

# PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes  
October 3, 2019

Respectfully submitted by  
Ann Morrow  
Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pat McManus.

Board Members Present: President, Pat McManus; Vice President, Ashley Reynolds; Recording Secretary, Ann Morrow; Membership Secretary, Cindy Bernert-Coppola; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Road Captain, Robert Schroeder; Members-at-Large, Dave McQuery and Joel Loh (but left early).

Approximately 35 members were present.

## Program

City of Portland's Officer Dave Sanders from the Bike Theft Task Force discussed bike theft and prevention and allowed those present to personally experience the ease of cutting through a cable lock. He also raffled off 2 U-Locks and a hat.

## General Meeting

Pat asked for a motion to approve the September club meeting minutes. Arden Shelden so moved with James Buchanan seconding. The minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Corey Eng pronounced the bills paid and the club solvent. He reported that there was \$52,314.56 available - \$47,704.68 in the operating account and approximately \$4,500 in miscellaneous accounts. Cascade Bicycle Club's payment for Seattle to Portland in the amount of approximately \$22,000 had not yet been received. Corey projected that income into the account and noted it would create a \$9,000 profit for 2019 compared to a loss of \$143 for 2019. Corey reiterated that the books are always open.

## **Board Member Reports**

- Road Captain Rob Schroeder shared that he had ride sign in sheets and envelopes stamped and addressed to the statistician for members to take. October was still a little low on rides with 2 Sundays having no rides. There was 1 Halloween Ride and others were welcome. He suggested there may be a ride leader workshop in January on what would be club meeting night. As there is no club meeting in January, it might be a good time for a workshop. He asked members to recommend topics.

Dick Adkins noted that there was no PBC logo on the new ride sheets. Rob said that was simply an oversight and he will add it.

- **Members at Large:** Dave McQuery informed the club that he was looking for a new starting point for the Jim O'Horo Memorial Columbia Gorge Explorer. The current start location, Larson's Bakery in Vancouver, WA, results in traveling on SR14 with bad aggressive drivers. He would also implement a different start time.
- **Membership Secretary:** Cindy Bernert-Coppola announced there were 478 active members with 96 family memberships and a total of 200 family members. She shared a story of a couple from Portland, Maine joining Portland Bicycling Club and she had contacted them, thinking they joining the Portland, Oregon club in error. No, they may be moving to Portland Oregon and wanted to join our club!
- **Recording Secretary:** Ann Morrow had nothing to report.
- **Vice President:** Ashley Reynolds thanked the members for attending the Ron Householder Memorial Rides in September. It had been a good event blessed by good weather.
- **President:** Pat McManus announced that she would be starting a new ride series, Slow Motion Thursdays, to take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. Pete and Elaine Schmidt will be leading the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday rides. She will be repeating the Heritage Tree Ride now to show off trees in their fall color glory. Pat will also be leading a Halloween Ride on Halloween since she will be gone the weekend before.

Pat shared that Benn Schonman had made a new Club sign for the outside of the church for meeting nights.

The 7 club members who had ridden the Classic Cycle Oregon were congratulated: Jeff Marshall, Steve Abeling, Jeff Kash, Michael Paric, Alan Levy, Stephen Burkhart and Jeff Anderson.

Finally, Pat thanked Ashley Reynolds and Scotty Poindexter for organizing the Householder Memorial event and to Ashley for submitting a report for the QR.

### **Committee Reports**

**Safety Committee:** Dave McQuery encouraged members to read the article, Riding in Groups; A Guide to Safe Bike Riding, published in the October newsletter and available on the web site. Dave assured the members there were some good tips.

**Urban Bike Festival:** Alan Coppola advised members that event planning for 2020 was on to the next step: an event to be held approximately September 26/27; mileage to be 15 to 30 miles with at least 2 routes; a bike ride and breweries and a festival at the finish. New volunteers are needed for this implementation phase with plans to begin execution [not of the volunteers but of the plan] in January or February. He asked for volunteers to reach out to be included. Eric

Hendricks and Alan had graciously volunteered to appraise possible breweries and their products.

Election Committee: Eric Hendricks is leading the committee and most current board members are willing to stay on for another year. Vice President Ashley Reynolds will be retiring from the Board [Eric hadn't heard yet from Steve Price].

Jersey Committee: Arden Shelton reported that she is working with Sheila [Grillo] and Peter Goodkin on a design. She also asked for a show of hands about club vests and who might like one. James Buchanan, on this subject of club attire, shared that Eileen Holtzman's "bridge" jersey always draws favorable comments and perhaps the design could be recommissioned. Arden said that if there is not much response the deadline for submission of a new design may be postponed. Currently she is working with Primal but there is a company that will generate a jersey on demand which costs more but eliminates creating a big club order or having the club pay for various sizes for purchase.

#### Old/Continuing Business

Changing hats, Arden noted that the upcoming annual banquet was not publicized in the October Quick Releases. There will be an e-mail blast regarding nominations for awards, tickets for the event, etc. It will all be available on the club's web site.

Ann Morrow, representing NW Bicycle Safety Council, shared the essence of her report previously given at the board meeting. NWBSC is looking to dissolve their organization and is looking for a similar organization to take on their activities and assets. An overview was given and she asked for anyone interested to contact her.

#### **Open Floor**

Dick Weber shared that a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge is in the works to cross the Willamette between Milwaukie and Lake Oswego. The project is currently holding advisory meetings.

Pat advised that November's club meeting would include pizza purchased by the club. December will be a pot luck of holiday goodies, a gear swap and donations for SnowCap Community Charities. Joan Cullen added that they are in need of coats, money, egg cartons, paper grocery bags and socks.

Pat continued that club board elections would take place in December. Also, the board is looking for submissions of names of non-profit organizations for PBC charitable contributions.

The raffle was held with Ann Morrow winning a gift card.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.