

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Minutes

June 3, 2021

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Morrow
Vice President

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Doug Myers

Board Members Present: President, Doug Myers; Vice President, Ann Morrow; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Road Captain, Rob Schroeder; Members-at-Large, Alan Mevis, Mike Heffernan and Don Zook.

Approximately 24 individuals attended remotely, via Zoom.

Doug asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May club meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

General Meeting

Board Member Reports

- Treasurer: Corey Eng announced that the bills were paid and the club is solvent. He reported \$51,319.65 as the Wells Fargo balance. This compared to last year at this time when there was a balance of \$50,998.40.

Net income was recorded at -\$500.13 and compared to the January through May 2020 Net income of -\$19,220.17. Corey explained that donations are down, there was no banquet, no events so not much money in or out.

As always, additional details are available on the web site. He added that he will be investing \$10,000 on the club's behalf into a higher interest earning vehicle with Vanguard. Chip Kyle questioned the decision and asked about other considerations and fees involved. Doug responded that, historically, the balance will go up. A money market account earning 1% is eaten up by inflation.

Corey anticipated upcoming expenses for the picnic and club publicity which included a ½ page advertisement in a Portland Tribune publication.

- Membership Secretary: Doug Myers reported that there were 398 members.
- Road Captain: Rob Schroeder shared that the ride calendar was pretty full and there are new ride leaders, a variety of rides, terrains and types of rides.

Rob noted that a new automated form was in the works to help organize requests for rides. It will be most beneficial for “one-off” rides as compared to recurring rides.

Doug added that the new form will allow rides to get posted with just 2 or 3 days of notice and asked for thoughts. Rob was bending the traditional procedure quite a bit as to implement the new form. Ideally, 2 weeks advance notice for a ride was preferred to avoid chaos. The Road Captains must still approve the rides and 3 days lead time will be the absolute minimum. There has been criticism in the past if rides are posted too close to the ride date. There was suspicion that the ride leader was simply trying to get friends on a ride and get club mileage.

ELECTIONS

President Doug Myers announced the mid-term candidates for the election of the 2021 Board.

First, Todd McCollum had been appointed as Road Captain to fill the vacancy left by Stephen Burkhart who had been elected in December, 2020.

Second, Lynn Thompson Blanchard had been appointed as Membership Secretary to fill the vacancy left by Cindy Bernert-Coppola. Lynn made it very clear she was merely filling the role until a permanent candidate was found.

The candidates were as follows:

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	
Road Captain #2	Rob Schroeder	(incumbert)
Member-at-Large	Alan Mevis	(incumbert)
Member-at-Large	Don Zook	(incumbert)
Member-at-Large	Dave McQuery	

Doug asked for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

Doug formed the appointees and the unopposed candidates into a slate. Todd McCollum, Lynn Thompson Blanchard and Rob Schroeder were elected by a raising of hands.

Doug then created a poll via Zoom with the 3 candidates for Member-at-Large, Alan Mevis, Don Zook and Dave Mcquery. Members voted electronically and the incumbents won.

OPEN FLOOR

Ann shared that the Welcome Rides traditionally offered in the summer by the club would be offered again but more informally. She and Tom Carter would put them on the schedule when they could. Also, Rookie Rides are happening and drawing some interest.

Lynn Blanchard advised that there were no longer any “members only” rides on the ride calendar.

There was discussion about E-bikes and inclusivity of various types of bikes on club rides. Was there a policy in place? The discussion led to the question of “women’s only” rides and it was felt that the club is supportive of those. Lynn suggested that the ride calendar include rides that appeal to women. Comments were made regarding a few specific rides at which the majority of participants were using E-bikes.

John Neller described a 3 day bike ride he has been trying to accomplish. He wants to ride from Portland to Eugene and ride the train back. Last year, well, you know what happened in 2020. 2021 involves some dental surgery, keeping him off the bike a bit. However, he is leading a 3 day ride around Portland in the Montavilla area with daily routes being about 35 miles and utilizing Max trains. John acknowledged that he likes trains. Amtrack is increasing their train service now on the west coast after Covid-19.

Doug adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.