

PORTLAND WHEELMEN TOURING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Joan Cullen, Rec. Secretary

Attendance: Attendance was estimated at 60 members.

PWTC President Chip Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church.

First time attendees/visitors: Two-year member, Melissa, and new member, Jim Harold, were welcomed.

Program: Yashar Vasef from the Community Cycling Center (CCC) gave tonight's presentation. Coming from a background working in the non-profit community Yashar gave a full description of the many programs CCC offers (Tuesday Night work nights, Tool Library, Cully Neighborhood Project, The Hub, Summer Bike camps in collaboration with Metro, Portland's Bike Town orange bike rental program, Safe Routes to School, and their Holiday Bike Drive). Most of their programs are supported through volunteer efforts. They are currently looking for kids' bikes to fix up for the Holiday Bike Drive giveaway as well as volunteers to work the event. In the past, CCC has been a recipient of PWTC's charitable donations.

President Chip Kyle called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:53 pm.

A MOTION to approve the September Club Minutes as published was made by member Dave Ek and seconded by Ken Norland. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corey Eng reported combined cash accounts held approximately \$64, 291.07. Taking into account outstanding checks, the operating account has approximately \$58,209 in available funds. The payment from Cascade for STP had just been received resulting in our 2018 cash account balance looking much larger than at this same time in 2017. Net for STP should be approximately \$18,942, which is about the same as 2017, although the buses were more expensive and there were fewer riders. The web maintenance contract has been renewed for another year. In the tradition of the Club, the books are open, the bills are paid, and the Club is solvent. See Corey for more information.

OFFICER REPORTS

Member-at-Large Pat McManus reported she is offering three Boring rides and one fun Halloween ride in October. Riders are encouraged to dress in Halloween colors, but avoid all black so as to remain visible. (Also refer to the Bike Safety Committee section for additional reporting by Pat – jac)

Road Captain #1 Sarah Hill reported there were 79 rides scheduled for October vs. 75 in 2017. She thanked all the ride leaders for providing a good variety of rides. She reminded members to check the calendar because some ride starts are changing, some series are ending and others are restarting after the summer hiatus. The Last Loaded Tour of the Year, October 6-7, led by Benn Schonman has been canceled due to the forecast of wet weather.

Featured rides in October are:

- The Saturday Morning Medley returns from its summer hiatus.
- Chris King's Open House Ride led by Kathleen Hellem.
- Bike Beyond Boring led by Pat McManus.
- The Halloween Fun Ride on October 27 led by Pat McManus.
- The Club's traditional Verboort Sausage Ride on November 3 led by Benn Schonman.
- Corey Eng's Sunday West Side Series also begins featuring routes through the farmlands of Washington County.

On November 1 the second Ride Leader Workshop will be held before the Club Meeting. Brian Hammer and Chin See Ming will talk about using Ride with GPS for maps. Please use the new ride sign-in sheets containing the photo release. Sarah thanked Bob Sahleen for his dedication and many years of leading rides. Bob led his last ride on Friday, September 28.

Membership Secretary Lori Buffington reported there were 437 memberships and a total of 591 riders. The Club has 111 new members so far this year with an increase of 23 in September.

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

In V-P Ashley Reynolds' absence Pat McManus reported on the following:

- Congratulations to all who rode or volunteered at the Harvest Century. The event appeared to be a great success.
- Charitable donation recipients will be selected at the December Board Meeting. While the Club has a standard slate of recipients, members are encouraged to submit written nominations to make sure their favorite organization is considered and not overlooked.
- 2019 Board position nominations are needed for the December elections. Nominations can be submitted to Benn Schonmann, Nominations Committee chair.
- Facebook has been offering a greater variety of pictures.
- The Club now has an Instagram account along with PWTC's Facebook account. The Instagram tag is #Portland_Wheelmen.

President Chip Kyle made the following announcements and comments:

- The Church is requiring the front door be locked at all times due to security issues. If you hear the front bell ring, please let the callers in.
- Please do not park in the first two parking spaces by the front door, which are labeled 'reserved'. They are reserved for Church staff.
- The Church is offering a pasta feed on October 20 to the people and groups who share the building. A \$10 donation is suggested.
- Jim Buchanan has accepted the position of Program Coordinator! Thank you, Jim!
- Mark Klein has accepted the position of 2019 STP Coordinator. Ann Morrow will be working with him to share her many years of experience running the event. Thank you, Mark!
- Ottolock's VP will present a program on the product at the November 1 Club Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bike Safety Committee: Pat McManus reported there was an accident in September, so no additional raffle ticket would be drawn tonight. The next QR will feature an article on 'right hooks'. Plans for an expansion of information on the website's Bike Safety page are being planned for in the next couple months. An Accident Reporting form and procedure to report an accident are now in place. In case of an accident during a Club ride (or riding to or from one), the affected rider or a witness should complete the on-line form and then send to the Board for review and subsequent reporting to the Club's insurance company. If deemed helpful, the incident may initiate a QR article that describes the accident (victim will be anonymous) with suggestions on how to avoid a similar incident. One of our members, who is recovering from a bad crash, then offered to speak about the experience: During a non-club ride this member entered a downhill curve too fast and too wide, crossed into oncoming traffic and hit a pickup truck. She suffered broken bones and a fractured back. Luckily she is healing and plans to be back on her bike in the future.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

QR Editor Transition: Chip again acknowledged the great job Kimberly Morehead had done as editor for the past several years. She originally was going to stay on until December, but more immediate family needs have delayed the release of the October QR and the timeline for the transition may be sooner

than expected. Members should expect to see a new approach to the traditional newsletter involving integration with Facebook and Instagram. Member Mianne Irick was welcomed as the new editor who will work on presenting a new fresh look and feel to the newsletter as we go forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Election Procedure: Chip explained to those present that 8 of the 11 elected positions will be up for election at the December Club Meeting. The Board will be presented a slate at the October Board Meeting and the slate will be presented to the members at the November Club meeting. Nominations will still be accepted from the floor on election night.

Nominations Committee: Benn Schonman has been appointed as the Chair for this committee by Chip. There are three members on the committee. If you are interested in being a candidate talk to any on the committee or any Board member regarding position duties.

OPEN FLOOR

Annual Awards Banquet: Benn Schonman, Banquet Coordinator, announced registration forms were now available on-line. A few hard copy forms were on the table. Arden Shelton reminded everyone to get nominations into the Committee and an article will be in the QR with the award category criteria. Deadline for written nominations is midnight, December 31.

Reach the Beach: Ann Morrow announced the event had a new director, Kathy Diddly, of the American Lung Association. Kathy is hoping to involve more local bike clubs in the 2019 event. A new route is also being planned for the upcoming year.

Cycology Today: Ann announced Club member Monica Vacheresse would be the guest host on this upcoming Tuesday's show. Featured topic is how a person can age and continue to ride.

14-day Lead to Submit a Loaded Tour Ride: Ann Morrow again asked regarding a loaded tour last June that had been added to the calendar within the 14 day limit. Chip again reiterated that going forward loaded tours or any multi-day rides would be required to schedule at least 14 days out from the ride date.

Monthly Raffle Drawing: Arden Shelton won the \$25 bike shop gift card.

President Chip Kyle adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.