

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes
September 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Pat McManus.

Board Members Present: President, Pat McManus; Vice President, Ashley Reynolds; Recording Secretary, Ann Morrow; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Road Captain Robert Schroeder; Members at Large; Dave McQuery, Joel Loh, Steve Price and Mark Landers (appointee).

Approximately 40 members and guests including Phil Brown and Cheryl Spear visiting from Spain. 3 individuals identified themselves as new or as attending their first club meeting.

Program

Member Maria Sworske shared highlights of her cycling trip in South Africa.

General Meeting

Pat called for Board Member Reports

Treasurer's Report

- Corey Eng pronounced the bills paid and the club solvent. He reported that there was \$58,189.85 available and that the books were always open. Cascade Bicycle Club's payment for Seattle to Portland in the amount of approximately \$21,000 net proceeds had not yet been received.

Board Member Reports

- Road Captain Rob Schroeder announced that both July and August had about 100 rides each. September had 85 at that point. He had ride sign in sheets for ride leaders and would take names for those needing stamped envelopes to send them to the statistician. He will have them at the next meeting as well.
- Members at Large: Appointee Mark Landers did not have much new. Steve Price stated he would share later under "Safety Committee." Joel Loh described a spill he took in mid-August in Skamania County and that he had learned it was the scene of several spills and crashes.
- Membership Secretary: Cindy Bernert-Coppola was not present but her written report indicated 469 active members and 93 family memberships with a total of 194 family members.

- Recording Secretary: Ann Morrow pointed out boxes of Cliff Bars that could be sampled and taken by members. They had been obtained at the August Sunday Parkways. She also held up a lovely silver serving spatula left over from the August picnic and it was claimed by Alan Coppola.
- Vice President: Ashley Reynolds encouraged those present to register for the September 14 Ron Householder event. She said there would be 2 different routes, a 23 mile flatish ride and a 30 mile hillier ride. Riders would need to remove their cleated bike shoes before going into the Cornelius Pass Roadhouse McMenamins. \$3,500 had been given to PBC from Ron's estate for "something fun" for the members. Attendance was limited to 100. Members were encouraged to bring photos and stories.
- President: Pat McManus shared that she had been on Bud's Idaho trip and had seen 2 moose and lots of other wildlife.

Committee Reports

- Safety Committee: Steve Price strongly suggested that riders signal their stops as they usually tend to run the stop signs so should be sure and indicate they are planning a stop. Ride leaders should notify the Safety Committee of any accidents occurring on their rides. The Safety Committee will complete the paperwork. He also advised not to pass a person who is stopped at a stop sign. The club's Gap Medical Insurance will help pay for the ambulance and out of pocket expenses up to \$10,000. There is a \$500 deductible.

Steve deferred to Ann Morrow to report on her concerns: Some riders are not pulling to the right or riding to the right creating a dangerous situation. What should be done? Consensus was to speak to them personally if they aren't responding to "car back" or consistently riding out in the lane. Riders should travel 2 abreast at most or one bike length apart without overlapping wheels. When "car back" is called out riders should leave space for the "outside" riders to move right into the line.

PBC does not have a "clear" policy. That is, at an intersection riders should not call out "clear" at an intersection because it's the responsibility of each rider to determine if it is safe to cross a street.

If there is a mishap on a ride, the ride leader should reach out to those involved and/or injured.

New Business

Pat introduced Mark Landers as the appointed replacement for Member-at-Large Stacy Barbadillo. Pat nominated Mark for the open position and Barry Emmerling seconded her motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Floor

Joan Cullen reminded members that the December club meeting would include the opportunity to make donations to the Snow Cap charity organization. She reported that they really need empty egg cartons and empty paper bags.

Benn Schonman announced that the upcoming annual banquet was in need of a master of ceremonies. Elyse Berkovitch had volunteered to be the new coordinator and Khaliyah Williams-Rodriguez was assisting. They are both shadowing Benn for the 2019 event and will take over for the 2020 banquet.

Eric Hendricks was introduced as the chair of the nominating committee for upcoming elections in December.

Barry Emmerling asked about more ride leader meetings or workshops. Rob Schoreder said he will put out feelers. If there is interest they will put on another. Members were encouraged to e-mail Rob their opinions or ideas.

Patrick Cecil asked about the former Pioneer Century and Pat McManus shared that Alan Coppola had presented the board with a possible replacement - a "Bike and Brew" style ride to be held in late September. Additional research into the logistics will take place. A second committee will need to form to take the process further. If there is no interest in forming the committee then the event won't happen.

Mark Hartel asked if the club's monthly meetings were going to continue in the new format – same day, with the board meeting at 5 and club meeting at 7? Pat responded that the consensus was for this new schedule.

Cheryl Spear shared their experience on at a tandem event in Germany at which members of the group tag teamed each other at every corner to make a human form of Dan Henrys to mark the course.

The raffle was held including a couple for T-shirts. Cheryl Speer won the main drawing for a gift card.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.