

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes
February 6, 2020

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Pat McManus.

Board Members Present: President, Pat McManus; Vice President, Doug Myers; Recording Secretary, Ann Morrow; Membership Secretary, Cindy Bernert-Coppola; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Road Captain, Robert Schroeder; Members-at-Large, Alan Mevis and Mike Heffernan.

Approximately 35 individuals were present.

Roger Geller, Bicycle Coordinator for PBOT, shared some history, plans and answered multiple questions from members regarding bike infrastructure in Portland.

General Meeting

Arden Shelton moved for the minutes of the December club meeting be approved. An unknown voice seconded the motion and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Corey Eng reported that according to the Wells Fargo statement there was \$60,126.95 in the club's account; available balance was \$55,516.63. Outstanding checks showed a Quick Books balance of \$49,511.54. The banquet was almost paid for. There had been 112 attending, 20 fewer than the previous year.

Board Member Reports

- Road Captain Rob Schroeder reported that there were 60 rides on tap for February, at least one every day. As always, he could use more ride on some days! March would bring some rides that have been on hiatus back into the regular schedule. Reach the Beach Training Rides were showing up and he encouraged more members to lead rides. He acknowledged that the Tuesday Morning Double Challenge had not been on the ride calendar that morning and he was not sure why but he would get it back on.

- Members-at-Large: Mike Heffernan reported that there had been no crashes reported for January. "Keep it that way," he admonished. He shared that he had been on a Vancouver Bicycle Club ride and the leader had been vocal about everything – cars, holes, etc. Mike felt the vocalization made it safer. Also, with larger rides have a helper in the back to also call out hazards. Pat noted that she had encouraged Ride Leadership in her February Top Talk.

- Membership Secretary: Cindy Bernert-Coppola announced there were 467 active members, down 12 from January.
- Vice President: Doug Myers assured the members that there was no vice in the club.
- Recording Secretary: Ann Morrow had a laundry list of items: Anna V. was moving back to the area if anyone could share a room until she gets settled; American Lung had sent out an e-mail to Reach the Beach participants with a good write up about the training series; her March Cycology Today show needed a guest or guests that use trainers at home.
- President: Pat McManus shared that QR Editor Lynn Thompson was now going by the last name of Blanchard and contacts should be updated. Her February Top Talk had focused on the need for more ride leaders and she encouraged current ride leaders to consider creating some fun rides for something different.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee: Alan Mevis referred to his article in the February Quick Releases which addressed the new Idaho Stop law. He encouraged members to read it and use the link to the Cycology Today show in which two attorneys discuss the law. He expressed concern that people would coast through intersections but in fact there is now more responsibility on the cyclists. "If you want to coast through you are NOT protected no matter what you do," he said. Treat a stop sign or blinking red light as a yield. Yield to cross SAFELY. You can get ticketed if you ignore cross traffic or oncoming traffic. He shared that he had been chagrined to follow a ride leader who did not stop causing drivers to slam on their brakes. Such action would have gotten him a ticket. Cyclists are still responsible. Considerate drivers who stop in the road for cyclists to cross can cause accidents or near misses. Doug suggested using body language to let them know you aren't going to cross. Alan suggested that if club members are disobeying the law let them ride alone. Also, Washington state does not have the Idaho Stop law yet. Pat suggested that groups of riders "pulse" through stop signs to allow cars to have turns going through intersections rather than all 15 or 20 riders taking advantage of them. We are ambassadors in the community.

Web Committee: Cindy reported that members must log in to view the membership directory. Send her a note through the contact information if there are problems.

Pedals & Pints Portland Festival: Alan Coppola reported that the planning was proceeding and that there would soon be a website. Routes and a logo were getting resolved. Next month, Community Cycling Center will present the club program. They are the major recipient for the event with 10% of the gross to be shared with them.

New Business

Pat reported on the board's decision regarding Non-Club Events that will earn club miles. There were 7 selected thus far. Events and ride leaders are: Monster Cookie, Ann Morrow; Reach the Beach, Dick Weber; Gorge Ride, Dick Weber; Petal Pedal, Chip Kyle; Ride Around Clark County,

Stacy Barbadillo; Cycle Oregon, Eric Hendricks and Harvest Century, Kathleen Hellem. Other such events will be considered by the board if they are submitted.

Pat discussed her desire to reactivate the position of Outreach or Community Liaison. She mentioned this in her January Top Talk. She envisions someone to keep in touch with different cycling organizations such as the Street Trust, Community Cycling Center, etc. to ascertain their needs including those for volunteers. She pointed out that it would be a compliance matter as a 501(c)(3). The appointee can make the position what they want it to be.

Also on Pat's agenda was the upcoming 50th anniversary of Portland Bicycling Club in 2021. She is looking for a publicist who can recruit others, solicit ideas, make decisions on "swag and reach out to the community.

Finally, the club picnic will be August 2, the first Sunday of August, at Columbia Park. There will be club rides in conjunction with the event.

Open Floor

Bud Rice announced that he still had room availability on his multi-day ride in northern Idaho. As he has previously warned, this may be the last time this ride is offered. There is a link at the bottom of the QR article regarding the Idaho Tour.

Cindy Bernert-Coppola mentioned that she had a new ride on the calendar – it would be rescheduled for February 29th if rain cancels.

Kathleen Hellem, reporting for Lynn Blanchard, shared that there is a PBC Reach the Beach team and Lynn will help team members navigate to set up a page to solicit donations. There are 6 team members thus far. There is also a link for this in the February Quick Releases.

Two raffles were held (one as a reward for no accidents in January) and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.