

## **PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB**

### Club Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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; Member(s) at Large, Alan Mevis, Mike Heffernan, and Don Zook.

*Not present;* Member(s) at Large Stephen Bache; Road Captain(s), Rob Schroeder; and Road Captain (2), vacant chair.

Approximately **41** individuals attended remotely via ZOOM.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**President Doug Myers** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### **Approval of Club Meeting Minutes**

**Ann Morrow** motioned to approve the PBC Club-Meeting-Minutes from the March 4th club meeting. **Chip Kyle** seconded the motion. PBC club meetings minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

#### **Board Member Reports**

##### **1) Treasurer**

Club Treasurer **Corey Eng** stated that all bills are currently paid and the club is solvent.

He stated that the quoted figures are available for viewing after logging in as a club member and going to the Financial Reports file shown on the drop down menu.

Total club assets at March 31, 2021 is \$49,690 down \$3,504 from March 31, 2020 \$53,194.

Net loss for the 3 months ending March 2021 was \$1,899 compared to a loss of \$17,025

for the first 3 months of 2020. This \$15,125 decrease in the losses in 2021 primarily due to the reduction in award banquet spending of \$8,300 and \$7,800 less in donations given. Membership dues income has increased 18% for the first quarter of 2021 versus Q1 2020.

## **2) Membership Secretary Report**

**Cindy Bernert-Coppola** stated the membership statistics as of April 1, 2021

375 active members, up 7 from March 4, 2021

Family member statistics as of April 1, 2021:

110 family memberships with a total of 216 family members (up 2 family members)

8 New (or reinstated) members since March 4, 2021:

Lisa Benaron (Apr 1) - reinstated

Bob Vistica (Mar 29)

Natasha Muro (Mar 28)

JJ Blodgett (Mar 23)

Kim Gilmer (Mar 23)

Dan Larkins (Mar 14)

Abhay Ambadkar (Mar 10)

Brian Carroll (Mar 8)

Gerilynn McNicholas (Mar 7)

## **3) Road Captain**

No reports.

## **4) Board Member Reports**

**Doug Myers** mentioned some new non-club organized bicycle rides we may look to participate in to earn 'PBC Club-Approved Mileage' are scheduled to take place this year. *Please contact a board member if any members would be willing to step up and be the ride leader.*

- Reach The Beach
- Gorge Ride
- Portland Century
- Harvest Century

## NEW BUSINESS

### June 2021 PBC Club Elections

**Doug Myers** reminded all PBC members in attendance that our '**PBC**' *mid-year June 2021 elections* are coming up. The (one-year-term) starts **July 2021** through **June 2022**. Doug encouraged members to please feel free to step up and volunteer should any 'PBC' members be interested in doing so. Volunteering is fun and a way to make great contributions to your club.

The *open-chairs* include **(Two)'Member(s) @ Large'** that are currently held by **Don Zook** and **Alan Mevis**. We also are down **(One)'Road Captain'** - currently vacant. Don and Alan - current 'PBC' M@L, have both kindly agreed to stay another year, if no 'PBC' members want to run for the two open M@L chairs. Please contact the board if any members would be interested.

### 'PBC' to open up Club Rides to Non-Members?

**Doug Myers** advised the membership that prior to the club meeting tonight, we had a (three-to-three) tied vote at our board meeting re: *Opening up PBC Rides to Non-Members*. No decision was made at this time, and therefore we will remain in a "members only" club-ride status for now.

### 'Ride with GPS' - PBC Manager

**Corey Eng**, announced to the club that going forward he will fill the role of PBC-GPS Manager. Corey asked that all members feel free to reach out to him if they have any questions or need some help with Ride with GPS. Brian Hammer is no longer fulfilling this role.

## OLD BUSINESS

### 2022 PBC Annual Awards Banquet

**Corey Eng** reminded 'PBC' members that the January 2022 Awards Banquet that is generally held at the Monarch Hotel, has been canceled. The replacement venue is currently to- be-determined (TBD). **Doug Myers** said currently we are in search of a member to join the banquet committee to work with **Khaliyah Williams-Rodriguez**. **Arden Sheldon** advised 'PBC' membership that both herself and **Bud Rice**, are still advising and assisting as needed. **Doug** added that we're looking to hold our annual awards banquet in 2021 late summer, however he added that it would be a little difficult to run a slide-show outside, but he assured all 'PBC'

members that we're working on something to celebrate 'PBC' Annual Awards Banquet 2022. **Doug** asked all 'PBC' members, "How important is it to them to receive awards such as mileage plaques, coffee mugs, socks, and 500 mile-pins?" The general consensus is that the majority of the membership present much prefer to get awards. Based on the overwhelming response, we will continue with annual-club-awards, said **Doug**.

**Action needed: Please reach out to the board or Khaliyah directly, if any members would be interested in joining the 'banquet committee.'**

## OPEN FORUM

### **Club Statistician**

**Chip Kyle** stated club mileage is starting to accumulate and it's great to see the number of rides populating on the ride calendar. Chip asked that Ride Leaders continue to submit their members club miles in a timely fashion.

### **PBC Member**

**Pat McManus** asked **Ann Morrow** about the "Bridge the Gap" beginner ride route efforts that Ann has recently been working on in an effort to assist cyclists who are not ready to ride more than 10 miles. Ann replied that because of the current "Members Only" ride-status, not a lot has been done as it's difficult to promote these rides to the general public to obtain new members. Pat offered to assist Ann by putting some eight to 10 miles rides out in Gresham to assist with the "Bridge the Gap" effort once things open up more. Ann added that she is currently getting ready to place "Meet Back in the Saddle" rides on the calendar and will modify the pace to accommodate members. **Doug Myers** asked Ann if she'd like to allow for non-members to join her rides? Ann replied, yes. Doug added that as long as ride leaders are obtaining contact information, we are headed in that direction. Ann stated she has no problem purchasing a box of cheap pens that members/non-members can keep after they sign in. Member **Jay Barnett** asked if the board consider purchasing PBC 50th anniversary pens? **Corey Eng** replied it's okay to consider purchasing pen swag. In addition, Corey reminded members that each 'non-member' is allowed one free ride to be covered by PBC insurance. Also, members can download the sign-in sheet and bring it to the ride. Corey stated current science suggests that

the virus transmission rate is low with regard to objects. For example, pens, paper, and door handles. Corey added the most important items to obtain from cyclist is;

- Contact tracing information
- Emergency contact information

### **PBC Web-Master**

**Cindy Bernert-Coppola** said we'd possibly consider implementing a '*non-member-form*' to the 'PBC' website. **Doug** replied that this is a great option to consider, and reminded all 'PBC' members and PBC ride-leaders, that we all have different levels of safety threshold and most importantly, we need to recognize and work in an inclusive manner with ride leaders, members, and non-members. **Corey** reminded all 'PBC' members that current mandates are ever changing and protocols are continually being updated on the website. However, "PBC' Ride-Leaders are in control of the ride, and ultimately will make the final call depending on their threshold.

### **Ride Calendar Flexibility**

**Ride Leader - Corey Eng** asked for feedback from 'PBC' members about general ride-calendar-flexibility? Covid has changed a lot. Corey stated that it may be best to allow for more flexibility. For example, being able to edit start times based on temperatures etc... **Ann Morrow** replied that it is a good idea and worthy of exploring and said we can certainly look to determine how that might best work for all of our members. However, it's very important to order to show consistency for members who for example, prefer to plan in advance, one-to-two weeks ahead, this 'flexible approach' could certainly prove to be problematic. In addition, especially for the younger demographic with an already very complex-schedule, who are not yet retired, planning is often times is very precise and highly intentional. In addition, the 'PBC' ride-calendar is sure to populate more with more stringent boundaries and consistency. **Lynn Thompson** added that, "These decisions about ride-calendar-flexibility should not be discussed or agreed on without having the 'PBC Road Captain' present." *Translated by: Kathleen Hellem on behalf of Lynn Thompson, who was experiencing audio difficulty.* It was the general consensus of the majority of 'PBC' members to continue exploring flexibility options and what that might possibly look like going forward, and make changes worthwhile to the growth of PBC.

President **Doug Myers** thanked PBC members for all of their contributions and adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m