

Minutes of the August 6th, 2020 Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the New York Cycle Club

Via Zoom due to COVID19 pandemic

Present were: Peter Storey (Club President), Neile Weissman (Public Relations Director), Steve Vaccaro (VP of programs), Malka Baker (Secretary), Jerry Ross (VP of Rides), Colin Taber (B Rides Coordinator), Julie Blackburn (C Rides Coordinator), Michael Bernstein (A Rides Coordinator), Allan Friedman (ENY Director), Robert Gilbert (Treasurer), Leora Rosenberg (Volunteer Coordinator), Marc Simkin (Content Editor) and Natan Elman (Webmaster). Also present was Kym Blanchard

Peter, as president, called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm.

1. Appreciate of Mike Weitzman

Mike was a great friend of NYCC and he will be missed. A resolution was passed to reflect on his contribution to the club.

RESOLVED, that the Board mourns the untimely passing of Michael Weitzman, Escape New York Ride Director, Board member and above all, friend. His warmth and generosity of spirit to all in the New York Cycle Club will not soon be forgotten. The Board further extends its condolences to his wife Felicia Ennis, and his two sons, Ben and Greg, and wishes to offer them every support in this difficult time.

2. Approval of July minutes

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

3. Community partnership coordinator

Kym Blanchard has stepped aside as Special Events Coordinator, but, as a non-member of the Board, will continue to work in forming community partnerships with underrepresented communities.

4. ENY wrap up

Participants will be offered the chance to request a refund, to rollover to next year or to donate admission fee to charity. Participants will be entered to raffle. \$12,700 of merchandise was sold. The \$1 membership was discussed, but no decisions were taken at this time.

5. Rides during COVID 19 pandemic

Rides limits were increased to up to eight riders with two leaders or up to four riders with one leader. Leaders may reduce capacity at their discretion.

6. Ride Leader Quality

Is there some way to assure ride leader quality, particularly in light of recent instances in which individual leaders have not measured up to Club standards? It was suggested that the technically deficient should be distinguished from those with poor attitude towards their responsibilities as leaders. The former can improve with practice, but the latter should be addressed directly. The Board decided to look at a leader feedback system, and Neile, Colin and Marc agreed to come up with a feedback form.

7. Mission statement

Based on the work of the Mission Statement committee appointed in July (Peter, Ellen, Kym and Jerry), the Board approved the following revision to the “Who We Are” tab on the website:

Who We Are

- New York Cycle Club provides outstanding bicycling activities for the enjoyment and education of members and guests.
- Furthers bicycling as a means of recreation, transportation, fitness and health.
- Works with and supports organizations that promote cycling to underrepresented populations and advocates for sustainable transportation solutions.
- Builds bridges among the communities we live in and ride through.
- Promotes a welcoming, supportive community for our members and guests.

Tell Me More . . .

Founded in 1936, we are the largest recreational cycling club in the New York area. We are member-owned and 100% volunteer run.

We offer rides at all levels to our nearly 3,000 members, training programs, and racing teams. No matter if you just bought a bike a few weeks ago and are looking to get into cycling, or you are a seasoned racer, in NYCC you will find a home and a group of people sharing your skill level.

The Club offers daily rides, weekend excursions, a nationally-recognized spring training program, monthly meetings featuring important speakers in the field and a full calendar of special events, all in a friendly environment where you'll meet other, like-minded cycling New Yorkers of all ages.

Becoming part of our vibrant NYCC cycling community means getting in shape, making new friends and exploring the most beautiful routes in the tri-state area.

Try us for \$1 for the first month, or commit to a full membership for \$30 a year.

8. What else can we do to make the Club more welcoming and inclusive?

Various ideas were thrown around, but none were adopted at this time. A committee consisting of Peter, Kym, Colin, Neile, Ellen and a younger member to-be-named was charged with coming up with proposals for the Board.

9. Board elections, 2021

Board members have been asked to advise if they plan on running for next year. Board members were asked to suggest replacements for those who are not.

10. Meeting time.

The first Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 8:15 was selected as the new time for Board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 950pm.