

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes

December 5, 2019

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:37 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, Steve Price, Joel Loh and Mark Lander.

Approximately 61 individuals were present with 4 attending their first club meeting. The meeting had been preceded by a pot luck, gear swap and donations to Snow Cap.

John Neller of Auburn Washington was given a few minutes to share details of his upcoming Eugene/Willamette Valley ride in 2020. His intent was to invite members of all bicycle clubs up and down the Pacific Coast with the hope of getting representatives from most. This will be a 4 day ride, with a sag vehicle, from Portland to Salem to Albany and to Eugene and then a train ride back. The ride will probably take place in mid-June. Additional details are in the December Quick Releases.

General Meeting

Chip Kyle moved for the minutes of both the October and November club meetings be approved. Marci Ray seconded the motion and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Corey Eng reported that there was almost \$71,000 in the club's account. A quick breakdown showed a profit of \$6,001.92 compared to a loss of \$1,241 in 2018. Corey assured members he was happy to share more details if they were wanted.

Board Member Reports

- Road Captain Rob Schroeder reported that December rides were looking good with a couple of holiday related rides also on the schedule: December 8 Holiday Express Ride, the December 25 Christmas Morning Coffee Quest and December 22 North Portland Christmas Lights Ride. He also notified ride leaders that statistician George Ammerman's mailing address had changed. Also, there would be a Ride Leader workshop on January 9 and finally that there had been chatter about the Troutdale Bridge over the Sandy River being closed but that it would be open to pedestrians and cyclists.

- Members-at-Large: Joel Loh shared information about the Tilikum Crossing and a new multi-use section now open to use to go North from the bridge, on the west side.

Steve Price, Safety Committee Member, reported that there had been no accidents in November. He also encouraged members to donate to PBC and to use the button on the web site to do so. Donations are tax deductible and more generous donations can be made through estate planning.

- Membership Secretary: Cindy Bernert-Coppola announced there were 470 active members with 96 family memberships and a total of 198 family members. This represented the lowest number of new members in a month during 2019 and she encouraged those present to take business cards and brochures to help spread the word about the club.

- Recording Secretary: Ann Morrow read the charitable donation results:

Community Cycling Center	\$2,000
Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway	\$2,000
Bike Index	\$ 500
League of American Bicyclists	\$ 500
Bikes for Humanity	\$ 500
Street Trust	\$ 500
Bike Farm	\$ 500
Bike Clark County	\$ 500
Faithful Savior Lutheran Church	\$1,000
Kiwanis of the Columbia Gorge, Troutdale/ Corbett	\$ 100
Bike Portland	\$ 100
Adventure Cycling	<u>\$ 200</u>
Total Charitable Donations	\$8,400

Pat McManus added that the new club event had been factored into the decisions. She also noted that the monies allotted would be disbursed in the first quarter of 2020 unless some catastrophic event occurred that would make said disbursements a bad idea.

- President: Pat McManus presented an end of year report sharing an overview of some of the many activities in 2019: change in the membership data base, updated website, increased information available on the website, including club policies that have been formalized into a document, the calendar's usefulness was expanded to include location at a glance and the ability to download into a personal calendar, change in the club's name, change in QR editor along with format, the first year without a Pioneer Century, but a full ride calendar with a highly diverse range of ride types, a committed group of ride leaders, a stable and increasing reserve fund, a presence at 3 Sunday Parkways, a "Portland Wheelmen" commemorative stone at Gresham Main City Park, a fully developed social media presence, a huge turnout of volunteers for the STP and also for the Gorge ride.

She followed with a brief overview of her history with Portland Bicycling Club sharing her love of cycling and her concerns for safety. She projected 2020 would see a special club event, the

PBC's Bike n Brew next September 26th, and participation in Sunday Parkways. The club has established an education fund for scholarships to training programs and bike leadership conferences. Discussions are already taking place with Cascade bicycle club about the STP. And PBC will continue to offer a wide range of bicycle rides, designed to appeal to all types of riders. The annual banquet in January and picnic in August are being planned.

Pat concluded her comments with an advisory about articles for the Quick Releases: Editor Lynn Thompson is an editor and should not be expected to write articles for members.

Eric Hendricks noted that STP will be July 18 and 19, one week later than the norm.

Committee Reports

Web Committee: Cindy had no report.

Bike & Brew: Alan Coppola shared an update confirming that PBC was pairing with Hair of the Dog Brewery at SE Water and Yamhill (near River City Bikes) and Community Cycling Center. Currently a committee of 9 people is working on the event. A "short" route of about 20-25 miles is planned as well as a 30-40 mile "long" route. CCC will be the recipient of 10% of the gross. There will be a launch/save the date announcement in the near future. The date of the Bike & Brew will be September 26. Cindy Bernert-Coppola is the Volunteer Coordinator. The brewery will develop a special beer for the event and there will be a contest to name it.

- Vice President: Ashley Reynolds joked that she had written the December Top Talk column and asked members to go easy on her in the comments section. She thanked members for the privilege of serving the club for the last 2 years.

Election Committee: Eric Hendricks, speaking for the nomination committee (Chip Kyle, Alan Mevis and Eric) announced the slate of board member contenders:

President, Pat McManus

Vice President, Doug Meyer

Treasurer, Corey Eng

Membership Secretary, Cindy Bernert-Coppola

Recording Secretary, Ann Morrow

Road Captain #1, Darin Swanson (who was not present but had accepted the nomination)

Members-at Large, Michael Heffernan Stephen Bache and Alan Mevis

The floor was open to add nominees. Hearing none Eric Hendricks moved to accept the slate as announced and Dick Adkins seconded the motion. The slate was approved unanimously.

Open Floor

Joan Cullen thanked the attendees for their donations to Snow Cap in the form of egg cartons, money and articles of clothing.

Bud Rice reminded members he and Arden Shelton were looking for nominations for awards. Arden added that those nominations should be sent to her. Also, Arden reminded those present of her Christmas light ride on December 22.

Pat asked members to send 2019 cycling photos to Elyse Berkovitch for the banquet.

Robert, representing the Mid-Valley Bicycle Club in Corvallis, advised that they will be putting on the Valley Covered Bridge Ride on August 9 with distances from 30 to 100 miles.

Pat reminded members that at the February board meeting 2020 non-club rides that will earn club mileage will be determined. They must have a ride leader and someone must recommend that the specific ride be included. Members can share requests with any board member.

Pat brought up the new club licenses plates that can be purchased on the web site in the store. A combined order of 20 earns the minimum price.

Two raffles were held (one as a reward for no accidents in November) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.