

PORTLAND WHEELMEN TOURING CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Joan Cullen, Rec. Secretary

Attendance: Attendance was estimated at 48 members.

President Patricia McManus called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church.

First time attendees: Members Mark Lander and Steve Bruckner were welcomed.

Program: Cathy Gidley from the American Lung Assoc. gave an informational presentation on the history of the organization, which included information on the Reach the Beach cycling event. The ride is offering a new start location this year and changes in the route which use lighter trafficked roads. The new routes can be found at ridewithGPS.com/routes/29323174. She thanked the Club for offering training rides over the years and supporting the ALA.

President Pat McManus called the business portion of the meeting to order at 7:52 pm.

A MOTION to approve the February Club Minutes as posted was made by member Barry Emmerling and seconded by Chip Kyle. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corey Eng reported the bills are paid and the Club is solvent. Total assets for 2019 are within \$553 of the 2018 asset totals. See Corey for a more detailed breakdown of income/expenses by category or events.

OFFICER REPORTS

Member-at-Large Eric Hendricks related that his sensibilities continue to be disturbed by the cold, windy weather.

Member-at-Large Steve Price has been in warmer climes vacationing and did not have any further report at this time.

Member-at-Large Stacy Barbadillo reported his ride last Sunday had 4 riders and, in spite of gale force winds, they had a good time.

Member-at-Large Joel Loh did not have a report at this time.

Road Captain #2 Rob Schroeder reported on the following:

- The March ride calendar has 80 rides listed which is only 3 rides short of 2018's mark. He encouraged ride leaders to double check the calendar after submitting rides to make sure the ride was posted correctly.
- Darin Swanson, RC #1, is putting together the next Ride Leader Workshop. It is planned to precede the May Club Meeting and will be posted on the calendar.
- The ride's pace/speed descriptor is being looked into again. It is under consideration to switch from the 'word' description (leisurely, moderate, etc.) to specify a specific 'speed' range (e.g. 12-15 mph, or 20+, etc.) in the hopes to provide better disclosure to participants.
- Daylight Savings Time will begin this weekend.
- The Tuesday Morning Double Challenge ride's start time will move to 9:00 am from 9:30 am beginning in April.
- The bathrooms at Our Savior's Church are being remodeled. The Church is making a small private bathroom off the Pastor's Office available for our use.

- The will be a temporary disruption to posting rides on the website beginning March 23. Please have April rides to the Road Captains by March 19!

Membership Secretary Cindy Bernert-Coppola was not available to give a report this month.

Recording Secretary Joan Cullen reminded everyone to check the website for the minutes of Club and Board Meetings. Check with any board member if you have questions or comments.

V-President Ashley Reynolds referred members to March's QR articles regarding the Club's Instagram and Facebook pages to learn more about how social media is highlighting Club activities. The "Filmed by Bike" film festival will be held May 17-19 at the Hollywood Theater. The Club is developing an advertisement to run at the 3-day festival. The project is in need of pictures to include in the advertisement. A member suggested locating the Pioneer Century video that was produced a couple years ago to look for possible pictures to use. Ashley said she'd explore it.

President Pat McManus reported on the following:

- A thank you was extended to Marci Ray and Barry Emmerling for providing tonight's refreshments while Bud Rice is out of town.
- Sadly, maybe due to weather, she did not have anyone show up for her 11:00 ride today.
- Pat will be representing PWTC at the League of American Bicyclists upcoming Super Summit in Washington, D.C. She plans to submit an article to the QR when she returns regarding her experiences at the conference.
- Columbia Park's picnic site has been reserved for Sunday, August 4, for our annual picnic.
- Due to 4th of July holiday, the Board elected to cancel the July Club Meeting. After looking at other date options it was decided what was available came into close conflict with the STP Volunteer Party and STP Weekend activities.
- A 'tree' ride will be offered in mid-April. Check the calendar for specifics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bike Safety Committee: Eric Hendricks encouraged members who have had a cycling accident on a Club ride to use the on-line accident report form if they received injuries requiring medical follow up. While filing the form does not automatically trigger a claim with our insurance company, contact with the Club's insurance carrier could help with costs (\$500-\$10,000) not covered by a member's primary insurance company. The Club's form, which has been in use for about a year, is currently under review for user-friendliness. An attendee spoke up to caution those who use the bike racks at Jazzy Bagel to be careful. The artistic design/placement has left a couple spots that can trip up users. The problem has been reported to the City of Gresham.

Web Committee: Pat McManus reported the website would be undergoing the planned upgrades changing the database and incorporating the new dues structure (\$35 per individual/\$50 per family of 5). As of March 23, access to look at the site will still be active, but any new content entered between March 23 and April 4 will have to be manually entered. Submissions to the QR should be submitted by March 18. The upgraded site will go live April 5 with a slightly different look. The Web Committee plans a demonstration at the May Club Meeting of the new site's appearance and features.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Motion to Amend the Club's Name: Pat reviewed the plan to cast ballots at the April Club Meeting. Board member reports will be abbreviated and there will not be a program that evening.

- Members will be required to have their membership current at time of the meeting. Members can check with the Membership Secretary, Cindy Bernert-Coppola, if there is a question about your status.
- Members will be required to check in at the entry door to receive their pre-printed ballot.
- Only 1 ballot will be allowed per person. Family members will need to be present if they wish to vote.

- The ballot box will not be available until after the meeting has been called to order. Members not wishing to stay for the entire meeting can leave after voting has opened.
- A sign up sheet for those wishing to make comments will be available. Speakers will be allotted 2 minutes for their comments. There will be a maximum of 30 speakers. Time set aside for comments is expected at 60-90 minutes. If time allows, the floor may be opened for additional comments.
- Comments could also be posted on the PWTC Group Facebook site.
- Pat will announce a last call for ballots and voting will be closed. A pre-selected team (Corey Eng, Tom Carter and Marci Ray) will count the ballots.
- Pat will announce the results before closing the meeting.

Time was given for further discussion regarding the process. It was clarified that in order to pass, the motion must receive a two-thirds majority ballots cast.

NEW BUSINESS

New QR Editor Introduction: Pat introduced and welcomed Lynn Thompson as the new QR editor. Lynn has been a member since 2002 and has a background in the field of education as a teacher. She has experience with spreadsheets, the Internet and photo editing. Articles should be submitted by the 20th of each month, although in March because of the website upgrade, April submissions should be received no later than March 18! Submissions should be sent to newsletter@pwtc.com. Cindy Bernert-Coppola was thanked for stepping in and pulling the March QR together.

Non-PWTC Rides Approved for Club Mileage Credit: The Board, at the February Board Meeting, approved the following non-PWTC event rides for Club mileage credit. Participants are required to pay all fees and follow rules of the ride. Rides will also be listed on the Ride Calendar.

- Monster Cookie, Sunday, April 28, Ride Leader: Pat McManus.
- Reach the Beach, Saturday, May 18, Ride Leaders: 55-mile route, Ann Morrow; and, 100-mile route, Scott Poindexter.
- Strawberry Century, Saturday, June 8, Ride Leader: Ann Morrow.
- The Gorge Ride, Saturday, June 22, Ride Leader: Dick Weber.
- NW Tandem Rally, Thursday, July 4-Sunday, July 7, Ride Leader: Armond Anderson.
- Ride to Defeat ALS, Saturday, July 20, Ride Leader: Chip Kyle.
- RACC, Saturday, July 27, Ride Leader, Stacy Barbadillo.
- Cycle Oregon, Saturday, September 7-Saturday, September 14, Ride Leader: Armond Anderson.
- Harvest Century, Sunday, September 22, Ride Leader: Kathleen Hellem.

OPEN FLOOR

Ron Householder Memorial Ride/Event: Pat announced plans were being considered for a members-only event funded by a generous donation from the Householder estate. It is tentatively being planned for September.

Reach the Beach: Jim Buchanan announced there were RtB brochures on the back table.

Cascade's RSVP Passes Raffle: The drawing was held for two free RSVP passes donated to PWTC by the Cascade Bicycle Club. Mark Klein announced the lucky winners were Erin Wirtz and Connie Vorenkamp. He will notify the winners.

Jim O'Horo Columbia Gorge Explorer: Dave McQuery, organizer, reported there are only 18 available spots left. Sign up soon if you are interested in this multi-day loaded tour on Memorial Day weekend.

Good Deal on Tires and Tubes: Steve Bruckner has a good deal on a set of new foldable Continental tires and tubes, 700x25. Contact Steve if you're interested.

Discount Bike Shops: Chin See Ming mentioned the list of shops offering a club discount is currently on the website's public side. One of the bike shops lists a discount promo code for members to use for on-line orders. The concern expressed is anyone going on the site can access and use the promo code. Pat said it

would be looked into. It was again discussed if all Bike Gallery shops extend a discount to members. Apparently, it is a shop-by-shop decision, and, while most branches do extend the discount, members have found the Beaverton shop does not.

Gresham Paver: Pat responded to an inquiry as to the status of the paver. The order and payment has been sent but no paver has been placed yet. David Lewis said he would follow up with the project contact to check on the status.

Monthly Raffle Drawing:

- John Joy won the \$25 bike shop gift card.

President Pat McManus adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.