

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes
September 3, 2020

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
Recording Secretary

Note: No club meetings were held between March and September 2020 due to Covid-19. This meeting was held remotely, via Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pat McManus. She allowed an additional 5 minutes for members to enter the Zoom meeting.

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

Approximately 32 individuals attended.

General Meeting

Pat announced that she just wanted to hear from members.

Board Member Reports

- Treasurer Corey Eng advised that members could simply go to the club web site and log in to view the financials. He reported \$52,271.05 available. The club had no liabilities but is showing losses due to having no money making events during the year. He shared that membership dues paid totaled \$5,885 down \$1,750 from 2019.

Expenses for the storage unit and the CPA for taxes had been paid.

Sarah Hill asked Corey's opinion of the club's future. He replied that there was enough cash to last a couple of years.

- Membership Secretary: Cindy Bernert-Coppola announced there were 359 active members, up 9 from the week before but down 116 from March 5. In April she had provided free memberships for those in need and 15 members took advantage of that offer. 143 memberships had been allowed to expire, twice the norm. Cindy noted that reminders are sent out and if someone misses the deadline but renews reasonably soon they get their old member number back.

Benefits of membership were discussed. Gary Lippert shared that he had renewed online and it worked great.

- Recording Secretary Ann Morrow gave a Reach the Beach Training report. The ride had been moved from May to October 11. The actual event is not taking place due to Covid-19 but American Lung Association has implemented a MY RIDE variation. PBC is back to sharing training rides on line so prospective riders can train. PBC is also sharing ideas for MY RIDE routes. Dick Weber is leading rides on Saturday mornings that use the current advised training ride.

Corey shared that he had ridden an official Reach the Beach route to Pacific City using Ride with GPS. He recommended that people supplement the GPS directions with a paper cue sheet to ensure accuracy.

- President Pat McManus shared that she just wanted to see everyone. She told the group that the board had been active via e-mail discussing the possibility of restarting official club rides. The most recent discussion ended with the majority voting against restarting rides. She assured that the status could change when the state moves to the next stage in the reopening guidelines. Mark Hartel had developed an on line signup sheet that is ready to be deployed. During Covid-19 it is felt that sign-in for rides should be paperless to avoid crowding and sharing a pen. Pat thanked Mark profusely.

Pat explained that the signup sheet waiver would now include language acknowledging the risk of contracting communicable or infectious diseases. The League of American Bicyclists is being consulted. Technology and its use for sign-in sheets was discussed. It was noted that with all the technology a member could sign up on line and enter mileage for any solo rides they might undertake. John Joy stated that solo rides are NOT [emphasis John Joy's]club riding and he could never ever support that. He concluded that it was beyond discussion. Pat added there would be no liability insurance for those either.

Open Floor

Arden Shelton exclaimed that she had paid club dues for the first time in 12 years! As an active volunteer she had benefited from free membership.

Corey Eng opened a discussion about current riding habits. No one confessed to having ridden with cycling partners who had contracted the virus. Corey had noticed that there were still fast pace lines and riders not 6 feet apart. He said cycling is relatively safe and some wear masks but it can be hard to breathe. Sarah Hill commented that the Tour de France will be a good test.

Cindy asked the question to ride leaders whether or not they would be willing to resume leading rides when the club starts riding again. Comments were made about the fact that some avid leaders are enjoying the current ride status which they find less rigid and more "ad hoc." Would they return to the previous protocol? The rigidity is seen in posting rides well in advance thereby filling a monthly ride calendar. Arden recalled belonging to a tandem club and not being in the "cool kids" group and not getting notifications of rides. It fell apart. [The implied

comparison was the current e-mail notifications of ad hoc rides and an organized, filled calendar for all to see.]

Pat noted that there had been board discussion about making the PBC e-mail notifications more inclusive but it had petered out so no one was working on it at present. She also shared that some members are posting photos and comments of their rides, group or otherwise, on the PBC Facebook page and those same people should then be open to other members reaching out to them about sharing in their riding. Facebook is public and by posting those photos, members open themselves up to that.

The PBC Reach the Beach team had added a seventh member. Appreciation was voiced for Lynn Blanchard, editor of the QR, for helping us remember why we are still here as a club.

Pat adjourned the meeting at 8:02 stating that another meeting by Zoom may be attempted again.