

PORTLAND WHEELMEN TOURING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Joan Cullen, Rec. Secretary

Attendance: Attendance was estimated at 47 members.

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

First time attendees/visitors: New member, Ed, and member/guest Bruce Janes from Cascading Rivers Ride were welcomed.

Programs: Captain McCageor 'Cage' Byrd of Portland's Traffic Division was on hand to answer questions and present information on traffic enforcement as it relates to bicyclists and safety. His top recommendations for cyclists were 'be visible' and 'be predictable'.

Bruce Janes, promoting the upcoming Cascading Rivers Ride on September 29-30, wanted to encourage members to come out and try their event. The 2-day ride goes from Estacada to Detroit Lake and is limited to 75 riders. The 1-day ride offers several options of shorter mileages. This year they also offered a Moonlight Ride, which paralleled the lake and Clackamas River. While the moon was not visible, an estimated 45 participants had a great time. Look for a repeat of the event in 2019.

A MOTION to approve the July Club Minutes as published was made by member Arden Shelton and seconded by Patrick Cecil. The motion passed unanimously.

Chip announced the Church, due to security issues, has requested the front doors remain locked at all times. A door monitor will need to be positioned close by during meeting time to let attendees in.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corey Eng reported the checking account held approximately \$46,462, \$335 in the Pioneer checking account, and an additional \$4,272 in the savings account. Taking into account outstanding checks, the operating account has approximately \$40,450 available. Payment from Cascade for STP is still pending. The potluck format of the picnic was deemed successful and saved a couple thousand dollars from last year's catered affair. The expense category, Event Catering, which covers the Pioneer and the picnic, was reported at \$5,700 for 2017 and only \$274 for 2018. The books are open. See Corey for more information.

OFFICER REPORTS

Member-at-Large Eric Hendricks reported the homeless problem along the I-205 bike path continues to be challenging. Because ODOT does not have the authority to clean up camps and garbage or address illegal drug use along the path problems have not been addressed in a timely manner. Effective January 1, the Legislature is giving ODOT authority to work with the Portland Police to address these recognized problems along the path.

Member-at-Large Pat McManus reported upcoming QR safety columns would feature topics on right hooks and visibility. She has brochures for the Cascading Rivers Ride and Ride the Rogue on Sept. 22.

Member-at-Large Steve Price reminded everyone the members-at-large now make up the Safety Committee. The September QR features an article on lighting for bicycles.

Road Captain Sarah Hill reported there were 96 rides on the September calendar vs. 80 in 2017. Featured rides in September are: The upcoming weekend's Cycle Oregon Lite in Bend; Lyle-Goldendale on Sept. 14; Corey Eng's New South Skyline route; two Boring Rides by Pat McManus; the Harvest Century on Sept. 23; John Joy's CZ Gravel Trail ride; three new series rides, the 6:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday series out of Oregon City, and a noon series out in Beaverton; and, an overnigher to McIver Park on October 6-7. Cindy Bernert-Coppola's Slow Hill series and the Tuesday/Thursday night series will be ending in October for the winter, so check the calendar. There have been nine new Ride Leaders step up to lead rides since the July Meeting. A second Ride Leader Workshop is planned for October and the pilot Ride Leader Orientation Meeting had occurred. The new ride sign in sheets containing the photo release are now available in hard copy and on-line. Please be sure to replace any old sign in sheets with the new version.

In Membership Secretary Lori Buffington's absence, Chip reported, as of August 26, there were 433 memberships and a total of 588 riders. The Club has had 83 new memberships so far this year and 75 dropped memberships.

Recording Secretary Joan Cullen encouraged members to check the posting of minutes on the website and talk with any of the Board members if you have questions.

V-P Ashley Reynolds thanked Scotty Poindexter, Kathleen Hellem and Ann Morrow for helping out on the Picnic Committee and doing a great job with the picnic. Her Lake Oswego Loop route has lots of areas with new pavement surface and, eventually, it will follow a paved pathway around the lake. On last Monday's Morning Meander, she and Scotty ran into Jerry Smith out in Boring at Heaven Scent Bakery. Jerry likes to support this small business as it has been supportive in funding raising efforts for a local family whose child had medical needs. A great bakery, but a very small indoor seating area.

President Chip Kyle made the following announcements and comments:

- A thank you was extended to Ashley and the Picnic Committee for putting together an enjoyable event. The book presentation was a new twist and was well received by those in attendance.
- Ad-hoc rides have popped up over the summer to fill holes on the ride calendar, but the policy of scheduling rides at least 2 weeks out is still highly preferred by both the Road Captains and the Board. Gaps in the summer's ride calendar offerings had made it apparent to the Road Captains that there was a need to be flexible in observing the strict '2-week out' ride submission deadline. Chip responded to two members' very persistent objections and inquiries regarding the scheduling of two competing loaded tours earlier in the summer, one that fell into the ad-hoc category. Chip stated that going forward multi-day tours should be posted at least 2-weeks out on the calendar to allow participants to prepare or arrange time off from work. The Board does support the Road Captains' judgment and discretion to keep the calendar full, handle ride cancellations if they cannot be avoided, and fill last minute openings that may result in a shorter-than-desired lead time for posting on the calendar.
- In follow up to a member's email comment, it is preferred that pictures posted on the Club's Facebook and Facebook Group pages reflect Club activities.
- Cycling equipment from the estate of Robert Campbell has been left to the Club. A volunteer is being sought to work with the lawyer as his will goes through probate.
- Wednesday's Morning Explorer now has an 8-ride leader rotation, allowing the Bud and Bob team to retire from the series.
- Bike Portland reports that N. Williams is being repaved and has a bike detour route for the next couple of weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports were given at this time.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Club Program Coordinator: This position is still unfilled. Barry has left a listing of 10 potential presenters. Cindy Bernert-Coppola has volunteered to be AV support. Primary duty requires contacting the presenter and sending follow up emails to confirm their availability.

Club Dues Increase: Chip reported following July's discussion and members' additional input over the past month, the following dues structure was approved by the Board and would go into effect January 1, 2019:

Individual = \$35/1 year; \$65/2 year

Family* = \$50/1 year; \$95/2 year (*maximum of 5 individuals at the same home address)

The issue of continuing the tradition of offering comp'd memberships to board members and other support positions was deferred until after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

QR Editor Position Open: Chip reported Kimberly Morehead had submitted her resignation as QR Editor effective Dec. 1. Interested parties should contact Chip or any Board member. Kimberly cited family needs as a reason for her stepping down. Kimberly has done a great job as editor and we wish her the best.

Tokens of Appreciation Awards: In recognition of their work and contributions on the 2017 STP Finish Line, Ann Morrow, Finish Line Coordinator, and Corey Eng, Volunteer Coordinator/Day of Manager, were awarded tokens of the Club's appreciation.

OPEN FLOOR

Africa Cycling Adventure: Maria Sworske has information regarding a reasonably priced 5-day/5 night supported off-road bike adventure in Africa! Organizers announced non-riding spouses could also participate for an additional reduced fee. See Maria for more information.

Library Update: Jim Buchanan, Librarian, announced the library has seven new book titles. A copy of The Comeback, which was featured at the picnic, barely hit the table before it was checked out. See Jim if you'd like to be added to the waiting list.

Harvest Century: Ashley reminded members the ride is Sept. 23 and features 3 or 4 options. Kathleen Hellem is the Ride Leader.

OttoLock Bike Lock: Dave McQuery reported the Community Cycling Center now carries the OttoLock. Ann Morrow added Dave Sanders from Portland's Bike Theft Task Force did a demo on her TV program, *Cycology Today*, demonstrating the vulnerability of cutting through all types of cable locks.

Club Meeting Mileage: Patrick Cecil announced the sign-in sheet to claim mileage if you rode to tonight's meeting was over on the table.

Harvest Ride and Saturday Morning Medley: Kathleen Hellem announced the Harvest Century allows wine purchases at the winery stop and it will be transported back to the start for participants. The Saturday Morning Medley series begins in October. She leads the ride on the 3rd Saturday.

Just for Fun: Steve Price recommended checking out Sheldon Brown's video on 'locking your bike'.

Road/path Closures: Dick Weber made the following announcements regarding closures:

- I-205 bike path through Maywood Park to Prescott in NE Portland through end of October.
- Entry (location not specified) onto I-205 Bridge on the Vancouver side will be closed for 2 months.
- The Gorge Highway will remain closed through the winter.
- There is a proposal to make the scenic highway open to bikes only from Bridal Veil Falls to Ainsworth Park.

Monthly Raffle Drawing: First time winner Maria Sworske won the \$25 bike shop gift card.

President Chip Kyle adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.