

# **PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB**

Board Minutes  
January 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted by  
Ann Morrow filling in for Kathleen Hellem

Attending via Zoom: Board Members: President, Doug Myers; Vice President, Ann Morrow, Treasurer, Corey Eng; Membership Secretary, Christi Horton; Road Captains, Todd McCollum and Rob Schroeder; Members-at-Large, Alan Mevis, Mike Heffernan and Dave McQuery.

Guests: Joan Cullen, Benn Schonman and Eric Hendricks.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Doug Myers.

There were no additions or corrections to the December 15 board meeting minutes and they were approved.

## **Membership Report**

Christi shared that she has one new member so far this year for a total of 472 members. She also mentioned that more business cards for the club will be ordered and she should have some at the banquet and upcoming meetings.

Corey Eng, who has been working on the club's insurance, reiterated the recent peak of membership as around 500, which is a cut off point for the cost of coverage. The cost differences are not significant and could be changed at a later date.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Corey Eng noted that he had sent out his monthly reports via e-mail to all board members and no questions had been received. He also pointed out that timing is key and his reports are a "snap shot in time." He'll be paying some bills soon and his numbers will change!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Banquet**

Doug told the board that 42 people had signed up thus far for the February 3 banquet. He would like to see 60. He does not have a firm contract with The Monarch but will try to keep rates as low as possible. Other banquet details were discussed.

### **Pioneer Metric**

Doug has routes mapped out for 62 and 35 mile routes. Volunteers will be needed. A lot of the preliminary work is done but manpower is needed! Doug wants to be sure that the publicity for the event includes an emphasis on charity – benefit to the cycling community. An official Pioneer Volunteer Coordinator is needed. He wants to see the PBC board out in force working the event.

### **Seattle to Portland (STP)**

Eric Hendricks, STP Coordinator, reported on the status. Permitting of Holladay Park is started but requires other agency approvals. A relationship with the DoubleTree has been established. “Young, strong backs” in the form of teenagers to do the heavy lifting are being recruited from Skyview High School in Vancouver. Cascade now has David Douglas in charge of STP. Cascade has changed its mind about Friday Buses and PBC will coordinate that piece again. Bill Hamilton, who has served as Friday Bus Guru for years, has agreed to handle it again. New software will be used with Patrick Cecil overseeing that element. Cascade allots 4 free passes for STP for our services and Bill uses 2 of them and 2 will be raffled off to truck drivers – usually club members - who drive the rental trucks containing the bicycles of the bus riders up to Seattle. Previous contracts have included 2 RSVP passes as well – if that happens in 2022. There was additional discussion of details. Benn Schonman encouraged the board to have volunteer sign-up sheets for Pioneer and STP at the banquet.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Charitable Contributions**

Doug mentioned that the club has donated money annually to Faithful Savior Lutheran Church on Skidmore where many rides start. He also asked Corey to remind the church officials that they agreed to allow PBC riders to access their bathroom. Also, All Saints Episcopal Church, where monthly club meetings are once again being held, has been paid ahead. Corey reminded the board that All Saints is not a charitable contribution but a business expense as we actually rent the room.

Doug is wanting to be more transparent with charitable nature of the PIONEER, both as an incentive to riders and for members to see the benefits of volunteering. Corey suggested that board members read the guidelines for charitable contributions.

#### **Picnic**

Doug reported that at this time there is not much to do. Hopefully Khaliyah Williams-Rodriguez will be willing to handle 2022’s picnic. Assuming Marine Park in Vancouver is used again there is not much concern about a reservation.

#### **Insurance**

Doug and Corey had attended a virtual meeting earlier in the day regarding the League of American Bicyclists insurance coverage which the club purchases annually. Rates have been raised for events and the cost per rider fee had gone up as well. Corey noted that special events such as the Jim O’Horo Memorial Columbia Gorge Explorer should pay a surcharge based upon who is NOT a club member. The same would hold true for the Pioneer Metric. Club members are already covered. There was discussion of the particulars of coverage and costs and increases.

#### **Mileage for Club Rides**

Doug had previously provided some additional clarification language to the club's current policy about club mileage. There was discussion about the current policy and how it might be modified to discourage or even prohibit riders signing up for a ride to earn mileage and yet not actually riding the route furnished by the ride leader. Comments included that the written policy should tie to the practice and that some club rides have been specifically designed to offer multiple routes and great freedom to riders to venture out on their own yet earn club mileage. The matter was tabled until February.

#### **Non-Club Rides Approved for Club Mileage**

Dick Weber has volunteered to be ride leader for The Gorge Ride and Reach the Beach. The board will consider member suggestions at the February board meeting.

Corey asked the board's opinion on the renewal for the LAB's Directors and Officers Insurance which costs \$575 for coverage. He stated that it adds another layer of coverage in the amount of \$1 million . Dave McQuery moved that the coverage be renewed. What that would buy was asked. Corey stated that there is already coverage for the board in the general policy but this adds more. Doug mentioned that he needs a certificate of insurance for the Pioneer Metric and Corey said the current policy expires February 1 so he will need to renew it first. Ann Morrow, acting as recording secretary, interjected that she had a motion but no second. Doug Myers seconded the motion. After additional limited discussion the motion to renew both policies with LAB was approved unanimously.

Doug adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.