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Minutes of the June 7, 2016 Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the
New York Cycle Club

Present were: Christy Guzzetta (President), Jerry Ross (VP Rides), Sam Lunetta (ENY Director), Eden Weiss (VP Programs), Brian Van Nieuwenhoven (Editor), Neile Weissman (Immediate Past President), Paul O'Shea (Public Relations Director), David Beckley (A Rides Coordinator), Jim Finder (B Rides Coordinator)(by telephone), Michael S. Bernstein (C Rides Coordinator), Chris Hartman (Volunteer Coordinator) and Peter Storey (Secretary).

Christy called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

1. *GWB Policy Statement.*

Peter distributed a proposed policy statement on the upcoming recabing project on the George Washington Bridge, including the improvements already promised by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Peter stressed that the statement was a compromise document that aimed to reflect the broad range of opinions known to be held by the Board and the membership on various aspects of this issue.

Discussion followed, principally on whether clause (iv) should be made more general. Jerry moved adoption of the statement as proposed, and the motion was seconded. An amendment to Jerry's motion to include the language about a lane dedicated to cyclists was adopted. A further amendment to make clause (iv) more general was defeated. Ultimately, it was:

Resolved, that the New York Cycle Club (i) commends the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for its commitment to bicycling and walking throughout the region; and (ii) welcomes and applauds the proposed improvements to the George Washington Bridge bicycle/pedestrian paths announced by the Port Authority in March, 2014; and (iii) notes with satisfaction that at least one of the paths will remain open at all times throughout the impending recabing project; and (iv) respectfully urges the Port Authority to seize the opportunity afforded by the recabing to widen the paths on the GWB main span to comply with national standards, dedicate a lane on the roadway for cyclists, or make other comparable provision for cyclists on the main span so as to support the continued growth of bicycling and pedestrian traffic well into the coming decades.

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2. Programs.

Eden noted that Paragon will be holding a social event for us in the cycling department of their store at 6:00 pm on June 28th. He urged everyone to attend.

3. ENY.

Sam noted that raffle prizes now include a free Stephen Roche cycling camp stay and a Raleigh bicycle. Gross revenues for ENY have now topped \$10,000.

Sam directed everyone's attention to the crowd-funding fund-raising page, which allows you to contribute directly to the chosen charities (less a 6% handling fee to Active.com). Looking to 2017, we want to show that we not only give to our own charities, but that other charities can piggy-back on our ride.

Christy asked how we were doing on breaking down "silos" between ENY and the rest of the Club. Sam reported that he had had discussions with the ENY Committee. The separate ENY Volunteer Party is a big draw, and the committee would be averse to merging it with the regular Volunteer Party. Brian raised the possibility of open meetings of the ENY Committee or other means to enhance transparency. Sam said he would consider these ideas.

4. E-Weekly Template.

Brian reported that all was going well with the new e-weekly template.

5. Newcomers Ride.

Brian reported that we are good to go. The weather looks iffy at this point, and he and Christy will make the call on whether to proceed.

6. June Clean-up Ride.

Jerry will commence communications with DOT and The Market this week, but no problems are expected.

7. July 4th / New Paltz.

Neile reported that details are coming together, and all we need now is more riders. That said, we have no exposure to SUNY if turnout is low. We want to get the numbers up, but other than that, we're done.

8. Tour de France Party.

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This event needs an “owner”. So far, nothing has been done. Christy will see if Hal Eskenazi wants to take this on.

9. All Class Ride.

This will be held August 7th. Christy stressed to the Ride Coordinators that no competing rides are to be approved for that day. A destination has yet to be selected.

Christy raised the possibility of inviting the Major Taylor Cycling Club to join us for the event. This suggestion was warmly received by the Board.

10. Ice Cream Social.

So far, no plans have been made. Christy will discuss this with Brian.

11. Volunteer of the Month.

Christy proposed we institute a volunteer-of-the-month program. Each month’s winner will be announced at the next month’s Club meeting and will receive a trophy designed by Christy, who will run the program generally. This idea was **Approved** by the Board.

12. Board Composition.

Christy announced that, in light of Yvette Kasic’s resignation from the Board, Susan’s impending departure and Paul’s retirement at the end of the year, it was important for all Board members to consider and, where possible, draft, potential successors. Brian will transition Michelle Gordon to replace himself, but we are looking at a number of Board openings in the coming months and next year.

Peter also noted that it is the time of the year when the Board considers its own composition, specifically whether new seats/positions need to be added or whether old one have outlived their usefulness. That discussion was scheduled for the July meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter K. Storey, Secretary

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