

Minutes of the November 5, 2019 Meeting  
of the  
Board of Directors  
of the New York Cycle Club

Present were: Peter Storey (club president), Neile Weissman (public relations director), Yvette Kotic (VP of programs), Malka Baker (Secretary), Jerry Ross (VP of rides), Marc Simkin (Content Editor), Julie Blackburn (C rides coordinator), Michael Bernstein (A rides coordinator), Mike Weitzman (ENY director)

Peter, as president, called the meeting to order at 645 pm.

1. Approval of October minutes

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

2. Board Member Reports

1. Greenport weekend report- the weekend was a success, and will hopefully be repeated. The weekend director reported that based on survey results, feedback was excellent with exception of dinner at the Front Street Station.

2. Fall foliage report- again, based on survey results, very positive feedback. A riders requested less unpaved routes in the future. Consideration should be made for dirt foliage ride as a separate listing, with the following ride categories: A19, B16-18 and C14/B15. Many participants offered to lead future rides.

3. 501 (c)(3) report- based on current votes, members voting for the change.

4. The board members discussed concerns regarding riders who did not seem safe on the ride- one rider in particular has been asked to complete the C sig prior to signing up for further rides to maintain safety for all riders.

3. ENY updates

The board voted and approved to allocate ENY funds as follows:

\$15,000 to I Challenge Myself

\$10,000 to Kids' Ride Club

With the remaining balance to be distributed to charities at the discretion of the ENY director and board.

ENY 2020 has about \$7,000 raised thus far, early bird special will close tonight.

I Challenge Myself will run one rest stop for ENY 2020.

#### 4. Upcoming club events

The club holiday party will be held at the Ainsworth social club from 6-10pm on December 9, 2019. The cost to club members will be \$30. The board members voted and approved to spend \$10,000 to cover club holiday party costs.

#### 5. Legal matters

The club will file to trademark Escape New York in class 41 (service mark: organizing sporting events, namely bike rides, educational services, namely cycling and safety programs intended to encourage physical fitness and overall health and safety) and class 25 (apparel such as T-shirts, jerseys, bib shorts, bike shorts, socks). The board voted and approved to pay with total cost for two classes \$1450.

#### 6. Board members conflict of interest concerns

The board discussed at length concerns related to conflict of interest and other issues raised with respect to the 2020 ENY Director position being assumed by the President of the 2020 5 Boro Bicycle Club. The majority of board members found no conflict or other issues, with at least one board member dissenting. The board discussed having board members sign a nondisclosure agreement with a copy of the bylaws beginning 2020.

#### 7. Miscellaneous

The club will promote Zwift rides to be available to all levels of riders. This will be piloted shortly to assess interest.

The ride listings will be adjusted to allow for Drop/No drop as a drop down box on the listing.

#### 8. Lifetime membership

A submission was sent to the board from NYCC members to induct Neile Weissman as a lifetime member. The board voted to approve this, Neile will be inducted during the holiday party.

The meeting was adjourned at 815pm

