

Minutes of the July 7, 2021
Meeting of the
Board of Directors of
The New York Cycle Club, Inc.

Via Zoom Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Present were: Peter Storey (Club President), Neile Weissman (Public Relations Director), Gerald Ross (VP of Rides), Linda Wintner (C Rides Coordinator), Michael Bernstein (A Rides Coordinator), Colin Taber (B-Rides Coordinator), Allan Friedman (ENY Director), Leora Rosenberg (Volunteer Coordinator), Robert Gilbert (Treasurer), Sheila O'Connor (Content Editor), Edward C. Delk (Secretary), Kym Blanchard (Membership Director), and Steve Vaccaro (VP of Programs).

Peter, as President, called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 2021 meeting were approved, subject to edits separately provided.*

2. State of the Alex Klafehn Kit Design Proposal

Allan invited Alex Klafehn to join the Zoom meeting to review his logo design proposal. Following a discussion with the Board, Alex agreed to incorporate its feedback in an updated design.

3. In-Person Board and Club Meetings

Peter led a discussion concerning an eventual return to in-person meetings for the Board and the Club. The Board agreed to continue considering the potential timing of a return to normal, beginning with the feasibility of an in-person meeting in September, subject to federal, state and local health guidance.

4. Ice Cream Social

Peter and Alan jointly led a discussion of a proposal for an Ice Cream Social. Peter agreed to contact a potential vendor and follow-up with Alan and Ana on scheduling a date.

* There was no Board meeting in June 2021.

5. All Class Ride

Bob provided details on the All Class Ride planned for August 15th in Rye, NY. He emphasized the need for additional ride leaders.

6. Mid-Year Financial Projection

Bob discussed the mid-year financial projection based on materials he provided in advance of the meeting. He noted that major expected expenditures included insurance premiums and the Holiday Party. He projected a balance of approximately \$1,300.

7. Litigation Update

Jerry provided an update on a lawsuit a NYCC member filed against the Club and certain other defendants in connection with an accident during a group ride three years ago. Jerry said our insurance company was defending the Club and Board members should comply with a directive to protect relevant documents. He emphasized that Board members should avoid discussing the case. Separately, Jerry mentioned that he was considering potential updates to the standard waiver that Club members agree to in connection with group rides and other NYCC events.

8. Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Kym and Neile summarized a three-part training series the Club's Diversity & Inclusion Committee co-sponsored with the Black Girls Do Bike (BGDB) cycling organization (<https://www.facebook.com/blackgirlsdobike/>). The Committee (together with several Club volunteers organized by Neile) worked with Lisa Gillespie, a Club member and the head of the NYC Chapter of BGDB, to develop a program to bolster BGDB members' strength, endurance and group cycling skills. The series included 27 participants, at least five of whom joined the Club. One participating BGDB member was referred to the NYCC Race and Development Team.

Neile mentioned that he was working to develop a similar training series with the Ciclistas Latinoamericanos de New York cycling organization (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CiclistasNY/>).

Peter reported that the local chapter of the Major Taylor Iron Riders (MTIR) cycling organization (<https://mtir.clubexpress.com/>) invited NYCC members to join them on their New Hope and Princeton group rides in August. He said he invited MTIR members to join NYCC at the New Paltz Club Weekend event.

9. New Paltz Club Weekend

Neile updated the Board on arrangements for the New Paltz Club Weekend event scheduled for August 6th through August 8th.

10. Cycling Advocacy

Neile updated the Board on cycling advocacy efforts with state and local governments, such as the Idaho Stop Law proposal.

11. Escape New York 2021

Allan updated the Board on arrangements for ENY, including sign-ups, rollovers, funding, marketing/sponsorship efforts and the need for additional volunteers.

12. Presidential Succession

Peter announced he is not eligible to stand for re-election because of mandatory term limits for President. He noted that nominations for candidates for President will open on the morning after the Board meeting in September and close at the October Club meeting. Sheila agreed to create a ballot by approximately October 20th. Voting will continue until the Club meeting in November, during which votes will be counted and the result announced.

13. Director Intent to Stand for Re-Election

Peter conducted an informal poll of Directors concerning their preliminary intent to stand for re-election.

14. Gift Certificates

Kym and Bob discussed plans for the Club to purchase ten \$50 gift certificates for use in the random drawing among participants in the 2021 Membership Survey. Bob agreed to call Strictly Bikes concerning the availability of electronic (rather than physical) certificates.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.