

*Attending:*

Eden Weiss, John Semel, Kate Mostkoff, Israel Forst, Bob Ross, Neile Weissman, Susan Sun, Gal Natal, Brian Van Nieuwenhoven, Jeff Levine, Gwynna Smith, Claire Mordas, Sabina Eberle and Ellen Goldstein

Meeting started at 6:30 PM and concluded approximately at 8:30 PM

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
1	<b>Deliberative Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neile presented protocol for guiding meeting discussion (“deliberative procedure”) based on his review of “Robert’s Rules of Order”, including the following sequential steps:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a motion is “called” by a board member the board discusses the motion. in the course of this discussion, individual board members should not speak unless recognized by the chair motions may be made by individual board members to modify the initial motion the board then votes on these sub-motions following discussion a vote is taken on the initial motion</li> <li>○ There can be discussion, referred to as “committee of the whole” that will not be included in meeting minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2	<b>Club By-Laws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under these guidelines above, the first motion called was a review of a draft of revised club by-laws</li> <li>• Neile presented this draft to the board, including a series of “articles”</li> <li>• Neile generated this draft incorporating feedback from Ellen Jaffe, Carol Wasser, Jerry Ross and Jim Finder</li> <li>• Key discussion points included:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under Article III, section 6: Discussion of the definition, with respect to electronic medium, of a quorum. Board voted down an amendment to the article</li> <li>○ Under Article II, Section 4: Board approved an amendment to require that termination of club membership be approved by 2/3 majority vote “of the full board”</li> <li>○ Under Article III, Section 1: ... the board may delete existing positions or create new ones ... said changes.. shall result in a Board with at least 9 and no more than 15 elected officers An amendment to allow the board to add positions but not delete positions (deletion would be subject to membership vote) was defeated An amendment to change the maximum elected officials from 15 to 17 was also defeated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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2	<b>Club By-Laws</b> <i>Continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the exception of the one amendment outlined here, the board voted to accept each of the revised articles</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Club Financials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan gave an overview of club finances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ we are generally doing well relative to 2014 and to budget</li> <li>○ a number of small items contribute to performance, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no loss on West Point versus our budget being comped on ice cream for the ice cream social</li> <li>incorrect assumption that tax had to be applied in addition to the cost of certain items when the cost quoted was already inclusive of tax</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ numbers are also reflect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>certain temporary timing issues (with respect to ENY, we have written a check for \$7,500 but it has not yet been cashed)</li> <li>redistribution of costs (for certain expenses it appears we are \$2K ahead, but taking PayPal costs into account we are actually flat)</li> <li>Of note, the cost of storage has risen from \$137 to \$158 per month (as of August) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we will clean out Annie Moore's storage tomorrow</li> <li>• Plans to combine ENY storage with club storage are on hold</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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4	<b>Content Editor per Brian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian is planning how to effectively cover the responsibilities of Content Editor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ we are currently meeting the minimal needs of the position</li> <li>○ he foresees an “Associate Content Editor” that will be responsible for actually posting material</li> <li>○ the Content Editor will spend effort planning and plotting</li> <li>○ the process for selecting the picture of the week could be improved (to ward off various complaints)</li> <li>○ Brian proposes merging the positions of Content Editor and Marketing Manager, given that the club’s web site is a central point of communication and coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per Gal, marketing versus publicity are very separate and distinct functions</li> <li>Per Neile: Brian should draft a job proposal and present it</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5	<b>Events per John</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the newcomers ride went well, but the all class ride had some issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>barbecue delivered 1 hour early, but the deli went to work and made everything else ready quickly</li> <li>Pascack Park is great, but perhaps the location is better suited for the all class ride</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Ice Cream Social worked out very well and the vendor comped us for ice cream</li> <li>○ John will be out of town for the 9W Clean-up ride and will need someone to coordinate with the market and assign volunteers to various sections of the road</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Holiday Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We agree that we will try something new this year (SuperFine charged \$2,500 just for space)</li> <li>○ We are considering bowling or pool or table tennis</li> <li>○ We have not yet settled on the date (scheduling at holiday time may be problematic as venues are more costly and there is less availability)</li> <li>○ We agree that the club will continue to subsidize the party and we expect net cost to stay the same</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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5	<b>Events per John (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DNR Canal Ride</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John is trying an approach similar to Berkshires weekend: everyone makes their own hotel accommodations</li> <li>○ terrain is not for road bikes, so we recognize that many potential participants are eliminated</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6	<b>Club Meetings, per Eden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eden has made a deal with Connolly's club meetings to be held in October (14<sup>th</sup>) and November (11<sup>th</sup>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the location is good (between 6<sup>th</sup> and Broadway)</li> <li>○ we can use a separate party space on 3rd floor</li> <li>○ we were able to negotiate for half of what they originally asked for (\$750 for food) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>members will be able to order off the menu (there is no buffet)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Connolly's has their own speaker system and projection screen. there is also a stage</li> <li>○ We have not yet inquired about storage space, as we don't know yet how much we will need</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A recent fire at Connolly's should not interfere with the October club meeting</li> </ul>	
7	<b>Polly Trottenberg Town Hall in lieu of September Club Meeting, per Neile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polly Trottenberg will speak at the September meeting (September 15) at NYU (295 Lafayette at Houston) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This meeting is billed as a "Town Hall" with the general intent of covering recent and on-going NYC urban cycling developments as well as future direction</li> <li>○ The meeting venue has capacity for 75 attendees. 25 seats have been dedicated to NYU students and guests from outside</li> <li>○ Mitchell Moss, a professor of Urban Policy and Planning will moderate (he has advised Port Authority and the Bloomberg administration on various urban planning topics)</li> <li>○ This event will be free in deference to NYU preference</li> <li>○ The club is well under the allocated \$500 budget (we have hired a video person)</li> <li>○ There is a link for NYCC club members to submit questions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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8	<b>Lessons from West Point</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are pleased that what appeared to be an \$11K loss to the club was realized at no loss. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Deciding to offer a better rate for single occupancy moved 10 rooms</li> </ul> </li> <li>• One third of the participating riders were C riders, but it was hard to offer C routes (flat terrain is limited)</li> <li>• We had too many A leaders, the right amount of B leaders, and not enough C leaders</li> <li>• Some things works well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Offering the up and back Metro North Option was well received, particularly given the weather</li> <li>◦ The Luggage drop at Grand Central worked out well</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Neile is following up with various elected officials and DOT regarding the series of serious accidents on Sunday</li> </ul> <p><i>Key Takeaways</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Berkshires model is one that may work better for the club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ this model requires people to make their own accommodations versus locking the club in to arrangements for an agreed headcount</li> <li>◦ John is following this model for DNC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Of note, everything becomes more difficult on holiday weekends (hotels want booking in advance, accommodation from transit systems is more complicated, etc)</li> <li>• One potential alternative is to go to a town with dorm rooms (which are typically low cost)</li> </ul>	