

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

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Recording Secretary

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; Members at Large Alan Mevis, Mike Heffernan, Stephen Bache, Don Zook.

Not present: Road Captain (1), Rob Schroeder; Road Captain (2), vacant chair.

Approximately 42 individuals attended remotely via ZOOM.

GENERAL MEETING

President Doug Myers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes from February 4

Alan Mevis made a motion to approve the PBC Club Meeting Minutes from the revised January 7 and February 4 club meeting minutes. **Mike Heffernan** seconded the motion. PBC club meetings minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Please note, the above is the best recollection, as there were intermittent down times via ZOOM, for the recording secretary. If you have contradicting information, please contact the recording secretary, Kathleen Hellem asap for modifications.*

Board Member Reports

1) Treasurer

Corey Eng reported the bills are paid and the club is solvent. Total assets at February 2021 month end were \$48,776 compared to February 2020 month end of \$50,649, a decrease of \$1,873. Income for the two months of 2021 was a loss of \$2,813 compared to a loss of \$19,750 for the same period in 2020. The major causes of the smaller loss in 2021 versus 2020 were that donations were \$500 in 2020 versus \$8,300 in 2021 and awards banquet expenses were \$700 in 2021 versus \$9,000 in 2020. He reminded members they can log on to the club's webpage Financial Reports folder to view all the numbers quoted at the meeting.

Chip Kyle asked Corey if he knew what the "burn rate" of the club was? Corey estimated that the club could continue on its present path without income from special events like a club "century" or hosting STP finish line for several years, providing the club controls its discretionary spending.

2) Membership Secretary

Cindy Bernert-Coppola stated the following: 369 active members, down 4 from February 4, 2021. Family member statistics as of March 4, 2021: 110 family memberships with a total of 214 family members. Up two family members, and up two members with a total of six new or reinstated members since February 4, 2021:

- Nora Cheng (Feb 19) - reinstated
- Kenneth Larsen (Feb 17) - reinstated
- **Mark Detrick (Feb 17) - new**
- John Nicola (Feb 13) - reinstated
- **Michael Green (Feb 11) - new**
- **Ming Koh (Feb 6) - new**

3) Road Captain

No reports.

Seattle to Portland - STP 2021

Doug Myers reported to all PBC members in attendance that Seattle to Portland STP 2021 has officially been canceled.

Faithful Savior Lutheran Church

Doug Myers stated the annual donation in the amount of \$500 was made to FSLC. He reminded members that we used to have use of the parking lot and facilities. In the past, PBC has been able to annually donate \$1000 annually, however given the loss of club revenue due

to zero events in 2020, and less usage of the facility and no bathroom access, this is the amount the board unanimously agreed to donate to the FSLC.

Old Business

Doug Myers reported we are up to five club rides, members only, per week now.

Ann Morrow stated Reach the Beach (RTB) is offering virtual training rides and the maps have been added to our website. Ann reminded members that PBC assists American Lung Association/RTB with their annual organized bicycle fundraiser event to fight lung cancer by offering training rides. providing PBC-RTB training rides. Ann encouraged members to take a look at the ride options each week on the PBC website under Events, Reach the Beach.

New Business

LAB 2021 National Bike Summit

Doug Myers reported that he, along with **Ann Morrow** and **Corey Eng**, attended the 2021 National Bike Summit virtually. Doug shared his findings from the LAB 2021 National Bike Summit re: growing your rides. The speaker at the summit asserted that there have been no known cases of transmission of Covid-19 from outdoor bicycling. This may assist ride leaders in feeling more comfortable leading rides. Doug said that the Cascade Bike Club has created 'easier rides' for their club members. However, the ride-leader program that Cascade hosts has much stricter rules than we do. For example, no more than six members at any given ride. **Ann Morrow** pointed out that even at a "club slow pace" most of PBC's rides are a minimum of 20 miles in distance. She asserts that *is not* a great starting point for many beginning cyclists. She reported that her takeaways from the National Bike Summit were that we "bridge the gap" by doing the following steps:

- No-drop, 10-mile-and-under group rides.
- Building relationships with the local bicycle shops by reaching out and providing a venue for their customers to support newer cyclists and returning cyclists trying to build up their cycling skill set again. For example, the local bicycling shop could advocate PBC to their customers to learn best cycling practices and to join a group ride in which they will not be dropped.
- Placing on the PBC ride calendar a super-easy ride, biweekly, to focus on these under-10-mile routes to promote ridership with our club.

Ann concluded that she is soliciting help from PBC ride leaders with this initiative. A few people stepped up to assist the initiative. Ann said she has taken names and will reach out to get this action plan in motion.

Corey Eng, who also attended the LAB 2021 National Bike Summit, said that he learned there were no documented cases of covid transmission 20 feet apart or side-by-side cycling. He went on to say that hopefully by fall most of us will be vaccinated and reminded everyone things will then get a lot better. He also encouraged members to become a PBC ride leader. Corey stated he will start leading group rides once he has his vaccinations. Lastly, Corey added that if one wants to follow the politics of current bicycling protocols and advocate for change, please follow the National League of America Bicycling and let your voice be heard.

Doug Myers spoke to 'mask etiquette,' by adding that it is important to wear a mask. No question. He stated another takeaway from the National Bike Summit was that objects such as pens and pencils are not responsible for transmitting the virus. He assured that as a precaution, nevertheless, we as a club, will not be signing in manually. These were some of many interesting takeaways he learned from what is deemed reliable sources. Lastly, if members are interested in gathering more details about the findings from the last 'LAB 2021 National Bike Summit,' don't hesitate to reach out to **Doug Myers**, **Ann Morrow** and **Corey Eng**, for more information. In addition, Corey added, there is a PowerPoint available too.

Ride with GPS

PBC Member Chin Ming presented the club with some tips to ride with GPS. Ming presented an overview of Ride with GPS and fielded questions from members. PBC does have an account which members can use. They should contact **Corey Eng** for assistance. It was recommended that the conversation could continue on the PBC Group Facebook page. Also, the PBC map library has some maps with links to Ride with GPS.

Open Forum

PBC member **Scott Ticknor** stated he has a friend who wishes to ride with PBC but is unable to join rides as his friend isn't a member. **Doug Myers** advised Scott to have his friend reach out to the membership secretary, **Cindy Bernert-Coppola**, for further instruction on becoming a member of PBC.

Cindy Bernert-Coppola extended a huge “THANK YOU” to the members of PBC who volunteered and created a Google Drive of PBC archives organized by years. PBC’s *next* step is to look for a member-volunteer to create a slideshow for the upcoming “PBC 50th Anniversary” gathering from the content already scanned. Please contact Cindy at webmaster@portlandbicyclingclub.com.

Bicycle Donation to PBC

Doug Myers stated that the club has received a bicycle donation and deferred to **Cindy Bernert-Coppola** to report the details of the bicycle donation to the board in order to explore how we will best proceed. Cindy stated we have received a donation of a 54cm Lynskey (titanium frame), SRAM Red components, carbon forks, new 700x25 Continental tires from donor Gerald Curtis, who wished to donate the bicycle to the club, in order to raise funds for the club. Cindy said she is not sure what the worth of the road-bicycle is exactly, but we can figure that out. Cindy said a club member might wish to buy it or we could sell it on eBay or something.

Lynn Blanchard stated that ***‘PBC monthly ‘Quick Releases’ has a ‘RECYCLE PAGE’ that is a great place to list the bicycle donations and all related bicycle gear.***

Portland Wheelmen Touring Club - Current Bicycle Racks

William Boyce asked the board about the current bicycle racks located in various counties, and asked if the club is going to change the name on all of the bicycle racks to ‘Portland Bicycling Club’? **Doug Myers** responded with, “It’s the same club, different name.” We are still PWTC *dba* PBC. Doug then concluded that we are not looking to change bicycle racks.

Cindy Bernert-Coppola encouraged members to look at the PBC website. The club is planning a multi-day trip to the *San Juan Islands in mid-August.*

Scott Poindexter mentioned the ‘Columbia Century’ organized bicycle ride taking place on June 12, 2021. In addition, Scott added the cost is currently \$45, until *April 1st.* After April 1st, the cost increases to \$55. Scott offered to be the official *PBC ride leader for this club-approved mileage event.*

Action needed: *Scotty to submit the route, date, and description to the road captain.*

Ann Morrow wanted members to know that the 'Strawberry Century' organized bicycle ride is also being conducted on the same day, June 12, as the 'Columbia Century' organized bicycle ride.

Action needed: *A PBC Ride-Leader to step up and offer to be the 'Ride-Leader' for members to earn PBC club mileage.*

President **Doug Myers** thanked PBC members for all their contributions and adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.