

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

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Recording Secretary

The PBC Club Meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by President Doug Meyers.

Board members present via ZOOM remotely: President, Doug Myers; Vice President, Ann Morrow Treasurer, Corey Eng; Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hellem; Membership Secretary, Cindy Bernert-Coppola; Road Captain(s), Robert Schroeder and Stephen Burkhart; Members at Large, Alan Mevis, Mike Heffernan, and Don Zook.

Not present; Member at Large, Stephen Bache.

Approximately 34 individuals attended remotely via ZOOM.

Doug Myers started the meeting off by mentioning to the members that the December 5, 2020 club meeting minutes are available and available on the club website. Cindy Bernert-Coppola moved to approve the December 5, 2020 club meeting minutes and Alan Mevis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

General Meeting

Board Member Reports

Treasurer: Corey Eng reminded members that members can view the financial reports online. He reported reserves at December 31, 2020 of \$51,598, down 26% from 2019's \$70,219. For 2020, net income was a loss of \$18,629 versus a gain of \$5,142 in 2019. This difference of \$23,771 is attributable to the lack of STP related profits, which amounted to \$23,059 in 2019. Corey stated the club is solvent and bills have been paid.

Membership Secretary: Cindy Bernert-Coppola reported 362 active members up 26 members from December 3, 2020. Family statistics as of January 7, 2020: 107 family memberships with a total of 213 family members. We are up four families and up seven members with 21 new or reinstated members since December 3, 2020. Cindy advised the board that this is a great sign looking forward to increased membership for 2021, and likely to pick up more momentum after March hopefully.

Portland Bicycling Club 2020 Campaign Report: Cindy Bernert-Coppola stated we have a total of membership/renewals for a total of \$1275.00, 17 total donations in the amount of \$700.00. During the campaign period, December 15-31, there were 43 transactions for \$10/transaction or \$430.00 from our anonymous donor, for a grand total of \$2405.00. Cindy extended thanks to Stephen Price for heading up the campaign initiative for our club. In addition, Corey Eng reported that the \$2,405 funds raised from the 2020 campaign are included in both 2020 and 2021 due to the nature of cash basis accounting.

President Doug Myers covered several items:

- We suspended all club-rides in the spring of 2020. We are now looking to 'resume' club rides in accordance with Oregon state current mandates. Currently, outdoor active activities are limited to 50 people using the current social distance guidelines.
- Club members were asked what their thoughts were regarding resuming club rides?
- If we do resume club rides, members need to keep proper distance. It's on the members to wear masks, no spitting, no blowing snot rockets, and keeping proper distance.
- Doug stated that Eugene Bike Club and Salem Bike Club have resumed regular rides and mentioned some of their current practices during the current pandemic.

Doug said he wants membership feedback from as many members as possible and opened the floor via ZOOM remotely to gather members feedback in order to move forward with the initiative to resume club rides. The majority of PBC members present replied that we should resume with club rides with the following comments:

- It's problematic with 15 plus cyclist on any given ride
- Okay with smaller groups and signing up for rides in the best way they can. Some members struggle with digital technology
- Electronic sign-up via the club website

- Ride leaders to set boundaries for capacity and staggered starts as needed
- Non-group rides
- Break apart into smaller groups at the start of the ride
- Add more rides to the calendar
- Adding more scheduled rides online for members to earn club mileage credit will eliminate the burden on ride leaders
- Some ride leaders are not comfortable leading rides yet
- Please add the most frequent rides to the schedule
- Keeping one's ride to a small bubble for example, current existing safe groups
- Track club mileage on STRAVA
- 15 cyclist or less in one group
- Split groups with staggered starts
- Have a cap of how many can roll out on any given ride
- Whoever shows up - stagger the ride accordingly to meet ride leaders desired limit of cyclist
- Agree to different coffee shops
- Bring extra maps in the event of a larger turnout to effectively stagger starting times
- Ride description need to include that if more than 10 cyclist show up, that the ride will split
- Vaccination should be a requirement to ride
- Ride leader(s) set the parameters
- Non-group independent rides
- Move away from the concept of group riding for now
- Most are ready to get riding again, but are also concerned about the new strain
- Before we decide to start rides up we need to find out which ride leaders will lead
- Many members already have an email list and not interested in expanding the list to include others just yet
- Mask-up
- Follow Cascade Bike Club and Salem Bicycle Clubs current Covid-19 protocol(s)
- Makes sense to hold off on group riding

Doug Myers thanked members and stated we really need this feedback from members. Now is the time to start up rides in a smaller group capacity, said Doug. This will help to mitigate the

spread of the virus. Doug added that he is not comfortable cycling with too many people. However, given the diverse feedback from the PBC members present, we will move forward by slowly adding rides back to the calendar. Doug advised members that it will be a slow process. Road Captain Rob Schroeder said he will reach out to the ride-leaders via email to determine who is willing to lead.

Cindy Bernert-Coppola stated we are in need of a volunteer to scan old club media. Corey Eng has a flash-drive to turn over to Cindy. Dave McQuary said that no reservations have been made for Columbia Gorge Explorer by PBC or Vancouver Bicycle Club and it's likely this event will not happen in 2021.

Ann Morrow reported that Reach The Beach is scheduled for May 15. She is waiting to hear back if they are going to need ride leaders for the RTB Training Series held by PBC. They are offering virtual rides, no fee if one is doing their own ride, said Pat McManus.

Doug Myers stated that we want to provide what all members want, please be patient. We are still in the beginning stages of rebuilding the ride calendar and what that will look like. Please check the ride calendar for updates going forward.

Doug thanked the members and adjourned at 8:09 p.m.