

PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

Respectfully submitted by

Kathleen Hellem

Recording Secretary

Board members present: President, Mark Barnes; Vice President Ann Morrow; Treasurer, Corey Eng; Recording Secretary, Kathleen Hellem; Membership Secretary, Christ Horton; Road Caption(s) Todd McCollum and Rob Schroeder; Member(s) at Large, Alan Mevis, Richard Higgins, Dave McQuery and Doug Myers.

*Board Members not present: All were present. *Approximately* 28 PBC members were present.

MEETING PRESENTATION

Mark Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and welcomed guest presenters Aaron Raines, Stub Stewart Park Manager and Marcia Kirk, the president of Friends of Stub Stewart. Aaron and Marcia discussed the history and development of the “Banks Vernonia Rails to Trails” upcoming project initiatives that include trail and renovations. Marcia said they are thankful to Portland Bicycling Club's large donation of \$5000.00. Aaron said our generous club donation will be used to excavate one or two bridge crossings and trestles. The priority is to work on the first bridge from Banks heading north towards Vernonia. The project completion date is targeted for June 2023. Portland Bicycling club will receive recognition in the form of signage on the bridge crossing. In addition, there are many volunteer opportunities for PBC members to assist in trail maintenance. Please reach out to Dave McQuery for more information on volunteer opportunities and he will work with Aaron, the Stub Stewart Park Manager. A group picture was taken of PBC member Dave McQuery, handing over a donation check in the amount of \$5000.00 to Aaron and Marcia.

GENERAL MEETING

Approval of Club Meeting Minutes

Mark Barnes asked members if they've had a chance to review the PBC Club-Meeting-Minutes from December 1, 2022, Mark Barnes moved to approve the club meeting minutes, Ann Morrow seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

1) Treasurer

Corey reminded everyone that the numbers quoted this evening should be viewable on the PBC website. The bank statements are posted there. As of today the balance is \$50,584.00. In 2022, at this time, the balance was \$50,783.00. We have outgoing costs associated with the upcoming STP and Pioneer Century 2023 events. FYI - Seattle to Portland, (STP 2023) Cascade Bicycle Club (CBC), will be handling buses this year. If you want to ride STP, you'll need to secure your bus-ride through CBC. If you have any questions, please reach out to Corey.

2) Membership Secretary

Christi Horton said we have 444 members as of March 2, which includes 6 new members in February, and 14 new members in January. Mark Barnes asked how this compares to last year this time, and Christi responded that there were 476 members in March 2022.

Membership statistics as of March 2 2023:

935 total members

444 active members

491 expired members

0 complimentary members

0 delayed members

0 paused members

0 canceled members

1 users with multiple memberships

Family member statistics as of March 2 2023:

137 family memberships with a total of 275 family members

0 users owning multiple family memberships

New members since February 2023:

- ★ Andrew Barrett (Feb 25)
- ★ Abhay Ambadkar (Feb 24)
- ★ Brian Weaver (Feb 22)
- ★ Hilda Spencer (Feb 21)
- ★ Emerich Heny (Feb 18)
- ★ Paul Ecord (Feb 15)
- ★ Danielle Edwards (Feb 12)

3) Road Captain(s)

Rob Schroeder said the March ride calendar is full. Non-club event rides are posted to the calendar. There is room for more non-club event rides, and we'd like to add more. Please reach out to Road Captains, Todd McCullum and I, and we'll be happy to look at putting non-club mileage approved rides on the calendar. We will make sure there is no conflict of interest with the current fundraising event dates.

4) Recording Secretary

Sunday Parkways 2023

Kathy Hellem asked PBC members how they feel about participating in Sunday Parkways on September 10? Typically, we reserve two or three Sundays by reserving a booth (pre-covid). Given the upcoming multi-day bicycle events we have on our PBC Ride Calendar, it seems that September 10th is the best date for our club. This is a great way to give exposure to our club name and pass out business cards and chat with the public at large, our future cyclists. Certainly, we can look at participating in more than just one Sunday Parkways event in 2024.

This will require volunteer participation from members, said Kathy. Members present at the club meeting all agreed we should reserve a booth on September 10th,

5) Member(s) at Large

Alan Mevis said all (four) Members at Large, are serving as the PIONEER CENTURY 2023 COMMITTEE. Alan said they are networking with other fundraising event rides to exchange event information and help each other get the word out on social media platforms. The idea is to help one another providing there is no conflict of interest with dates.

6) Vice President

Ann Morrow reminded members that June 3rd, is PIONEER CENTURY. July 15th-16th is STP and we need volunteers as always. There will be no PBC rides scheduled on the ride-calendar for STP or PIONEER CENTURY. Please mark your calendars for the PBC annual club to be held on August 6th hopefully at Columbia Park.

All of your hard volunteer work over the decades with fundraisers, has provided \$115,000.00 for members in our community in need, said Ann.

We have plenty of PBC Posters for display at local bicycle shops. If you get a chance to stop by a local bicycle shop in your area, please check to see if they have our PBC Poster. If they don't, please help grow our club and get a PBC Poster for local bicycle shops. Reach out to Ann Morrow for club posters.

Ann mentioned that the PDX Rose Festival Fair extended an invite to PBC to pay \$1500.00 for a multi-day booth. It was discussed and determined that Sunday Parkways was more affordable for our club at \$75.00 for a one-day booth.

Lastly, Salem Bicycle Club - Monster Cookie (metric-century), is scheduled for May 7th. This is a PBC non-club mileage approved ride. I will be the PBC Ride-Leader and hope to see you all there, said Ann.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Rob Schroeder is the PBC volunteer coordinator for our upcoming PIONEER CENTURY 2023 - June 3rd. There are spots unfilled. Please sign-up with **Sign-up Genius**. Richard Higgins advised members that they need a Team-Leader for the Elliott Prairie rest-stop.

Christi Horton, Alan Mevis, and Lynn Blanchard, will take care of the “email blast” to previous attendees of our annual PIONEER CENTURY.

Dave McQuery said Lakeside Cycle shop will be set up at the start. Classic Cycle of Oregon City will be mechanical support. Cindy Bernert Coppola asked if we can add them as sponsors? The members agreed that PIONEER CENTURY needs sponsors.

Doug Myers stated that Elliott Prairie rest-stop is the most important rest-stop, re: all three routes go through Elliott Prairie. It will need to be properly stocked for cyclists participating in PIONEER CENTURY2023 .

STP Volunteer Coordinator

Cindy Bernert Coppola is the Seattle to Portland 2023 - STP volunteer coordinator. Please reach out to Cindy with any questions. Please sign-up at **Sign-up Genius**.

OPEN FORUM

Joan Cullen said that the minutes page on the PBC website indicates that we still hold ZOOM club-meetings. Cindy Bernert Coppola said she will make the correction to the website.

Joan requested that we start placing the PBC (Board Meeting Agenda) under “maps” on the ride calendar. Joan asserted that this will help her determine whether or not she’d like to attend the monthly board meeting. Mark Barnes agreed with Joan’s suggestion.

Cindy Bernert Coppola reminded members that if we’d like to order additional PBC club vest, we need at least 12 orders to re-order more.

President Mark Barnes thanked all 'PBC' members for their contributions and adjourned the meeting at **8:10 p.m.**