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Minutes of the July 5, 2016 Meeting
of the
Board of Directors
of the
New York Cycle Club

Present were: Christy Guzzetta (President), Jerry Ross (VP Rides), Eden Weiss (VP Programs), Brian Van Nieuwenhoven (Editor), Neile Weissman (Immediate Past President), Jim Finder (B Rides Coordinator), Israel Forst (Webmaster), Michael S. Bernstein (C Rides Coordinator), and Peter Storey (Secretary).

Christy called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

1. Website Upgrade.

Israel reported on the progress of the website upgrade. Although he had hoped to have the upgrade completed by the beginning of this year, we are now on the “last mile”, which should be expected to be the hardest. Because the final part of the upgrade cannot be done during periods of significant activity, this work will probably be done in the month after Thanksgiving. Israel reiterated that the current website is the product of three previous webmasters, and while the results of the upgrade may not be immediately apparent to users, the upgrade will result in greater simplicity, stability and adaptability, among other things.

2. All-Class Ride.

After discussion of several possible venues, it was decided to hold the All-Class ride picnic at the Gostwick Pavilion in Piermont. The Ride Coordinators were asked to coordinate ride leaders.

3. George Arcarola Lifetime Membership.

On motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Board **voted** George Arcarola a posthumous Lifetime Membership in the Club.

4. Ice Cream Social.

It was decided again to hold the Ice Cream Social at the Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory on the second Tuesday in August. Christy will approach Hal Eskanazi about organizing the event.

5. Tour de France Viewing Party.

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Christy agreed to organize this event.

6. Scouting Rides.

Jerry raised the issue of whether scouting rides should be considered “official” club rides, entitled to the benefits of the Club’s insurance policies. He noted that two Club riders had been injured on a scouting ride but had not sought to use the Club’s medical insurance in the belief that their scouting ride was not an “official” Club ride. In discussion, there was some concern among the Board that the system might somehow be gamed to insure rides that had nothing to do with the Club, but it was felt that the risk of abuse was minimal. Although no formal Board action was taken at this time, it was felt that reporting a scouting ride to the VP-Rides should be sufficient to make a scouting ride “official.”

7. Programs.

Eden reported that Steve Vaccaro would report on Cycling and the Law 2.0 at July’s monthly meeting, which would be sponsored by Light and Motion.

8. Clean-Up Rides.

Jerry noted that the cost of the lunches for the recent cleanup ride had been higher than expected, and raised the possibility of instituting some other arrangement, such as issuing each participant a voucher worth a set amount toward lunch at The Market. No action was taken at this time, and Jerry will report back with his further thoughts at the next meeting.

9. Special Events Coordinator.

Christy reported that efforts to find a successor Special Events Coordinator have so far been unavailing.

10. Ride Leader Credit for Canceled Rides

It was noted that the system currently gives ride leader credit (and the corresponding incentive points) even if a ride is canceled due to weather. There followed a discussion of whether this was a sensible approach, and if it is, whether ride leader credit should be given in the event of cancellation for other reasons. In the end, the Board decided that rider leader credit should not be given for canceled rides, whatever the circumstances.

11. Board Composition.

The Board held its annual discussion of the composition of the Board, that is, whether we have the right officer positions or whether new offices should be created and old ones eliminated. There was a consensus that we need to do a better job of attracting volunteers to take ownership of specific events, and that the Public Relations Director

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position should have a greater marketing focus, but it was felt that there was no need to adjust the composition of the Board at this time.

12. July 4th / New Paltz Weekend.

In lieu of a report, Neile circulated the following notes on the New Paltz weekend prior to the meeting. There was no discussion at the meeting:

New Paltz 2016 Notes

Attendees

Roughly 39 attendees in 2016 vs. 32 in 2015 (based on Saturday group dinner, dormitory registrations, those driving up and Sunday fireworks.)

- High percentage of newbies-siggies. Five attendees signed up for leadership training.
- 35 stayed in dorm. Another ten came up for a day or stayed off campus. Prepared routes out of New Paltz for those driving and got Mid-Hudson Bicycle Club to help lead.
- Twenty B17-19. Fifteen C14-B15. Five "C12".
- 50% male-female. Four couples. 2/3 clustered in 30-40s.
- Little overlap with Berkshires attendees. About five people attended both events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Peter K. Storey,
Secretary