

## PORTLAND BICYCLING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

April 6, 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 Captain, Rob Schroeder; Member(s) at Large, Alan Mevis, Richard Higgins, Dave McQuery and Doug Myers.

\*Board Members not present: Road Captain, Todd McCollum. *Approximately* 33 PBC members were present.

### **MEETING PRESENTATION**

Mark Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and welcomed the guest presenter and bicycle advocate, Chris Thomas, of the law firm of Thomas, Coon, Newton & Frost, serving the needs of the bicycle community since 1980. Chris Thomas grew up in NE Portland. Chris is the son of Ray Thomas, attorney and bicycle advocate too, who has served the legal needs of cyclists who have been injured in our community. Chris also was part of The Lawyer Group Cycling Team, and competed in his very first bicycle-race at Mt. Tabor. Chris went on to complete his undergraduate at Columbia, NY. Then Chris decided to come back to PDX and attend law school with a focus on litigation and has spent the last seven years helping pedestrians and cyclists with their various legal needs stemming as a direct result of being struck by a motorist.

Chris went over the general rules of the road based on the current laws here in Oregon. Chris encouraged PBC members to check out [www.tenf.legal](http://www.tenf.legal) for more in-depth information about the laws of the road. In addition, please read the book published by his father Ray Thomas, titled Pedal Power, said Chris.

1. Bicycle lanes. Drivers are required to *yield* to cyclists. The most common injury to cyclists is being right-hooked by a motorist. The vehicle is making a right turn and crosses over the bicycle lane injuring cyclists from the right.

2. Cyclists and bicycle lanes. By Oregon state law, cyclists are required to use designated bicycle lanes. This is a mandatory Oregon statute. The only exception is if there is (debris) inside the bicycle-lane that is too dangerous to ride one's bicycle safely over. If there is *not* a designated bicycle lane, cyclists must ride as far to the right as is practical by possible. Motor vehicles are required by law to give enough room for the cyclists to *fall over to the* left, which is a considerable amount of space that would be needed by cyclists. The safe passing law for motorists passing cyclists is 35mph.
3. Car doors. By Oregon state law, the motorist have the duty to make sure the path is clear before opening ones car door. As Cyclists, please be actively looking for clues approaching any parked vehicle that is occupid by motorist. Is it possible they might fling their door open and potentially cause serious injury or even death? By cyclists keeping an eye out for upcoming ahead occupied parked vehicles on the right, is smart for cyclists avoiding being (*doored*) by a parked motor vehicle thar is currently occupied.
4. Riding on sidewalks. Per Oregon state law, it is okay to ride ones bicycles on the sidewalks, unless otherwise indicated. For example, NW Hoyt, SW Jefferson, and Natio Parkway and 13th. Always remember to yield to pedestrains at all times, while riding ones bicycle on the sidewalk, and more importantly, cyclists need to slow-down to walking speed on sidewalks and driveways, said Chris.
5. Crosswalk laws. The yellow blinking caution sign at a crosswalk gives cyclists the full right of way. In contrast, if cyclists choose to use an actual pedestrian "crosswalk" indicating it's okay to walk through the crosswalk, it's safe to get off ones bicycle and walk it across the crosswalk from sidewalk entry onto the street.
6. Cyclists are required to use hand signaling when coming to a stop, and turning right or left per Oregon state law. Unless road conditions require both hands on the handlebars.
7. E-bicycles. Per Oregon state law, (electric bicycles) are are not condered a motor vehicle providing they are 1000 watts or less, and cannot go more that 20mph. Any E-bicycle that has the eletric power to exceed 20mph, is considered a motorcycle and falls under motor vehicle laws. Otherwise, E-bicycles are treated as bicycles. One must be at least 16-years of age in order to ride E-bicycles. If one has an E-bicycle, it's a good idea in general to list on ones insurance carrier. It's inportant to note that three-wheeled bicycles fall under the same law as two-wheeled bicycles.

## **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 March 1st. Mark Barnes moved to approve the club meeting minutes, and Doug Myers 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 4/1 we have a total of (84) people signed up for our upcoming PIONEER CENTURY 2023. The category breakdown of registered cyclists as of 4/1 is: Half-Metric-Century 20, Full-Metric-Century 34, and Full-Century 37. If you have any questions, please reach out to Corey.

### **2) Membership Secretary**

Christi Horton reported that the club currently has 436 members, which is down about 40 from last year at this time. Mark suggested more mailings to expired members to encourage them to rejoin, and Christi agreed.

Christi will start including the new PBC stickers in mailings to new and renewing members. She will also consult with some other board members about the possibility of revamping our membership cards to include the club's personal accident insurance policy number.

### **3) Road Captain**

Rob Schroeder said he is in need of two more volunteers, one driver and one co-pilot to transport goods to the rest stops for the upcoming PIONEER CENTURY 2023.

### **4) Recording Secretary**

Kathy Hellem reported that she will reach out to the PBC club-admin of social media platforms Lynn Blanchard, and have her make Richard Higgins moderator on the club's PIONEER CENTURY FB page to assist with Richards efforts to market our upcoming PIONEER

CENTURY 2023 event. In addition, Kathy said she will inquire with Lynn if she would like to provide live music for this our upcoming event.

### **5) Member(s) at Large**

Dave McQuery stated we have 22 registered cyclists for the upcoming loaded tour Columbia Gorge Exploror (CGE), that is held on memorial weekend. Check the ride calendar for details.

Dave invited all members to join him in celebrating his 80th birthday by riding 80 miles with him on April 9, at 9:00 a.m. The weather doesn't look promising, but come out and ride as many miles as desired. Check the ride calendar for details.

Alan Mevis agreed write an article about Portland Bicycling Club and to reach out to Pamplin Media Group to see if they'd consider publishing it. Alan asked if anyone has a contact person with Pamplin Media Group? No one present at the meeting had a contact.

### **6) Vice President**

Ann Morrow said that (ALA) Reach the Beach (RTB), has asked that Ann organize and lead out a kick-off ride starting from TOPAZ FARMS located on Sauvie Island. This is the new starting point for RTBs annual cycling event. Ann will add this to the club ride-calendar. This is going to be a short 12 mile ride around Sauvie Island. The ride starts at 9:00 a.m. on April 16.

Ann will be the PBC Ride-Leader for Salem Bicycle Club's - MONSTER COOKIE 2023 annual metric century that is held on May 7. Come ride and wear PBC club jerseys. Pre-register in order to secure pre-paid lunch.

Ann is leading out the annual Ride of Silence on May 17. This ride is to honor people who were killed in bicycle accidents and is observed annually worldwide. The ride will depart from Woodstock Park. Lastly, please check the PBC ride-calendar for specific details on all of these upcoming rides, said Ann.

### **New Business**

None.

## **Old Business**

Richard Higgins said the current sponsors are Daves Killer Bread and Bobs Red Mill for PIONEER CENTURY 2023. Rob Schroeder and Richard will be going to the PBC club-storage unit to take an inventory of what items we have currently to support reststops.

Richard inquired about obtaining a generator and asked if anyone in the club has one the club can borrow for PIONEER CENTURY for use at the Sawtell reststop for coffee. Alan Coppola said the club may use his generator for the event.

Alan Mevis asked that we please add the club insurance policy number to the PBC website. Cindy Bernert Coppola, said yes. Also, Cindy said the accident form has been added to the website. Christi Horton suggested we incorporate the club insurance policy number onto the PBC annual membership cards for new and re-renewing members. All present were in agreement with this plan.

Bud Rice gave Eric Hendricks, the PBC annual award - Volunteer of the Year 2022. As Eric was unable to attend the PBC annual awards banquet held on February 2.

## **STP Volunteer Coordinator**

Cindy Bernert Coppola, the Seattle to Portland 2023 - STP volunteer coordinator said that Monday, July 10, the STP Volunteer gathering will be held at Flying Pie Pizza. This is a great time to pick up STP volunteer tee-shirts. Please reach out to Cindy with any questions.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mark Barnes said new PBC club tee-shirts will be for sale here soon on the store located at the PBC website. Please come up after the meeting tonight and pick up our PBC new club stickers. We have small and large stickers. They can be great to advertise PBC on bicycle fenders, helmets, laptops, commercial establishments, etc.

President Mark Barnes thanked all 'PBC' members for their contributions and adjourned the meeting at **8:24 p.m.**