

Minutes of the  
April 12th, 2023  
Meeting of the Board of Directors of  
The New York Cycle Club, Inc.

Held via Zoom

ATTENDEES: Leora Rosenberg (President and Chair), Colin Taber (Secretary), Robert Gilbert (Treasurer), Kara Anstett (VP of Programs), Gerald Ross (VP of Rides), Steve Vaccaro (B-Rides Coordinator), Jim Zisfein (C-Rides Coordinator), Charmaine Dixon (Volunteer Coordinator), Kym Blanchard (Membership Director), Neile Weissman (Public Relations Director), Denise Alvarez-Heller (Special Events Coordinator), Allan Friedman (Escape New York Ride Director), Sheila O'Connor (Content Manager), Natan Elman (Webmaster)

ABSENT: Michael Diener (A-Rides Coordinator)

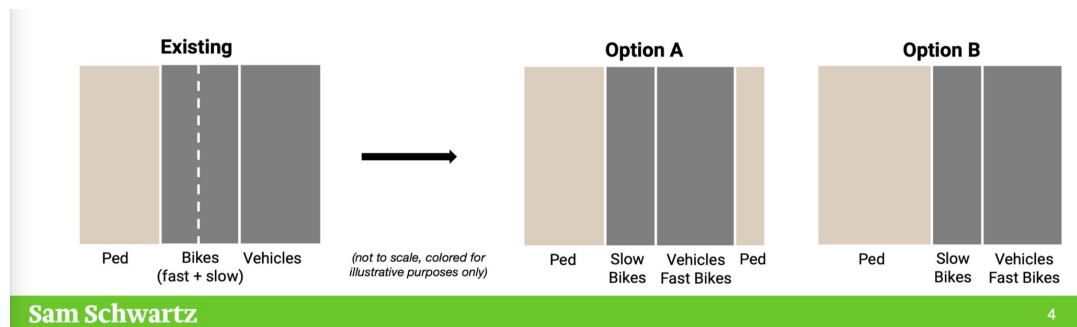
- CALL TO ORDER - Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm.
- BOARD MEMBER 'POPCORN' UPDATES - Each board member has the opportunity to share minor updates.
  - **Jim** reported that the C-STs going well
  - **Sheila** mentioned this Friday past was the deadline for any monthly item that needs a page built, and the Newsletter deadline for other items is this Friday April 14th.
  - **Steve** said the B-SIG was reducing the number of leaders available to lead open rides each weekend, and said some B-STs rides are also getting published.
  - **Neile** shared the following update:
    - [Southampton](#) is back on track. He asked Suffolk electeds to intercede on NYCC's behalf. The upshot is that SUNY gave us the dates we requested, as well as some "gender inclusive" suites—so we can now offer "couples" housing.
    - At members' request, he asked the CP Conservancy if they were comfortable easing the COVID-era 7 a.m. limit. The deadline to exit the Central Park Drive has been pushed back to 8 a.m. The [CP Protocol](#) has been updated w/new hours and Coordinators are approving later starts.
    - To help clarify the sequence of the EWeekly calling on members to support of GWB path expansion, he shared a [screen capture](#) of EWeekly copy, the full letter to legislative leaders—and a substantially similar letter approved by the Board in March 2020.
    - For added context, he recommended we look at the [Transportation Alternatives Queens Campaign](#) page which uses similar copy: "dangerously overcrowded," "new boulevard of death," etc. etc.
    - To coincide with the opening of the NorthWalk, the Port Authority has updated its [guidance for cyclists crossing the George Washington Bridge](#):

- “Bicyclists are asked to walk their bikes for the safety of all sidewalk users. Those who choose to ride are encouraged to exercise caution and ride safely.”
    - Last month, he had the honor of presenting before the League of American Bicyclists' Summit on ways recreational bike clubs can engage in advocacy. Campaigns discussed were Central Park, Bikes-on-Trains, GWB, Idaho Stop and Grayways. [Here's the link.](#)
  - Gerry shared a Memo on the Escalante matter and reinforced the importance of the club waiver.
  - Denise stated that the Newcomer's ride is being planned. Rye is too expensive and alternative venues are being researched.
  - Kara said the most recent Club meeting went well with high attendance. Trek is interested in participating more in the future. Allan has helped line up sponsors for the SIG graduation in May, and we are looking forward to that.
  - Kym mentioned that Young Majors-NYCC is sponsoring three racers to train this spring, supporting them with equipment and a small amount of funding. She and the team are also talking to additional sponsors, like Trek.
  - Natan said website test cases for the new site design are being reviewed with Bob.
- MINUTES
  - February minutes were motioned and approved.
  - March minutes were motioned and approved after some discussion and amendments.
- UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS
  - An in-person mid-year review was suggested and most board members were in favor.
- FIDELITY APPLICATION
  - Bob shared a proposal to find better investment return on excess cash the club has in its bank account. The goal is to put it in a safe vehicle where we can retrieve it at all times, with no or only modest penalty
  - After some discussion, two proposals were motioned and approved:
    - A 7 month CD investment with Bank of America of up to \$100,000.
    - The creation of a Fidelity brokerage investment account for the Club, with the proviso that any proposals for investment will be brought to the board for approval in future.
- GOVERNANCE UPDATE
  - The Roll It Forward Committee Members for 2023 are Allan, Jerry, Kym, Neile (Chair), Sheila, Steve
  - The Chair identified a need to discuss and possibly clarify the approval process for Club-wide communications.

- Recently an email regarding the Policy Position on the GWB was provided by the PR Director, based on a position approved by the NYCC board 4 years ago, in 2020. The Chair felt the position should have been reviewed by the Board before publication.
- After discussion, it was decided to table the topic pending further consideration of the Board’s input by the Chair.

- PROSPECT PARK/CENTRAL PARK

- NYCC will support recommended training hours consistent with Prospect Park Protocol.
- We believe that the re-striping “Option B” is the safer option for all park users. [Not pedestrian lanes on both sides of the East Drive with a middle cycling/park vehicle lane in between one pedestrian lane on the inside with the cycling lane on the outside.]
- DOT should not implement neckdowns (narrowings) at signaled crossings. Bike clubs consider these configurations highly likely to precipitate ped-bike and bike-bike crashes in ways that haven’t happened previously.
- We’d like more information about the pilot. What is its duration? What criteria will be used to determine success? And who will make that determination? Do you have final designs for the reduction/removal of the triangles?



- POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS

- Ride Angels Update
- ENY Committee Update