

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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; Membership Secretary, Christi Horton, Road Captain(s), Todd McCollum and Rob Schroeder; Members at Large, Alan Mevis, and Mike Heffernan.

Not present; Member(s) at Large, Stephen Bache; Member at Large, and one Member at Large (vacant chair).

Approximately 30 individuals attended remotely via ZOOM.

GENERAL MEETING

President Doug Myers called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2021

Doug Myers asked if members had a chance to review the October 7, PBC club-meeting-minutes and if so, can we get an approval? Hearing no objections, the October 7, PBC Club Meeting were unanimously approved by all in attendance.

Board Member Reports

1) Treasurer

Corey Eng reported PBC income of \$3,124 at October 31, 2021 vs \$(16,933) at October 31, 2020. The \$20,057 difference attributable to increased membership dues of \$4,525 (\$12,285 vs \$7,760) and major expense reductions in Donations \$8,400 and net Social Event Income/Expense of \$5,773 (\$-1,827 + \$7,600). Corey reminded PBC members they are welcome to view the financial reports by going to the PBC's website's Financial Results - menu file.

2) Membership Secretary

Christi Horton reported the membership statistics as of November 4, 2021:

- 478 active members

Family member statistics as of November 4, 2021:

125 family memberships with a total of 253 family members

New members since October 2021:

Thomas Rousse (Oct 30)
Joe Aley (Oct 30)
Lee Johnson (Oct 26)
Terry Johnson (Oct 26)
Gordon Winfree (Oct 20)
Alan Baylis (Oct 10)
Steven Mehlig (Oct 9)
Tim Redmond (Oct 8)
Ryan Chang (Oct 7)
Matthew Hushbeck (Oct 6)
Cheryl Jensen (Oct 6)
Brenda Fulle (Oct 4)

3) Road Captain

No reports.

4) New Business

STP Seattle to Portland 2022 / Open STP Finish Line Coordinator role needs filled

Doug Myers confirmed that STP 2022 will take place and the buses are scheduled. Mark Klein, is stepping down from this role and will assist the new STP Coordinator as much as possible during the transition. This is an important role to support the Cascade Bicycle Club's annual Seattle to Portland annual bicycle event held in July. Portland Bicycle Club handles the finish-line in Portland and return of cyclists on buses back to Seattle, WA. Eric Hendricks, has agreed to start the permitting process. Please, reach out to any board member if you're interested in this important role.

5) Old Business

Resuming Club Meetings in Person

Doug Myers said we are looking to resume PBC Club Meetings in-person after the first of the new year. We've always had a consistent number of member participation 25 - 35 members typically turn-out and we will as a club continue ppe pursuant current state mandates.

PBC 2022 Annual Banquet

Doug Myers reported based on the survey re: January 2022 PBC Annual Banquet held the last weekend in January, resulted in the majority of members surveyed, 81 members chose not to hold a banquet due to Covid-19. 56 members said they would attend the annual banquet event the last weekend in January 2022. Taking these numbers into consideration, Doug posed the question, "Why not hold the event at the Monarch?" Corey Eng said with no full bar and snacks instead a full five course meal. Alan Coppola stated we were getting 100 to 125 members attending the event but If only 56 members wish to attend, the Monarch like the airlines would like whoever they can get into their doors. Member Eric Hendricks stated opposition to this idea given that the public at large is just getting out from under Covid-19. We'd be smart to rely on one event to spend money on our members and ensure strong participants. Corey confirmed that we usually have 70 to 80 members pre-register for the event and member Ashley Reynolds supported Corey's claim. In addition, Corey added by eliminating door prizes and not subsidizing the venue, the club would save approximately 5k. Based on the survey, Doug exclaimed that we will not hold the PBC Annual Banquet at the Monarch. The possibility of more members wanting to attend is a real possibility too. It's not safe to do so as we're still dealing with covid-19 variants and it may be wise to explore holding the PBC annual event later in the season, outdoors would be great. We can certainly keep our eyes open for possible venues in the meantime and please let the board know of possibilities. Until we have solid STP event club

revenue, we will place the banquet date on hold. Corey added, we will still keep the same timelines for 2021 Award Nominations by having all PBC members submit their award nominations by December 31, 2021. The award nominations new criteria will be published in the December Quick Release. Members suggested Flying Pies Pizza and Old town pizza. Many other members are willing to explore finding an adequate place with a large space to hold the event. Doug Myers, again reminded members to reach out to the board with suggestions and reminded the membership this will be a board decision with safety being the number one priority. Lastly, the date and location of the PBC 2022 Annual Awards Banquet is to be determined.

2022 Board Member Elections

Doug Myers reminded all PBC Members that Volunteering is a great way to be a part of something larger and enjoy the journey participating in one's area of passion. We will have our general elections at the next board meeting on December 2. We have 8 of the 11 seats open. Two Members at Large and one Road Captain need to be filled. The current PBC Road Captain Todd McCollum, has offered to run for 2022 Road Captain again. We have two Members at Large seats to fill. While many of the current 2021 board members are willing to serve another term, please step up and volunteer if you'd like to do so. Please reach out to any board member or PBC 'QR' Editor Lynn Blanchard with interest. The 2022 slate will be published in the December QR. If you can reach out to the board or Lynn Thompson by the end of November with your interest in volunteering, that would be great. Otherwise, you can still run for a 2022 board position and or someone can nominate you the night of the December 2 PBC Club meeting. Below are the open-chairs PBC members in good standing are welcome to run for:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Member at Large (2 vacant chairs)
- Road Captain

In June 2022, we hold our PBC mid-year-elections for the rotating term of (2) Members at Large and (1) Road Captain in June 2022. These 'one-year-terms' for the above chairs run from July

2022 through June 2023. The executive board consists of (11) board-members total and (8) chairs are up for grabs. You may possibly run against one of the current PBC 2021 board-member(s), who are willing to serve another one-year-term until 2022, or run uncontested. It depends how voting shakes out on election night December 2, 2021. Please feel free to reach out to any board-member for clarification. All chairs on the PBC board are one-year-terms. The sooner you let one of the current PBC Board Members, the better. Ask questions about the role. What does it look like? How much of a time commitment? It's important to be sure that whatever role a PBC Member in good standing offers to fulfill, running contested or uncontested, that one can serve their full term. From past experience, it's proven to be best for volunteers to serve their full-term. Certainly, life will throw unexpected curve balls, oftentimes health, job, and family related issues can prompt a board member to resign prior to their term ending. Outside of that, please be sure that before running for an open chair, that one is able to commit to the (1) year term. For more information, please visit the PBC Website to explore our current executive board.

Community Cycling Center - CCC Event

Doug Myers reminded members that CCC is working hard to re-establish a working relationship with PBC by offering a ride-for-donations, \$30.00 registration. Doug said that Lynn Blanchard would be interested in collecting names of members wishing to participate in this initiative. Please email PBC QR Editor, Lynn Blanchard at newsletter@portlandbicyclingclub.com. Ann Morrow suggested a shorter six-mile route for younger cyclists of CCC to 15 - 20 miles. It's a great opportunity to support CCC and maybe get new membership too.

OPEN FORUM

General membership expressed that Doug Myers enabled the 'Chat' feature on ZOOM. Doug agreed to change the ZOOM settings to allow for chat.

General membership expressed some options to explore for holding the 2022 PBC Annual Banquet. Lucky Lab, Mcmenamins Kennedy School Hotel, and member Ashley Reynolds claims that her HOA has availability. Doug encouraged all members to send the board all suggestions including pricing and also pricing on food venue options, with the occupancy level of 75 to 100 members.

PBC member Bill stated that Courtney from ODOT - Oregon Department of Transportation wanted PBC to know that if members ride the 205 Bike Path and Sandy under the railroad bridge, there is a person camped out there, and has been camped out there for a couple of years. ODOT is exploring using a wire fence, and removing the camped out individual. However, Union Pacific may object to the 'wire-fence', so Courtney of ODOT is reaching out to a contact that they have at Union Pacific, to help assist in this effort to relocate the person who took over the 205/Sandy bicycle path under the railroad bridge. This will enable the bicycle path to be re-open for use by cyclists. Lastly, PBC-member Bill said that the Division Street bicycle-path could use a bridge too. ODOT has the money to make this happen. Ann Morrow thanked Bill for this information and encouraged Bill to put together an article for the PBC monthly Quick Release - QR and referred Bill to our PBC QR Editor, Lynn Blanchard.

Doug Myers said that three catalytic convertors were stolen from cars parked at the 99-Gateway-Transit Park & Ride. Doug encouraged members to be careful and possibly consider parking somewhere safer and riding to the start. General membership exclaimed to have the ride start elsewhere. Doug said it's up to the PBC Ride-leaders to determine routes and starting points. Lastly, Doug recommended to all PBC members, please step up and become a 'PBC' Ride-Leader.

Ann Morrow mentioned that PBC member Michael Trimble, one of PBC members, is running for the Governor of Oregon.

General membership expressed a desire for titles of upcoming open chairs. It was discussed how to navigate the PBC main website for members to explore the (11) chairs that are Portland Bicycling Club's executive board. Discussion of creating a link on the PBC Website to educate members about the roles and upcoming elections was also discussed. Doug Myers said please reach out to the current board and or 'PBC' QR Editor Lynn Blanchard if any members have interest in serving on the 2022 board.

PBC member, Barry Emmerling, suggested that we bring back the 'Classic' Eileen Holtzman jersey and use our new PBC logo. All members were excited about resurrecting the jersey.

President **Doug Myers** thanked all 'PBC' members for their contributions and adjourned the meeting at **8:12 p.m.**