

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes
November 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:08 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, Joel Loh and Mark Lander.

Approximately 45 members were present. Pizza had been purchased for those attending by the club from Atlas Pizza. It was proclaimed to be good!

Program

Kevin Schmidt, PT, MSPT, CMP of Pedal PT shared insights into pain suffered while riding and possible causes and solutions. Proper bike fit is most often the key.

General Meeting

Pat explained that the October club minutes were not available on the web site due to a snafu.

Treasurer's Report

- Corey Eng reported that there was \$69,794 available and \$335.60 in the Pioneer Century account and \$4,274 in the business savings account. The current Balance Sheet showed \$74,104.17 in total assets, up \$12,395.42 over 2018. Corey welcomed questions about more details and pronounced bills paid and club solvent. He was asked about the net profit of STP and replied that the event netted PBC \$17,716 and the Friday bus earned \$6,901 for a total of \$24,616.

Board Member Reports

- Road Captain Rob Schroeder had created a ride sign-in sheet for those traveling to the meeting by bicycle. There were 61 rides thus far for November but Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays were light. Those submitting rides belatedly were asked to try to plug those holes in the schedule. Rides had, as is typical, dropped off for the winter and start times shifted. Some seasoned ride leaders were quitting and new ones should be recruited. Bad weather can create hazards and it's up to each ride leader to determine if they want to cancel. Rob said a 2 hour minimum notice to cancel is appropriate. Ride leaders can accomplish this themselves by logging in. Rob also shared that there will be Ride Leader Training on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. There is no club meeting as the banquet is later in the month.

Arden Shelton announced that she was having a Christmas light ride on December 22. There will be a ride and then a party.

Corey asked if everyone was aware that Thanksgiving is November 28 – the usual rides are on the schedule.

Pat McManus clarified the issue of ride cancelations noting that if ride leaders feel the conditions are too dangerous for them, the ride leader, to ride, it should be canceled! There was discussion about ride leaders showing up, signing riders in but then not participating in the ride. Pat stated she was not in favor of that practice. Other comments included the fact that on a non-group ride the ride leader may not be with the riders anyway. Pat maintained it was not good policy and suggested it was a good topic for the January workshop. Additionally, the ride sign-in sheet should go with the ride leader, out on the ride as it has, or should have, emergency contact numbers on it. It should not be left in the car.

- Members at Large: Joel Loh added encouragement to be careful on the bike path going under I-5. Traveling from light into shadow or relative darkness makes it hard to see hazards in the path. Slow down.

- Membership Secretary: Cindy Bernert-Coppola announced there were 474 active members with 96 family memberships and a total of 200 family members. Numbers are holding steady from month to month.

Cindy also noted that the San Juan Islands Ride, August 16-20, 2020, will have many staying at Lake Dale Resort. No group site is reserved; members should make reservations for their own accommodations SOON. Also, please share e-mail information with Cindy so information can be shared.

- Recording Secretary: Ann Morrow had nothing to report.

- Vice President: Ashley Reynolds reminded members about the Showers Pass Warehouse Sale coming up and observed that air quality had been poor of late so to be safe about that as well.

- President: Pat McManus informed members that if they logged in to the web site to read the Quick Releases they could also add comments to her Top Talk. In fact, she wants comments to allow for interaction between members on various topics.

She thanked Lynn Thompson for editing the Quick Releases and doing such a terrific job. Lynn had a recent hip surgery and still got the newsletter out.

Pat also thanked Joel Loh and Steve Price, part of the Safety Committee, for their recent tire pressure article in the QR. That article had received the highest number of hits in the November issue.

The “Slow Motion Thursday” ride is on for the 3rd Thursday, not Thanksgiving Thursday.

Tickets for the annual club banquet, coming up in January, can now be purchased. Nominations for awards should be submitted to Arden Shelton. Arden added that nominations should include WHY the nomination is being made, which CATEGORY it should compete in and also WHO the nominee is.

Pat shared that Chip Kyle will be the new PBC statistician replacing George Ammerman.

Pat concluded her report showing new style club “license plates” for cyclists. They are aluminum, 2x4 or 3x6 and \$10 each. Minimum order for that price is 20.

Committee Reports

Web Committee: Cindy stated that if members have problems on the club web site they should use the “contact us” link to inform Cindy and/or Alan. Also, there is a “donate” button for people to use.

Urban Bike Festival: Alan Coppola shared an update starting with the selected name: 2020 Portland Bicycling Club Bike and Brew Urban Festival. Committee members have chosen the Hair of the Dog Brewery at SE Water and Yamhill (near River City Bikes). They will make a “signature beer” for the event. Routes will be 15-20 miles and 30-40 miles. The event is not distance or hills but a festival – beer and brat[wurst], a ride with buddies and for the urban rider. The Festival aspect will include music. The current date is September 26, 2020 although that is fluid. It will be capped at 400 riders.

Election Committee: Pat spoke on behalf of the committee which consists of Chip Kyle, Alan Mevis and Eric Hendricks. The current slate is as follows:

President, Pat McManus

Vice President, Doug Meyer

Recording Secretary, Ann Morrow

Membership Secretary, Cindy Bernert-Coppola

Treasurer, Corey Eng

Road Captain, Darin Swanson

Members-at Large, Michael Heffernan and Joel Loh

Member-at-Large Dave McQuery had recently tendered his resignation and a candidate will be needed for that slot as well.

Jersey Committee: Arden Shelton announced that she needed more design submissions to proceed and she was still working on it. She surveyed the attendees about their preferences for convenience over cost – order on line individually and pay more or have the club order various sizes and pay less. The consensus was the members were comfortable with around \$75 but certainly not more than \$100.

Old/Continuing Business

Ann Morrow, representing NW Bicycle Safety Council, announced that she had rescinded her offer of the assets of NWBSC to the club due to a less than tepid and certainly not passionate interest in the transaction. Pat pronounced that the venture may be tried again; neither organization was closing the door.

Pat reminded members that they should submit their candidates for charitable contributions which are to be determined at the December board meeting. They should be cycling associated non-profits. Who and why can be shared with any board member.

Pat and Joan Cullen tag teamed on the announcement that the December club meeting will include elections of the 2020 Board; bring a dish to share; bring a contribution for Snow Cap such as canned foods, new socks, empty egg cartons and paper bags.

Open Floor

There was a quick sharing of information regarding flat tires caused by tiny little wires which are from steel belted radial tires. The wires are hard to find and then hard to remove!

The raffle was held and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.