Allegheny Passage and through the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historic Park. Lasting 6 days, Pat and husband Richard Miselis covered 285 miles of the route from Pittsburg to Washington D.C. Check out the PWTC Library for two books regarding the canal path.

President Pat McManus called the Business portion of the meeting to order at 7:57 pm.

A MOTION to approve the December Club Minutes as posted was made by member Dave McQuery and seconded by Dick Weber. The motion passed by a majority vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corey Eng reported, that despite the Wells Fargo system being down today, he was able to retrieve the following report: The combined cash accounts held approximately \$57,898.20; taking into account outstanding checks, the operating account has approximately \$53,289.17; the savings account holds \$4,273.43; and, the Pioneer checking account holds \$335.60. The Quick Book accounting shows a balance of \$48,364.98 reflecting outstanding checks still waiting to be processed. As typical for this time of year, we are spending more than we are bringing in. The Banquet, being our largest expense for this time period, had 128 attendees, compared to 134 in January 2018. It was a great banquet, everyone had a good time and well worth the cost! The books are open, the bills are paid, and the Club is solvent at this time. See Corey for a more detailed breakdown of income/expenses by category or events.

OFFICER REPORTS

Member-at-Large Eric Hendricks gave an update on STP. He has taken over the City of Portland permitting process from Alison Nelson. The City has raised the fee considerably (to about \$1,000) for use of Holladay Park. Reservations are now being taken for Friday trucks and buses. Costs are \$75 for rider and bike and an additional \$36 for overnight parking at the Double Tree. Initial estimate is to fill 4 buses and 5 trucks. Corey, Volunteer Coordinator, reported the volunteer sign up board was available and SignUpGenius was being released today. If you signed up at the Banquet, he has already entered you into the system to hold your spot.

Member-at-Large Joel Loh reported he has been in touch with a bike shop owner in Longview who is willing to share route maps of the area. Joel feels these have potential, at some point, to offer on the ride schedule.

Road Captain #2 Rob Schroeder reported the February ride calendar has 60 rides listed so far (a few more rides than listed in 2018) filling the calendar with a ride everyday of the month. He thanked all the ride leaders who have stepped forward to lead rides. March rides are now needed and members should begin to look for some of the weekly series to again start up. The sign in sheet for riding to the Club Meeting was on the table, and mileage will also be given if you ride to the Board Meetings. Some multi-day rides or tours are already on the calendar:

- May 14-15, Second Chance to Dust off the Touring Equipment, led by Benn Schonman. (April's First Chance Tour out to Oxbow Park was cancelled.)
- May 24-27, the Jim O'Horo Memorial Columbia Gorge Explorer, led by Dave McQuery. Sign up is required for this ride.
- July 19-21, the Tumalo Camping Weekend, led by Bud Rice.
- August 25-30, Idaho Tour, led by Bud Rice. Sign up is required for this ride.

Road Captain #1 Darin Swanson announced a Ride Leader Workshop was in the planning stages for late March/early April. A member of the audience thanked the Road Committee for organizing these training sessions.

Membership Secretary Cindy Bernert-Coppola reported there were 437 memberships and a total of 591 members. This was up 42 memberships/52 riders from 2018. There have been 11 new members since the first of the year. Currently, the new family membership fee is not activated so family member renewals continue to be free. She reported on contact with the Club's Historian, Patty Mooney (now 89 years old), and the need for the stored Club memorabilia to be relocated from Patty's house as she prepares to move into a smaller living space. Cindy will be following up with Patty.

Recording Secretary Joan Cullen reminded everyone to check the website for the minutes of Club and Board Meetings.

V-President Ashley Reynolds reported there are more pictures being posted on the Club's Instagram page. The Reach the Beach count down has begun. Community Cycling Center now has an ebay store site offering for sale some of their more unique items.

President Pat McManus, as part of her report, clarified the difference between PWTC's FaceBook account (public access), the PWTC FB Group (restricted access requiring an invitation from the site's moderators to join), and Instagram (public access, monitored by Ashley). Members can submit FB posts to any of the moderators (Cindy Bernert-Coppola, Kathleen Hellem, Ann Morrow, Ashley Reynolds, or Arden Shelton). Instagram posts should be sent to Ashley. Ashley indicated she would do a QR article explaining uses and differences of the three media platforms.

Additional announcements by Pat:

- Selection of the non-PWTC event rides for mileage credit will take place at the February Board Meeting. Rides to be considered can be sent to Pat and should include a ride leader and event date. These events require participants to register with the host organization, pay required fees to participate, and the event date should not conflict with a PWTC event. The complete guidelines are posted on the website under the 'Rides' tab.
- PWTC liability and D&O insurance from LAB had been paid. The premium cost is approximately \$3,500/year. The coverage is secondary to a claimant's primary insurance coverage. An additional \$116 was added for having mountain bike rides on our schedule. The continued practice to offer mountain bike rides on our calendar was encouraged in spite of the extra cost.
- Milan Kavanaugh had undergone shoulder surgery in the past week following her recent cycling accident. She would greatly appreciate words of encouragement and well wishes as she recovers.
- LAB's Bike Summit will take place in March. Pat is planning on attending their 1-day workshop focusing on recruitment of new members to the club and how other clubs are dealing with similar declines in participation.
- Board Meetings are now listed on the ride calendar. The meeting agenda will be added a couple days before the actual meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bike Safety Committee: Because of bad weather, riders should check the calendar for cancellations. Ride Leaders have been asked to post cancellations at least 2 hours before the ride start. The most expedient way to cancel a ride is for the Ride Leader to sign in and cancel his/her own ride post. Rob or Darin can also be asked to post the cancellation, but there may be a delay depending on how quickly they look at their emails.

Web Committee (Cindy Bernert-Coppola, Alan Coppola and Mark Hartel): Cindy encouraged members to sign in and use the member benefits of our website. Alan commented that the next version of the website is progressing. The team plans to meet with the web developer soon. The project is a bit behind and there will probably be a couple days where the site will be down as they prepare to go live. The loading of family members will go slowly as these have to be manually added.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

2019 Charitable Donations: Joan Cullen reported disbursements to the selected non-profits had been issued and mailed out in January. (Refer to the December Board Minutes for organizations and donation amounts.) The commemorative paver to be placed at Gresham's City Park is still in the process. The paver will have the imprint of a bicycle and read 'Portland Wheelmen.'

Motion to Amend the Club's Name: The following motion was made by Eric Hendricks and seconded by Chip Kyle:

Pursuant to Article Eleven of our constitution and bylaws, I move that Article One of the constitution and bylaws be amended to read as follows "The name of this organization shall be the Portland Bicycling Club, hereinafter referred to as 'The Club.' Official colors shall be red, white and blue."

As outlined in Article Eleven, a notice of the motion will appear in the March and April newsletters and a vote on the amendment will take place at the April Club Meeting. The vote will be taken by written ballot and members in good standing must be present to vote. Time was given to answer questions from the audience; several suggestions were made as to the mechanics to handle distribution of ballots; and whether or not time would be allotted for debate/member statements prior to the vote. It was strongly advised this be the only topic on the agenda in April and there not be a program for that night. Further discussion was tabled, however, the discussion would continue at both March and April Meetings.

Pioneer Century 2020: Pat announced Brian Hammer has been asked to chair an exploratory committee (8-10 members) focusing on the future of the Pioneer. The committee has been asked to report back to the Board at the February or March meeting. Current questions to explore cover:

- Should the event remain as it is? Would a partnership with Axiom to help with production costs and volunteers be good for both the event and the Club?
- If it remains under PWTC, can the budget be streamlined and the number of volunteers required be decreased?
- Could another event for members only be used as a substitute?
- What other creative ideas do members have?

NEW BUSINESS

Reach the Beach (RtB): Ann Morrow reported the RtB Training Series, organized by Dick Weber, would offer the first ride in the series on February 16. The schedule has RtB designated rides on Saturdays and Ann is asking Ride Leaders with Sunday rides to also add this designation to their rides to offer more training opportunities for the RtB participants. RtB's website does prominently list PWTC on their training rides page. The event is offering a new route section from Beaverton to Sheridan. Ann promoted putting together a PWTC Team to raise money for the American Lung Assoc. and participate

in the event. Club representatives plan to attend Bike Gallery's presentation at their Sellwood location on February 28. Kathy Diddly from RtB will be our guest speaker at March's Club Meeting.

OPEN FLOOR

Jim O'Horo Columbia Gorge Explorer: Dave McQuery reported the ride had 27 participants signed up. Cost-wise, the event has already reached the breakeven point.

Worst Day of the Year Ride Rescheduled: Dave McQuery announced the ride had been rescheduled to February 24 due to this weekend's forecast for snow.

Gorge Ride, June 16: Dick Weber announced the ride still had a few openings for volunteers. If you can help, contact either Dick or Jeannette Kloos of FHCRH.

Gorge Pedal Ride, July 20: Guest Jerry Zalotta announced a new ride, benefiting Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway, would travel from Cascade Locks to Women's Forum (43 miles) and a Family Ride from Cascade Locks to Bonneville (11 miles). Information stations are planned along the way to showcase the area and cycling. The ride is limited. Organizers are also looking for volunteers to help with support services.

Monthly Raffle Drawing:

- Darin Swanson won the \$25 bike shop gift card.

President Pat McManus adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.