

Minutes of the January 7, 2020 Meeting  
of the  
Board of Directors  
of the New York Cycle Club

Present: Peter Storey (President), Neile Weissman (Public Relations Director), Jerry Ross (VP of Rides), Julie Blackburn (C Rides Coordinator), Michael Bernstein (A Rides Coordinator), Robert Gilbert (Treasurer), Leora Rosenberg (Volunteer Coordinator), Marc Simkin (Editor), Allan Friedman (incoming ENY Director) and Colin Taber (incoming B Rides Coordinator), Ellen Jaffe.

Excused: Yvette Kosic and Natan Elman

- 1) A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.
- 2) On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the December meeting were approved.

### Reports

- 3) The President congratulated all directors on their election to the 2020 board.
  - a) He welcomed new members Alan Friedman, ENY Director, Ellen Jaffe, Membership Director and Colin Taber, B-Rides co-ordinator.
  - b) He also thanked James Gilbert for his service as membership director. James will continue to lead the NYCC men's race team.
  - c) He thanked Michael Weitzman for his service for two years directing ENY and noted the outstanding success of ENY under Mike's leadership.
- 4) Board Member Reports/legal matters
  - i) Jerry Ross reported that IRS form 1023, applying for public charity status under 26 U.S. Code §501(c)(3) was filed on December 30, 2019. Jerry will go ahead and file for the corresponding sales tax exemption.
  - ii) Bob Gilbert reported on the financial position of the club as of December 30, 2019.
    - (1) Total revenues for 2019 including ENY were \$223,726 and expenses totaled \$219,640 for a net gain of \$4,086.

- (2) ENY had a net gain of expense over revenue of approximately \$3,500 after suggested grants of \$25,000 to cycling related public charities. The board approved grants of \$10,000 to the *Kid's Ride Club program of Recycle a Bicycle* and \$15,000 to *I Challenge Myself*. The Board also approved small donations to several of the towns and
- (3) police departments who were especially helpful to the smooth operation of the 2019 ENY.
- 5) The President reported that the 2019 Holiday Party was a resounding success and especially congratulated Neile Weissman on his appointment as a lifetime member of the club and Ellen Jaffe for organizing and leading entertainment provided by members of the Club.
- 6) Ellen Jaffe reported that the wool jerseys were selling very well and Soigneur, the manufacturer, was extending the order time. She explained that the sweaters are knitted on computer aided knitting machines and the company can set up the machines for production runs as small as 6 jerseys of any size or design (e.g., women's cut, long cut, short or long sleeves). So far, 59 have been ordered and 36 delivered.
- 7) Marc Simkin reported on the changes he has made together with Natan Elman and Markus Sandy to protect our IP rights in the Club web site and our Facebook page and other social media. The President thanked him for his fast, efficient and thorough work re-organizing our IP efforts and recovering from the damage caused by a former member of the club.
- 8) Michael Bernstein reported on his discussions concerning the safety issues recently raised by Jerry Piven, and it was decided that no further action was necessary.

## New Business

- 9) Bob asked for dates for events to add to the 2020 calendar. Among other events, ENY is scheduled for September 26, 2020.
- 10) There was discussion regarding there was a need to have an NYCC Ride With GPS account. No decision was made. Marc Simkin and Bob Gilbert will explore this further.

- 11) The President asked the board to talk up the new Facebook Group for NYCC club members and also asked Marc Simkin to prepare a Message Board explanation of the new group and to prepare an e-mail blast to send to all members explaining because of the acts of a former member, it was necessary to create a new group. The Board authorized Marc to set up the new age as a “business” account so that no individual member could claim ownership or prevent club leadership from having access to the account.
- 12) The Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, authorized free NYCC membership for RWB riders who participate in any of the SIGs.
- 13) Allan Friedman updated the Board on ENY 2020. His emphasis at the moment is on maintaining stability and facilitating transition. Several slots still need to be filled, among them Volunteers, Sponsorships and Sakura Morning.
- 14) There was general discussion regarding the manufacturer of club kit and certain ordering and fulfillment issues that we have encountered. Leora Rosenberg will follow up.
- 15) There was discussion of recent crashes affecting the Roboviva cue sheet generator, and whether the Club should run the program on its own server (it is an open source program), but no action was taken at this time.
- 16) There was discussion of having the B and C SIG classification rides on the same day. It was decided to leave that issue to the SIG leaders.
- 17) There was general discussion of particular club meeting programs. In particular that Ed Fishkin was willing to give his annual first aid talk at a club meeting and Neile was willing to run a meeting on how to deal with new style bike equipment when it breaks down on the road. Electric shifting, disk brakes and unusual spoke nipples were discussed.
- 18) On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously passed, it was

*Resolved*, that the Board formally express its appreciation for the dedicated, diligent and highly successful work of Mike Weitzman in leading ENY for the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.