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Minutes of the July 25, 2017 Meeting  
of the  
Board of Directors  
of the  
New York Cycle Club

Present were: Christy Guzzetta (President), Eden Weiss (VP Programs), Jerry Ross (VP Rides), Bob Gilbert (Special Events Coordinator), Michelle Gordon (Content Editor), Michael Gately (A Rides Coordinator), Jim Finder (B Rides Coordinator), Karla Bonne (C Rides Coordinator), Linda Wintner (Escape New York Director), and Peter Storey (Secretary).

Christy called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

**1. Approval of June Minutes.**

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June meeting were **approved**.

**2. Proposed Labor Day Weekend.**

Peter reported on Lynette Chiang's plans to organize a Labor Day Weekend for 10-15 Club Members in Philmont, New York. The weekend would include rides from and to Poughkeepsie on days one and three, and an art tour ride on the middle day, all at a C14 pace. Although space will be limited, all members of the Club would have the opportunity to sign up, and no Club funding will be required.

**3. Programs.**

As is customary, there will be no Club meeting in August.

The September meeting will feature Eben Weiss, the author of the Bike Snob NYC blog and of at least two books. The meeting will be sponsored by his publisher. We will raffle off ten copies of his latest book and we will offer thirty additional copies at a 50% discount.

For the October meeting, a representative of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will discuss the planned improvements to the GWB Bike and Pedestrian Pathway. Clif Bar will sponsor.

At this point, plans have been made and sponsors obtained for all meetings through the end of the year.

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**4. C Social.**

Karla reported that the recent C Social attracted about thirty people on a hot, steamy evening. About a dozen people committed to lead two C Rides before the end of the year.

**5. ENY.**

Linda announced that, to make more money available to our chosen cycling charities, there will be no separate party this year for ENY volunteers. Instead, ENY volunteers will participate in the Club-wide volunteers' party and will also receive points under the Incentives Program for their service to ENY. Christy congratulated Linda on a tough decision. At Jerry's suggestion, both of these changes were **approved** by the Board.

**6. Facebook.**

Michelle reported that Myles now has access to the Facebook page and is working with Neile Weissman on a transition. Myles will assume ultimate responsibility for the page, with Ilana Feiglin managing most of the traffic and coordinating with Myles.

**7. WCC / BTCNJ Joint Ride.**

The original ride was cancelled due to weather, and has been rescheduled to October 21<sup>st</sup>, with a rain date of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. About 150 had signed up for the original ride from all three clubs, and it is hoped that that level of enthusiasm can be recreated. Jerry will coordinate with the organizers of the Fall Foliage Series to mitigate any conflicts.

Jerry expressed concern that there are not enough delis in Tappan to handle that level of traffic and asked if the three clubs could provide lunch, which he estimated would cost about \$1500 for all three clubs. The Board **approved** the expenditure of the Club's share of that, assuming a fair split of the total cost.

**8. Private Rides.**

Bob expressed concern about the number of "private" (as opposed to "listed") rides at the A level. It was agreed that Jerry and Michael will come up with a list of talking points to persuade A leaders to list their rides, including the availability of insurance, the benefits to the Club and the benefits to the leaders involved.

**9. Scope of Content Editor's Responsibilities.**

Michelle announced that Derek Chu had agreed to take over managing the Photo of the Week.

The Board also **Agreed** that the inclusion of the ride listings in the e-Weekly is no longer necessary, given that this information is easily accessed from the website and that including it substantially increases the effort necessary to produce the e-Weekly.

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Jorge has assumed responsibility for the Message Board.

Finally, Michelle is working with individual Board members to give them edit rights to the pages of the site that are of particular interest to them.

**10. All-Class Ride.**

The All-Class Ride will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Goswick Pavilion in Piermont. There is no rain date.

**11. Ice Cream Social.**

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, with a rain date of August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Junior Membership.**

Jerry introduced a proposal to recreate the Junior Membership that the Club abolished some time ago. To that end, he distributed a proposed draft of the by-laws showing the necessary changes, among them a requirement that a junior member must always ride accompanied by, and with the consent of, a parent or guardian and that a junior member may not vote or be elected an officer of the Club. Jerry added that, on this basis, the proposal raised no insurance issues.

Discussion followed. It was agreed that it was not necessary to establish a minimum age for junior members, this being left to the discretion of the parent or guardian. A harder issue was whether a ride leader could refuse to permit a junior member, even if so accompanied, to participate in his or her ride.

Although the Board was favorably inclined to the proposal, no action was taken at this time, pending clarification of the foregoing question as well as how the electronic signup and consent would be implemented. Jerry was directed to prepare the text of an amendment for approval for inclusion in the November ballot.

**13. Maximum Number of Leaders.**

Jerry reported on the conclusions of an *ad hoc* committee (consisting of the VP-Rides and the three Ride Coordinators) that studied the issue of how many leaders should be permitted on a ride relative to the number of riders. The committee concluded that the proper maximum ratio in most cases was **one leader for every four riders**, although this could be changed by the relevant Ride Coordinator in appropriate cases. These might include, for example, recurring rides where a group of leaders has assumed responsibility for covering the ride each week, even if not every leader rides every week. The committee's written recommendations were **approved**, and a copy was ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting.

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**14. Long-Term Members.**

Christy proposed that the Club find some way to honor the Club's long time members. He noted that we have members who have demonstrated very real loyalty to the Club over a period of twenty-five years or more, but who might not qualify for Lifetime Membership under the Club's guidelines for that honor.

The idea was favorably received, although no particular way of honoring these members was approved at this time. Peter was directed, via the message board and other means, to try to determine who these members are.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Peter K. Storey, Secretary