

PORTLAND WHEELMEN TOURING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2018 – as Amended

Respectfully submitted by Joan Cullen, Rec. Secretary

Attendance: Attendance was estimated at 48 members.

PWTC President Chip Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church.

First time attendees/visitors: New members Tim, Bob Hillhouse, and Tricia and Darin Swanson were welcomed.

Program: Eric Merc, VP of OTTO Design Works, gave a short presentation on the newer technology of their product, OTTOlocks. He demonstrated how they work and their merits for deterring bike thieves in short-term use situations.

President Chip Kyle called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

A MOTION to approve the October Club Minutes as published was made by member Mark Klein and seconded by Alan Mevis. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corey Eng reported combined cash accounts held approximately \$63,484.62. Taking into account outstanding checks, the operating account has approximately \$58,411 in available funds. Net income for 2018 is reported at \$53.55 for the year. In 2017 we showed a net loss of ~\$12,300. Billing on meeting space rental, at \$725 annually, is still pending. The IRS's final decision regarding fines for the late filing of 2016 and 2017 tax forms is continuing to be closely monitored by Corey and the Board. A recent follow up letter from the IRS indicates a decision should be made by mid-December. Corey had already cautioned the Board that the fines, levied at ~\$5,700, should be treated as a financial risk. It was clarified to those in attendance that even though the Club, as a non-profit, owes no taxes, the fines were levied for late filing. Corey has been in continued communication over the past 3 months with the IRS and the CPA regarding her liability for not filing on time. In the tradition of the Club, the books are open, the bills are paid, and the Club is solvent. See Corey for more detailed information.

OFFICER REPORTS

Member-at-Large Jeff Marshall reported on Steve Price's recent QR article regarding the value of using blinking lights for visibility even during daylight hours.

Road Captain #2 Rob Schroeder reported there were only 59 rides scheduled for November vs. 66 in 2017. While it is normal the number of rides decrease at this time of year due to weather, members are encouraged to submit rides. The goal for November was to offer at least one ride per day, but more is always better. Recruitment is now open for December rides.

Featured rides in November are:

- The Club's traditional Verboort Sausage Ride on November 3 led by Benn Schonman.
- Two Thanksgiving Day rides – one led by Corey Eng on the west side and one on the east side led by Marci Ray and Barry Emmerling.

Membership Secretary Lori Buffington reported there were 441 memberships and a total of 595 riders. The Club has 117 new members so far this year.

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. She reminded members along with the December Meeting's swap meet and dessert potluck, the Club again will be collecting warm

coats and non-perishable food donations for SnowCAP. If your stockpile of warm coats has run dry, this year stuffing mixes, boxed dessert mixes, can openers and empty egg cartons have been specified in SnowCAP's wish list to assist families in preparation of their holiday meals.

V-President Ashley Reynolds reported the annual Veterans Day ride to Corbett would be offered on Saturday, November 10, led by Dick Weber. Check the calendar for the start time. The Club now has an Instagram account. Members are encouraged to check it out.

President Chip Kyle made the following announcements and comments:

- Submissions of potential recipients for PWTC's charitable donations are being asked for. The Board will begin to look at the requests at the November Board Meeting and the final decision of recipients and amounts will be made at the December Board Meeting.
- The December Club Meeting has no formal program; rather, it is the Club's annual dessert potluck, swap meet, and warm coats and non-perishable food collection for SnowCAP.
- 2019 board elections will also be held at the December Club Meeting.
- As a safety tip for this time of year: Be careful when going through piles of leaves and going around corners. Many are slippery with leaves and water. Please point out obstacles in the road.
- As a courtesy, please use fenders to help keep water spray from obscuring the vision of the riders behind you. If you do not have fenders, please stay to the back of the pack.
- Please do not park in the first two parking spaces by the front door of the Church. They are labeled 'reserved' for Church staff use.
- Currently, there are only two ride sheets (August 15 and September 25) that have not been turned in to George Ammerman, Statistician. Thank you to the ride leaders for promptly turning them in, and thank you to George for posting them quickly.
- Tonight's Ride Leader Workshop had a great graph showing that so far this year we had 71 ride leaders, offered 18% more rides, and had 19% more members participating than in years past. A thank you was extended to the Road Captains for doing a great job of filling the calendar, recruiting ride leaders and offering interesting rides.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bike Safety Committee: Sarah Hill reported the accident reporting form was now available on the website's Bike Safety page. The information will be collected for review and help with highlighting safe riding tips. A link is on the web page.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Robert Campbell Estate: Chip reported member Bill Scheidler had stepped forward to act as a liaison between the Club and the Campbell estate in dispersal of bikes, wheels, parts, and tools. It has turned out to be a lengthy list of items ranging from complete bikes to trueing stands and Campy tools. The Board is looking for ideas on how to dispose of the items. Ideas can be shared with Chip or any Board member.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for the 2019 Board: Chip reported Benn Schonman, Committee Chair, had prepared an initial slate of candidates, but nominations will still be accepted on election night.

- President – Pat McManus
- Vice-president – Ashley Reynolds
- Treasurer – Corey Eng
- Membership Secretary – Cindy Bernert-Coppola
- Recording Secretary – Joan Cullen
- Road Captain #1 – Darin Swanson
- Members-at Large – Steve Price, Patrick Cecil, Stacy Barbadillo, and Joel Loh

Pat McManus has resigned from her Member-at-Large position thereby opening up the remaining

6 months of her term to be filled. Chip reiterated that any unopposed positions would be elected by unanimous acclaim and those positions with multiple candidates would be elected by a written ballot. Nominations will still be accepted on election night.

Survey Regarding the Club Name: Chip reviewed information contained in his November Top Talk regarding why the Board is looking into this topic. The survey is the first step to determine if there is adequate interest from the membership to pursue this project. The survey will be released in the near future. All members are encouraged to answer and submit the on-line survey.

OPEN FLOOR

Club Library: Jim Buchanan, Librarian, reports the book on Greg Lemond is available for check out.

Reach the Beach (R-t-B): Ann Morrow reported Dick Weber is again leading the R-t-B Training Ride Series. She asked the Club's ride leaders to consider tagging their regular rides R-t-B and Pioneer training rides. Ann asked members to act as liaisons to other groups they might ride with and encourage participation in the event. She proposed the Club consider riding as a team on the event. An inquiry from a member asked if PWTC could get visibility on the R-t-B website as a supporter of the event. Reportedly, PWTC was credited on R-t-B's website but the member said they were unable to locate it on R-t-B's event site.

**Amendment passed at the December 6 Club Meeting clarifying that the Reach the Beach Training Series organizers were asked to document where on the R-t-B website PWTC was given credit regarding support of the event and the location of the link to our website. - jac

Annual Awards Banquet: Bud Rice, Awards Committee, reminded everyone to sign up early for the banquet -- either on-line or with a hard copy registration. The November QR listed the award categories and a historical listing of past winners. Bud emphasized written award nominations are needed by midnight, December 31!

Monthly Raffle Drawing:

- Jeremy Wilson won an OTTOlock (donated by a Club member).
- Alan Mevis won the \$25 bike shop gift card.

President Chip Kyle adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.