

Minutes of the February 7, 2024
Meeting of the Board of Directors of The New York Cycle Club, Inc.
Held via Google Meet

ATTENDEES: Leora Rosenberg (President and Chair); Bob Cohen (Secretary); Bob Gilbert (Treasurer); YJ Chen (VP of Programs); Colin Taber (VP of Rides); Anna Taruschio (A-Rides Coordinator); Steve Vaccaro (B-Rides Coordinator); Jim Zisfein (C-Rides Coordinator); Meredith Weill (Volunteer Coordinator); Kym Blanchard (Marketing Director); Neile Weissman (Public Relations Director); Denise Alvarez-Heller (Special Events Coordinator); Allan Friedman (Escape New York Ride Director); Sheila O'Connor (Content Editor); Natan Elman (Webmaster). ABSENT: None. CALL TO ORDER: 18:26

1. MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve January Minutes; motion passed.

2. POPCORN UPDATES: (Each board member has the opportunity to share minor updates).

- Sheila O'Connor-the SIG & STS pages on the old website have been updated for 2024. There remain a couple of bugs to fix. Progress continues with the new website.
- Colin Taber-1st new member call (via Google Meet) went off well. There were fifteen new member participants. Follow up sessions will be scheduled.
- Allan Friedman- we are looking to recruit ENY Management Team Members to fill vacancies. Forward this link to anyone you think might be interested and promote the need for ride management volunteers as well as Day-of volunteers in your engagement with club members: <https://www.enynycc.org/help-manage-eny>.
- YJ Chen-all is in place for the February Club meeting (SIG/STS information session). March meeting will be a gear swap and purposely not have a speaker. We're planning on a having a bike shop mechanic speak at the April meeting. Several suggestions came from the floor for future meetings.
- Natan Elman-Club officially off Slack as a communication platform. Discord is the Club's preferred platform.

3. The March Board meeting will be in person.

4. STS/SIG/Racing- so far 160 have signed up for the February 13th info session at Connolly's.

- A-STS- tri-captains are in place. 2024 will be a 10-week program beginning April 6th. Participants will break into three speed groups, each group following the same weekly route. Rides will start at 65 miles, working up to 100 miles (3000 feet of climbing, up to 5400 feet).
- B-STS- needs more leaders (conceptual suggestions and referrals to individuals came from the floor from riders at all levels; Ride Coordinators committed to reinvigorate the 'pay-it-forward' concept of their ride graduates when it comes to leading rides; the Coordinators will connect with the Captains). The first ride of the B-STS will a B16 so leaders can get a sense of the riders' skills and abilities. After the first week the B-STS will break up in 16-17-18 groups.
- C-STS- A full complement of leaders is in place. A full program of rides has been developed.
- All SIG programs are in place and will be ready for the start in March.

5. It has been observed that missing from the morning park lap ride listings, are rides at a gentler (and friendlier) pace for working on group riding skills between the weekend rides. Ride Coordinators will promote the return of these more friendly lap rides.

6. Club Leadership would like to see the SIG program become more integrated into the Club, not running alongside as a separated distinct effort. The Ride Coordinators will connect with the Ride Captains.

Meeting adjourned: 19:24