

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Board Minutes

December 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted by,
Kathleen Hellem
Recording Secretary

Attending via ZOOM: Board members: President, Doug Myers; Vice President, Ann Morrow; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hellem; Road Captains Rob Schroeder, Todd McCollum; Membership Secretary, Christi Horton; Members at Large Alan Mevis, and Mike Heffernan.

President Doug Myers called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes:

There were no additions or corrections to the November 17, 2021 board-meeting-minutes. They were unanimously approved by all.

Treasurer's Report:

Corey reported that he will be paying the storage unit rent monthly instead of prepaying for a year, which in the past earned one month free rent. Life Storage is the new management company replacing CubeSmart. Storage unit fees through Dec. 15, 2021 statements included 2 months versus Dec. 15, 2020's 12 months. The old management company CubeSmart had offered the 13th month free, with an annual prepayment. The new company Life Storage does not offer an additional 'free month' with an annual prepayment. Therefore, there is no benefit to prepay for a 12 month period.

As of Dec.15, 2021 total assets were \$53,018 compared to 12/15/2020 \$49,395, an increase of \$3,623. Net income through 12/15/2021 was \$1,348 versus a net loss of \$20,824 at 12/15/2020, an improvement of \$22,172.

Membership Report:

Christi Horton reported that there have been no new changes since the December 2 PBC Club Meeting.

New Business:

Dave McQuery advised the board that he will ask William Levenson of the Street Trust to do a presentation at our January 7, 2022 hybrid club meeting by being the Guest Speaker. His topic will be upgrades to the Burnside Bridge to make it seismically safe in the event of an earthquake and other projects to be completed by the target date of 2029. The presentation will accommodate both the online ZOOM club meeting attendees and the IN-PERSON attendees at the All Saints Church at 7:00 p.m. The board was in favor of inviting William Levenson as our January 7, 2022 guest presenter.

****It was also noted that we need to find a 'PBC' member to volunteer to head up future monthly club-meeting presenters.***

Old Business:

'PBC' Annual Awards Banquet February 3, 2022

The Monarch Hotel asked for a credit card to hold the reservation for the upcoming club banquet and Corey offered to use his personal card since PBC does not have a club credit card. Monarch contract provisions state the possibility of refundable and non-refundable deposits dependent upon the date of notice, with cancellation within 30 days, prior to scheduled date, allowing for refund.

Corey voiced his concern that the Covid-19 Omicron variant is predicted to be peaking near the February 3rd banquet date. PBC member's safety concerns could delay their decisions to attend the banquet until the last moment, jeopardizing an accurate estimate of headcount.

Current Monarch's negotiations have meal prices ranging from \$27 to \$48 and a minimum food purchase of \$1,800.00 - \$2,200.00. At an average meal cost of \$35, over 63 people would be needed to "break-even". Doug said he would ask Monarch for other meal and room rental options for a possible smaller attendance of 40 to 50 people. Perhaps a lower rate is possible

for a smaller crowd and weekday evening. If the banquet is canceled refunds would be issued to those who already paid through PayPal or personal check. The question came up about a possible fee from PayPal for refunding members should we cancel the event. Doug replied that he has no idea or knowledge of whether PayPal charges fees or offers refunds.

Doug emphasized that the banquet would be conducted in a safe manner with the plated meal format replacing the buffet serving style and proper masking and social distancing. Doug said he would go ahead and finalize arrangements with the Monarch Hotel for a Thursday, February 3rd banquet.

PBC QR Editor, Lynn Blanchard suggested publishing the January QR earlier than normal, with a submission deadline of December 28, 2021. By January 3, 2022, possible cancellation of the banquet, given the 30 day time frame window, may be indicated by the initial (or lack of) banquet reservation response.

Board members Ann Morrow, Robert Schroeder and Kathleen Hellem indicated their expected absences at the scheduled February Awards Banquet.

***PBC QR Editor, Lynn Thompson, reconfirmed to the board that the dead-line date is December 28th, 2021 for submissions re: January 2022 PBC 'QR' Issue.**

PIONEER METRIC 2022

Doug Myers said the Pioneer Metric 2022 is a go. The date is June 11, 2022. The location is the Columbia Distributors Warehouse which will be made available free of charge. Cost for ride to be set at \$45.00 to \$55.00.

***Doug added that we need to sooner rather than later line-up some sponsors to help contribute food/drink items. For example, COSTCO, DAVE'S KILLER BREAD, STARBUCKS etc.**

Doug concluded with the need to be transparent to the public at large; we need to attach what the fund-raising efforts will actually support for the community. For example, the 'Friends of the Historic Columbia Highway' re: to keep old HWY 30 in good riding shape for cyclists and a portion to the Helmet-fund, re: to assist the community in need for youth and adults. We must impress the people interested in registering why they should ride our Pioneer Metric Century Ride 2022 and who it helps out in the community at large.

STP Finish-Line July 16-17, 2022

Corey Eng said there had been no new updates since the November 17th PBC board meeting. Things are changing with regard to exactly in what capacity we'll be assisting the Finish Line. For example, which club will handle the Friday buses. Once we have the contract in hand from Cascade Bicycle Club, we can then move forward with our action plan. We need volunteers.

Resuming IN-Person / Hybrid ZOOM PBC Club Meetings

Doug Myers asked if the 2022 PBC Executive Board would be in favor of resuming live in person club meetings starting January 7th, 2022. All board members were in favor of meeting In-Person and Hybrid, via ZOOM. Doug added that it's important to meet all of our members' meeting style needs and a Hybrid/In Person model will cover that need given the COVID-19 surging.

President **Doug Myers** thanked all PBC board-members for their contributions and adjourned the meeting at **8:11 p.m.**