

STBC Annual Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2016
Endwell Fire Station 1:30 pm

Call to Order – 1:35 pm

Roll Call – Steve Bruno, Greg Laskowski, Cheryl Brown, Lorraine Loitsch, Nancy Botting, Don Dornbos, Dick Porterfield, and John Gerty. The STBC Executive Board are all present.
Approximately 60 members in attendance

Officers Report

President's Report – President announced that STBC seeks volunteers to work on committees

Secretary's Report – Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Treasurer's Report – Announced that insurance cost will increase. Bob Dalke offered to look into other, less costly options. Report was read and filed.

Committee Reports

Membership – Dick Porterfield

Elimination of lifetime membership effective January 1, 2016

The new membership applications are available on the STBC website in Membership.

Website - Lorraine Loitsch

This year, in addition to providing updates for general announcements and the Newsletter, the following enhancements have been made:

The Addition of PayPal for Membership, Great Finger Lakes Bicycle Tour and the Annual Dinner.

The addition of a Google based Ride/Event Calendar that will be populated for 2016. This eliminates the issues many people had with the one on STBC Yahoogroup

Improved access to Listserv/Yahogroup. Eliminated the need for a Yahoo ID to receive club e-mail or to post.

Quick reference to ride codes (PDF version also still available)

Additional links to other local clubs were added.

STBC Yahoogroup is open to all STBC members as well as the biking community at large. There are currently 400 subscribers. New subscribers are always welcome and can sign up by following the instructions on the STBC website

(<http://www.southerntierbicycleclub.org/emaillistservyahogroup.html>).

Reminder: "reply" goes to the author of the note / "reply all" goes back out to the whole

Yahoogroup...subscribers are asked to only use the "reply all" function when their response will be of use to people beyond the author. Having any problems with your Yahoogroup account? Please contact Larry Blumberg, Yahoogroup moderator, at LBlumberg@stny.rr.com.

Pay Pal - Lorraine Loitsch

PayPal was introduction to STBC in late 2014 to provide an added option and convenience when paying for memberships, the Great Finger Lakes Bike Tour and the Annual Dinner. We have found it to be highly successful with the following percent of usage in 2015:

53.3% - Great Finger Lakes

49.2% - Membership

51.5% - Annual Dinner

A personal PayPal account is helpful but not necessary.

Newsletter – Joanie Ticknor

Has reached out to 3 printers in the past week. Not one has called back. Need any articles and updates as they come in. Looking forward to putting this together again. Deadline for print is March 1.

Public Relations – Steve Bruno

PR is needed. Asked for volunteers to work with the local press/TV/Radio stations to secure publicity for club events and initiatives.

Facebook Page - Regina Losinger

Facebook link has been added to our website. Several cycling articles of general interest and photos are posted weekly. Cover photo is updated every month. Jerseys for sale were featured. Club rides were listed periodically.

Joan Ticknor was co-administrator most of 2015 - many thanks for her efforts. Don Doornbos has stepped forward to replace Joan as co-administer, and has been actively responding to posts.

Rides Schedule – Steve Bruno

Reminded everyone that we need ride leaders. Regina challenged members to lead three rides. Contact Steve to get your ride on the schedule.

Wheels to Meals – Jay Kimmel

52 rides conducted. Number lower than usual due to inclement weather. Average of 21 riders each ride, average distance 30 miles. Top ride had 38 attendees. 93 different riders participated.

Safety – Faye Rafferty

Faye will propose new safety instructions this spring. Dave Wells volunteered to provide safety materials. He is certified as an instructor by the American League of Cyclists.

Donations - Lorraine Loitsch

The following notice was sent out to the club in July 2015 and added to What's New on the STBC website: [Fund Raising Rides](#)

The season for fund raising rides is upon us and we wanted to remind you of the STBC policies regarding these rides. We encourage you to post your intentions to ride in these events on the Yahoo listserv and to ask for support from your fellow club members

The STBC has set aside \$2,500 to support their members doing these rides. The club will donate \$50 for each member for each ride. This will be on a first come, first served basis. Once this fund is exhausted the program will be reevaluated. We do ask that the rides be for recognized charities such as American Cancer Society or similar groups and that they not be affiliated with specific religious or political groups. To request funding, please send an email to: **Funds@Southerntierbicycleclub.org**

In 2015 we donated the following amounts:

\$100 - Bike MS

\$ 50 - American Diabetes Association

\$ 50 - Cycle for Cancer

\$200 - Total

The donation amount has been increased to \$50 per person for 2016. So, spread the word and bike for your favorite charity!!

Annual Dinner – Greg Laskowski

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at The Relief Pitcher, Conklin, NY at 6:00 PM

Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway – Augie Mueller

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - On schedule and on track.

New personnel at SJ have been contacted. We have been assured they would like to continue the program in 2016, 2017. 100 - 150 Bikes currently ready and in storage. Plans and details are to be put on the listserv.

Highway Clean-up – Mona

Saturday, April 30, 2016 and Saturday, October 1, 2016

Ride of Silence – John Norris

Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Recreation Park, Binghamton, NY at 7:00 PM

GFLBT – Great Finger Lakes Bicycle Tour – Dick Porterfield

The 2015 GFLBT went well and just like the all of the 34 preceding events, the weather was perfect. Almost anyway, other than rain and floods of biblical proportions, downed trees, power failures, smoke alarms we couldn't silence and toilets that wouldn't stop flushing. In spite of these issues, or maybe because of them, most of us had a good time. All in we had about 225 guests and cleared about \$5,500 to finance club activities and most importantly, no major injuries. A big thank you to all that worked to make the event a success. No major changes are planned for this year, the rides will again be West of Seneca, same caterer, same price but hopefully less rain. The website is up at

www.greatfingerlakesbiketour.com

Please help to get the word out about this year's event. Due to the high fixed costs of the event, we do walk a fairly fine line between having enough attendance to be profitable and not having so many that we exceed the capacity of the facility. Please register early as we do advertise widely and will have to cap the attendance. Fri, Sat & Sun, June 10, 11 & 12, 2016

Chris Thater Activities – Gene Clarke

33rd Chris Thater Memorial, Downtown Binghamton

Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28, 2016

The Stop DWI Program Chris Thater Memorial is held in memory of Chris Thater who was killed by a drunk driver.

The STBC will setup a tent on Court Street Saturday 9am – 6pm and Sunday 9am – 1pm.

This year the STBC will host 7 self directed rides starting and finishing at the STBC tent. The theme of these rides will focus on Southern Tier Parks. A rider sign-out / sign-in and mileage board will be posted outside the tent along with detailed queue sheets.

1. Otsiningo Park / River Road / Chenango St Loop – 20 miles

2. Vestal Hills – Jones Park / Arnold Park / Binghamton University – 28 miles
3. Dorchester Park via Rt 11, Rt 79, Rt 12 – 46 miles
4. Cole Park – 28 miles
5. Carousel Circuit / Vestal Rail Trail (ride 6 Carousels) – 26 miles
6. Hickory's Park / Owego – 48 miles
7. Glendale Park / Greenwood Park – 60 miles

Again this year, anyone participating in a ride will receive a free sports drink ticket to use at the Mission-in-Motion Women's Cycling Team tent. All proceeds go toward supporting the Lourdes Mission-in-Motion Mammography van. If you would like to display unique or antique bikes, security will be available during STBC tent hours. Volunteers are always welcome to host the tent and answer questions from the public.

The Thater will have more on tap this year and the Chris Thater Planning Committee will post the 2016 event schedule soon.

Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic – Nancy Botting

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

JC Christmas Parade – Narani O'Shaughnessy

The 2015 Parade participation turned out with great weather and a fun time passing out candies to the children and ending at the Binghamton Brewery in Johnson City, NY for beer soup and pizza.

Next year's event will be Thursday, Dec 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Constitution and BY-Laws – Steve Bruno

The STBC Board of Directors has voted on July 20, 2015 to eliminate new lifetime memberships as of January 1, 2016 and have also voted in favor to change the By-Laws.

The By-Laws are to be rewritten as follows

Note the addition of "payable in advance up to a 5 year max."

Article III: Dues

Annual dues are \$5 for an individual membership, payable in advance up to a 5 year max.

Annual dues are \$10 for a family membership, payable in advance up to a 5 year max.

A student membership will be free of charge annually, to be renewed on a yearly basis.

Article IV: General Membership

Membership in STBC shall be separated into the three categories as follows:

1. Individual: Any person, who's age is 18 and above years old.
2. Family: A family membership shall include an individual's spouse, living partner and children under 18 years of age.
3. Student: Individual full time students between the ages of 18 to 23 years old.

Apparel – Regina Losinger

100 STBC jerseys were purchased in December, 2015

33 sold to date, nearly all on Dec 19th at sales event

Goal: sell remainder by end of 2016

Two color combinations: original hi-vis orange- yellow - lime green, and royal blue - lime green –

yellow - \$40 each. Will be offered for sale at 2016 annual meeting and GFLBT 2016. Available by contacting STBC member Regina Losinger

Men's and women's from XS to 3XL, sleeveless option for our lady riders. small number of full zipper men's jerseys are available (sold like hot cakes). Improved material, zippers and women's fit.

Our two current jersey colors were reordered because great interest was expressed at last year's annual meeting in a jersey that was nearly identical to our original hi-vis orange-green-yellow jersey, and many new members have asked for our sold out blue-green-yellow jersey.

Garden Tenders - Regina Losinger

Our garden at the STBC highway maintenance sign on Route 12 in Chenango Forks, NY was in beautiful full bloom this year with a variety of perennials including Stella d'oro day lilies, sedum autumn joy, geraniums, daffodils, tulips, and crocus. The garden was weeded, fertilized, and mulched several times last year.

STBC Volunteer(s) are sought to mow the grass that surrounds the garden. It is estimated to take 30-45 minutes every two weeks from May through September. Logan H volunteered to mow.

Nominating Committee – Lorraine Loitsch

The current officers we willing to run for office in 2016.

President – Steve Bruno

Treasurer – Lorraine Loitsch

Secretary – Cheryl Brown

The floor was opened for nominations.

There were no nominations that were accepted for the office of the Vice President.

There were no new nominations for the other remaining offices.

Special Orders

Election of Officers:

The current slate of officers were re-elected.

President – Steve Bruno

Treasurer – Lorraine Loitsch

Secretary – Cheryl Brown

Greg Laskowski was appointed, temporally to fill the office of the Vice President.

Anyone interested to fill the office of the Vice President should contact Steve Bruno.

Unfinished Business

Participation in Earth Day Southern Tier – April, 24 2016 - \$30 fee

Joe Wolfer volunteered to seek STBC's interest in participation for 2016.

New Business

Ivan Pewterbaugh was appointed as a new member to STBC Board of Directors.

Motion to post the Minutes of all meetings, on the STBC website, was seconded and approved.

Gene Clarke proposed that we form an advocacy group to promote our advocacy agenda. Motion made, seconded and approved. Gene will head this committee. Bob Dalke & Dick Porterfield will participate.

Discussion of the expectations of ride leaders. Reminded that instructions are posted on web. Group encouraged to develop an additional, easier ride category to encourage new and lower-mileage riders.

For the Good of the Order

Door Prizes Winners

STBC Jersey – John G

STBC Tee Shirt – Bob Dan

STBC Bottle w/ Patch Kit & Levers – Elmer Z

50 / 50 Raffle Winner - Mona

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
STBC Secretary