

Club Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2017  
Respectfully submitted by Joan Cullen, Rec. Secretary

Attendance: 45 members were present.

PWTC President Chip Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church.

First time attendees Tom Simonson and CD Chaya were welcomed.

Program: Erik Tonkin from Sellwood Cyclery gave an informative presentation on how the Portland bike market has evolved over the last 10 years from small independent shops to direct partnerships with manufacturers.

President Chip Kyle called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:53 pm and reviewed the meeting's agenda.

A MOTION to approve the February Club Meeting Minutes as published was made by Cheryl Speer and seconded by Jim Buchanan. The motion passed unanimously.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeremy Wilson, Treasurer, reported a positive balance in our bank accounts. Revenues are steady although they are down 4-5% from last year.

#### OFFICER REPORTS

Member-at-Large Chuck Dorr reported two Slow Poke Rides are scheduled for the weekend. He hopes riders would not be turned off by the threat of wet weather.

Member-at-Large Corey Eng reported the Thursday Westside Ride had 7 riders and Tuesday's ride had 12. Additional Reach the Beach (R-t-B) rides have been added to the ride calendar on Sundays. Most of the R-t-B maps only show the complete routes but routes can be shortened if needed.

Member-at-Large Kimberly Morehead reported she was back riding following her ankle surgery.

Member-at-Large Benn Schonman reported he had been out on a few rides and having fun as he continues to recover.

Road Captain #1 Bill Hamilton thanked members who have stepped forward to lead a Sunday ride. He, Patrick and Mark Hartel have continued to work on the new website's scheduling system.

Road Captain #2 Patrick Cecil reported rides for March have been submitted and added to the calendar. At this time there is at least one ride scheduled each day.

Recording Secretary Joan Cullen had nothing to report at this time.

Membership Secretary Lori Buffington reported 420 memberships and 573 riders. We are down 3 memberships from January and 12 from last year at this time. Hardcopy 2017 Directories are available for members.

V-P Ann Morrow noted last Sunday's Reach the Beach ride was cancelled due to the bad weather. The R-t-B Saturday rides would be longer mileage and the Sunday rides are regular rides on the calendar but are marked as R-t-B to encourage participation. There would be a small PWTC contingent present at the R-t-B kickoff later in the month to help promote the Club. The Daffodil Classic had been added as a new offering on the list of non-PWTC rides to earn mileage credit. The new Club brochure was being

fine-tuned and should be available soon for distribution to bicycle shops.

President Chip Kyle reported the unusually massive amounts of rainfall had had a negative impact on his riding. The Timbers/Thorns soccer organization had approached the Club regarding promoting a Ride to a Game event. Stay tuned for more information on this developing event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – No committees reported at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Non-Club Rides to Earn Mileage: The Board approved a list of 10 events at last week's Board Meeting. There had been some later developments resulting in the need to review and confirm the list. Phil Brown asked to have the Tandem Rally added to the approved list.

New Website: Alan Coppola reported the project is getting close to beta release. An anticipated "go live" date was aimed for 2-6 weeks. Two major differences of the new site would be the 'all device' friendly format, and all family members would be given access under their own unique sign in.

Sunday Parkways: Chip announced the Club had signed up to have an informational booth at the May, June and July events. Bud Rice had agreed to organize the booth and workers. Specific site locations have been requested but confirmation of location won't be given out until closer to the event dates.

2017 Pioneer Century: Event Coordinator Brian Hammer announced the on-line discounted early bird pricing would be offered until April 13. Mail-in registrations would be accepted between April 13 and May 27. Volunteers are needed for the event. The sign-up board was in the back of the room or Corey Eng can help with on-line sign up.

2017 STP: Ann Morrow, Event Co-coordinator, reported volunteers are needed. No major changes of the event expected this year. PWTC was still waiting for Cascade to send the contract for the event.

Club Picnic, Aug. 13: Chip announced it would again be held at Columbia Park but at a different group site. Benn Schonman had agreed to be the organizer. The event would be catered and RSVPs would be required. Three pre-picnic rides are being planned.

#### OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

Monday Morning Meander: After 30 years of leading the ride, Bud Rice was stepping down. A rotating schedule of eight ride leaders had been set up. However, Katie-bar-the-door if any of the new leaders decide to change the destination from Jazzy Bagel.

Tribute to Jim O'horo: Dave McQuery announced Bartollomo's Pizza in Vancouver would be hanging one of Jim's bike frames in their pizza parlor along with a plaque and photo of Jim. If anyone has a good photo of Jim, please contact Dave.

Columbia Gorge Explorer: Dave McQuery announced the Memorial Weekend loaded tour had 17 riders signed up. Ride is limited to 50 and participants can sign up on-line.

NW Bicycle Safety Council: Bruce Buffington announced the 22-year partnership between NWBSC and PWTC was going strong. The give-away helmets will now have a PWTC and NWBSC decal on the sides. NWBSC was beginning to set up the school program schedules. Look for more information in the near future regarding the events and need for volunteers.

Metro's 40 Mile Loop and the City of Troutdale: Several members from PWTC attended the Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> community meeting. Due to perceived problems on other bike paths, many of the local residents are not in favor of developing additional pathways in their area. Barry Emmerling encouraged members to weigh-in on the issue and to please fill out the on-line survey in support of the plan.

Illegal use of Electric Bikes: Jim Buchanan commented on a recent 60 Minutes story regarding the illegal use in the racing world of electric motors hidden in frames and hubs. Youtube and pod cast presentations are circulating on the Internet.

Passing of Larry Hook, Jr: Lori had received a notice regarding the 2016 passing of Larry Hook. Larry was one of the founding PWTC members.

Monthly Raffle Drawing: Dick Weber won the monthly \$25 gift card to a supporting local bike shop.

President Chip Kyle adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.