

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted by

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Recording Secretary

Board members present via ZOOM remotely: Board members: President, Doug Myers; Vice President, Ann Morrow; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hellem; Members at Large, Alan Mevis, Stephen Bache and Mike Heffernan.

Not present; Member(s) at Large, Don Zook; Road Captain Road Captain 2, vacant chair, and Membership Secretary, vacant chair.

Approximately 38 individuals attended remotely via ZOOM.

GENERAL MEETING

President Doug Myers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2021

Doug Myers asked if members had a chance to review the April PBC meeting minutes and if so, can we get an approval? All PBC members in attendance at the ZOOM meeting on April 1, unanimously approved the April 1 PBC Club-Meeting minutes.

Action possibly needed: We may need to revisit the April 1st PBC- Club Meeting Minutes and have a 'PBC member' motion to approve the PBC- Club-Meeting-Minutes held on April 1st, and receive a seconded motion from a member, followed by, April 1 PBC Club-Meeting minutes were unanimously approved by all. This is in accordance with RRO. Robert's Rules of Order.

Board Member Reports

1) Treasurer

Corey Eng reported the bills are paid and the club is solvent and the results quoted can be found posted on the PBC website's Financial Results menu file. He reported Total assets as of April 30, 2012 of \$50,231 a decrease of \$3,582 compared to the April 30, 2020 balance of \$53,813. Total income through April 30, 2021 was a loss of \$1,359 compared to the same 4 months ended 2020 of \$16,406 loss, or a decrease of \$15,047. Once again the main reason for

This improvement was the \$7,800 decrease in donations and the decrease of \$8,300 in awards banquet expenses.

Corey advised all members present, via ZOOM online, that It was decided that 'Mutual funds' would be preferable to 'ETF' (ExchangeTraded Funds) when choosing a stock index fund because it can potentially require less periodic management of them. The preferred investment firm recommended was Vanguard, known for its low costs and familiarity to some board members. Vanguard mutual funds minimum investment is \$3,000. Corey will provide the board with some recommendations before the next board meeting.

2) Membership Secretary

Doug Myers reported on behalf of PBC 'member' and 'web-master', **Cindy Bernert-Coppola** who reported we have 387 active members, up 12 from April 1, 2021.

Family member statistics as of May 6, 2021: 110 family memberships with a total of 220 family members (up 1 family membership; up 4 family members) 13 New (or reinstated) members since April 1, 2021:

- Richard Woo (May 4)
- Bonnie Losick (May 4) - reinstated
- Barbara Dallas (Apr 26)
- Tim Dallas (Apr 26)
- Cheryl Conrad (Apr 26)
- Sherri Austin (Apr 25)
- Tom Peterson (Apr 22) - reinstated
- Yang-Chun (Jeff) Cheng (Apr 22)

- Craig Roberts (Apr 20)
- Carol Smith (Apr 12)
- Bill Smith (Apr 12)
- Leah Ziegler (Apr 8)
- Jason Bryson (Apr 8)

3) Road Captain

No reports.

New Business

4.) Portland Bicycling Club - Live Presentation - Online Sign-Up Ride Registration Steps

'PBC' WebMaster **Alan Coppola**, provided a live *screen-share via ZOOM* to all 'PBC' members in attendance at tonight's club meeting. Easy steps to start using **Auto-Online-Sign-In** for members/non members to **sign-in prior to the scheduled PBC rides on the calendar**. Alan went on to say that 'PBC' member and WebMaster - **Mark Hartel**, has developed the 'auto-ride-registration' and reminded members that there are **two** modes;

1. Hybrid Mode
2. Paper Version

Mark added that members will still be responsible for adjusting mileage. In addition, Mark reminded members that he is still in the process of doing a '***test-run***' on our **non-members demographic ability to sign-in successfully**. President **Doug Myers**, reminded all members that it's fine to have the **PBC Ride-Leader to sign in non-members using the traditional sign-in methods too**.

5.) PBC New-Membership Growth Opportunity

Ann Morrow said that **Carolyn Smith-Jen**, *founder* of '**Ride Like A Girl**' is stepping down for health reasons as a family member. **Carolyn** wishes to *disperse the* current organization titled '**Ride Like A Girl**', **Ride Calendar**, and **Ride-Leaders**, to a desired **local non-profit bicycle club(s) in the Portland Metro Area**. **Ann** said that we as a bicycling club perhaps consider looking into '**woman-only-rides**', to somehow assimilate what '**Ride Like A Girl**' is about and part of their mission statement, and hopefully **Portland Bicycling Club** some new '**Ride-**

Leaders' from **'Ride Like A Girl'** to join **PBC** with a focus being a ride-leader and or riding with women only. PBC Road Captain; **Robers Schroeder**, replied to all, YES! Rob added we'd be okay to **fastrack** that onto the **PBC Ride-Calendar** ASAP.

2021 PBC June Mid-Year Board Elections

Doug Myers reminded all members that mid-year elections are coming up and the seat open and available are **(two Member(s)-at-Large), (one Road Captain)**, and a recently vacated seat, prior to current-seat-term ending, is **(one Membership Secretary) expiring in December 2021**. Please let any board member know if you have questions about the roles and interest in serving your bicycle club in any of these capacities ASAP.

Old Business

Bridge the GAP - Rides (10-miles-or-less) Initiative

Doug Myers mentioned **'Rookie Rides'** and turned the floor over to **Ann Morrow** who has recently initiated a way to include the **demographic** of people who are **not** really ready to put on more than **eight to 10 miles**. Ann with the strong resolve said that the **'bridge the gap'** will help cyclists in general, including members or non-member(s), to feel comfortable riding their bicycles on a regular basis, by building them up from that **lower-mile framework of training**. This will increase new membership ultimately, said Ann.

PBC Annual Picnic and 50th Anniversary PBC Venue 2021

Doug Myers advised all members that Member **Khaliyah Williams-Rodriguez**, is the committee chair-person for 'PBC' upcoming event to be held on **Sunday, August 22, 2021**. Khaliyah said the park is yet to be determined and mentioned the three following parks for consideration;

- 1. Columbia Park**
- 2. Willamette Park**
- 3. Marine Park**

Member **Khaliyah** reminded members that this is an ever-changing wheel based on current mandates and restrictions re: Covid-19. Some items to consider are food-carts possibly, said Khaliyah. Member **Mark Hartel** said that food carts are quite expensive with a minimum head count fee. **Corey Eng** stated based on past experience with the Pioneer Century, we'd need the

exact level of power sources the 'food-carts' would require to operate. Member **Benn Schonman** said that food-carts would be a very costly event, and asked if members are willing to pay? Or, will this be a club subsidized event? Benn advocated that we'd consider going with **Costco**, as has been done in the past, in an effort to keep costs down. Lastly, Benn added that we'd want to keep it simple and safe, for example, gloves and masks for the sandwich makers that are volunteering at the event. **Khaliyah** asked the board and club members what exact date do we have in mind? **Doug Myers** replied the date for our annual event is Sunday, August 22, 2021. Member **Clayton Hawkes** offered to assist on the committee for the **PBC picnic/banquet/50** event on August 22.

Doug asked about the possibilities of a bicycle shop perhaps sponsoring our event? Member **Maria Sworske** reminded all members that local bicycle shops are not doing as well due to Covid -19. Member **Barry Emmerling** reminded members that they are always welcome to *donate funds to PBC directly on our website.*

NON-Club Approved Rides to claim as PBC Member Miles

Doug Myers reminded members that as of now we have three non-club approved rides for 2021.

1. **Gorge Ride**
2. **Reach The Beach**
3. **Ride Around Clark County**

We have 10-rides a year available to us. Please contact the **Road Captains** if you'd possibly be willing to be a **PBC- Ride-Leader** for an non-club organized non-profit event pre-approved by the board.

Bicycle Shop Advertising

Doug Myers mentioned we're working on leaflets to leave at local bicycle shops. In addition, Doug added we're looking to create a larger poster to display at local bicycle shops.

Reach the Beach Training Rides

Ann Morrow said we are wrapping up RTB training rides. They have been going well. Ann thanked everyone for participating.

President **Doug Myers** thanked all 'PBC' members for their contributions and adjourned the meeting at **8:16 p.m.**