

Final

Minutes of the June 2, 2015 Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the
New York Cycle Club

Present were: Neile Weissman (President), Jerry Ross (VP Rides), Susan Sun (Treasurer, attending by phone), Yvette Kotic (Special Events Coordinator), Brian Van Nieuwenhoven (Editor), Israel Forst (Webmaster), Jim Finder (B Rides Coordinator), Michael S Bernstein (C Rides Coordinator) and Peter Storey (Secretary).

Neile called the meeting to order at or about 6:40 PM.

1. Berkshires.

Yvette reported on the recent Berkshires weekend. She noted that attendance at the cocktail party had been relatively low (about 40 people) and that, although there were A Rides, they had not been listed so people did not find out about them. She said the other components of the weekend had generally been quite successful. She and Jim will develop recommendations for future Berkshire weekends in time for the July meeting.

2. Newcomer's Ride.

The Newcomers' Ride was reported to be coming together well. The menu needs to be picked, but the rides are in order and people are signing up.

3. Ice Cream Social.

The Ice Cream Social is scheduled for August 11th.

4. All-Class Ride.

The All-Class Ride is scheduled for August 23rd at Pascack Park.

5. Programs.

Neile summarized the upcoming program schedule. The July program will focus on women's cycling and will be presented by Bicycle Habitat's women's cycling program. Bicycle Habitat will promote the event to its mailing list. Men are invited. September's program will be a presentation by Commissioner Polly Trottenberg of the Department of Transportation. The October program will be a presentation by Hayes Lord also of the Department of Transportation.

6. Metro North.

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Neile noted that he had had a successful meeting with Metro North management. He reported that they are receptive to our needs and want to work with us. Indeed, for some of our larger rides, they will give us an entire car for up to 44 bicycles. Once the arrangements with Metro North are firmed up, Neile expects to have similar discussions with LIRR.

7. *New Paltz Weekend.*

Neile reported that housing arrangements for the New Paltz weekend are substantially complete and that routes and rail arrangements are coming together well, as is the luggage transport arrangement. He noted, however, that the weekend needs to be talked up and interest stimulated among the membership, if the weekend is to be a success.

8. *Treasurer's Report.*

Susan reported that on a year-to-date basis, 2015 revenue declined \$13,000 from 2014, expenses declined \$9,700 for the same period, with the result that income declined \$3,600. Relative to the 2015 budget, 2015 year-to-date revenue is \$4,500 dollars lower than budget, expense is \$2,200 lower and net income is \$2,300 lower. She said the question for the Board and the club is why membership income is lagging. Gal noted that while she had expected some membership decline, we should nevertheless try to reverse it via better marketing. She will follow up with Katharine. A copy of the Treasurer's report was ordered filed with the minutes of the meeting.

9. *Lifetime Member.*

On motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, Carol Waaser was elected a lifetime member of the club.

10. *Board Composition, Officer Responsibilities and Related Matters.*

The Board continued its discussion from May concerning the composition of the Board and the responsibilities of the Club's officers. A motion to propose to the membership elimination of the 3-term limit on the President in the interest of continuity was made and withdrawn in favor of the third Resolution, below.

On motions duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Board:

Resolved: that the position of Merchandise Manager and the corresponding seat on the Board are abolished, and the President shall appoint one or more persons under Section 6 (Committees) of Article III of the By-Laws to administer the Club's incentives program; and

Resolved: that there is hereby created the position of Volunteer Coordinator; the Volunteer Coordinator to be an officer of the club and a member of the Board of Directors. The Volunteer Coordinator shall be responsible for attracting, organizing and assigning volunteers for the various Club activities requiring volunteers, including but not limited to the special events organized by the Special Events Coordinator; shall organize the annual volunteer party and shall

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design and periodically review the Club's incentives program in conjunction with the Board; and

Resolved: that the By-Laws be amended to permit the Board to override by a two-thirds vote the three term limitation for the President set forth in Section 4 (Terms of Office) of Article III of the By-Laws; and

Resolved: that the responsibilities of the VP Rides shall be expanded to include coordinating with and acting as a liaison with the A, B and C SIG Coordinators and with the STSs before and during each SIG/STS season and acting as principal point of contact for all insurance matters; and

Resolved: that the responsibilities of the Secretary shall be expanded to include acting as parliamentarian at Board meetings and Members' meetings and maintaining possession of the Club seal; and

Resolved: that commencing in 2015, the Board's December and January meetings shall be transitional meetings: at the December meeting, incoming directors may speak but not vote, and at the January meeting in the following year, former directors may speak but not vote; and

Resolved and directed that the Secretary prepare in advance of the 2015 elections such amendments to the By-Laws as may be required to effectuate the foregoing resolutions.

11. *RWGPS Ambassador Program.*

Israel circulated a brief handout summarizing the ride with GPS ambassador program. After a brief discussion on motion duly made and seconded and after discussion the Board:

Resolved: that the Club participate in the Ride with GPS Ambassador Program and directed Israel and the other Officers to take such actions as may be needed to effect such participation.

12. *Re-Approval of Rides.*

There was a discussion of when/under what circumstances changes in the particulars of a ride should require re-approval by the relevant ride coordinator. It was decided to retain the present system intact.

13. *Ride Approval Conditioned on Train Approval.*

There was discussion whether ride approvals should be explicitly conditioned on the availability of train approvals (in cases where trains are required). The consensus was that that this is not necessary, as ride leaders already accept that train availability is a binding constraint on such rides.

14. *Standardization of Cue Sheets.*

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There was discussion whether the cue sheet format used in the new Ride Library should become the Club standard, including for purposes of the SIGs/STSs, but no action was taken at this time.

15. ***Ride Sign-Up Rules; Withdrawals.***

Various issues concerning the sign-up rules for rides (including the ten-day sign-up window) and the problem of last-minute withdrawals were discussed, but no action was taken at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Peter K. Storey
Secretary