

Minutes of the March 17, 2020 Meeting
(Via Conference Call)
of the
Board of Directors
of the New York Cycle Club

Present were: Peter Storey (Club President), Neile Weissman (Public Relations Director), Jerry Ross (VP of Rides), Colin Taber (B Rides Coordinator), Julie Blackburn (C Rides Coordinator), Michael Bernstein (A Rides Coordinator), Allan Friedman (ENY Director), Marc Simkin (Content Editor) and Ellen Jaffe (Membership Coordinator).

The call commenced at approximately 6:30 PM.

On Motion duly made and seconded, and following discussion, the Board adopted the following statement and approved the actions therein described:

“Covid-19 Cancellations

“It will come as no surprise, but the New York Cycle Club’s Board of Directors has decided to CANCEL all Club-sponsored activities for the next eight weeks. This cancellation includes all SIGs, STSs, Club rides, laps-in-the-park training rides, social events, and Club meetings. We will reassess the situation as needed, and adjust our approach based on current conditions on an ongoing basis. If things get better sooner, we can resume activities. If public health still indicates a need to continue suspension of activities, we will continue to do what’s in the public interest.

“The Berkshires weekend lies outside that eight-week time frame, but should be viewed as presumptively cancelled as well. Put another way, you probably shouldn’t put down a deposit on accommodations, unless you are prepared to go (and stay and ride) alone or with a close friend or two. And that assumes that travel restrictions are not

“Before considering doing any cycling on your own or with friends, please assess the risks and whether you may need scarce medical resources in case of injury. At all times, please follow all relevant CDC and similar guidance.

“Does this mean that New York Cycle Club is closed? By no means! From the perspective of being a Club, we should treat the present situation as similar to a snowy January in which all the rides have been canceled, week after week. That means we want to see plenty of articles, links, jokes and other communications on the Facebook page, the Message Board, via email, Instagram and all the other myriad ways we have of communicating with one another. We can be active together as a club even if riding together is largely out of bounds.

“This will pass. Stay cheerful, and stay in touch.”

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:55pm