

# STBC Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2021

**Call to Order** – 6:40 pm

**Roll Call** – Mark, Dave, Cheryl, Lorraine, Steve, Don, Greg, Wayne, Mina, Ivan – Larry – all present

## Officer's Reports

**President's Report** – Mark – The club has had a good year. We are experiencing a new normal that accommodates Covid precautions including adopting a new model of bag lunches on W2M rides. Bringing lunch and eating at local parks has been well-received.

**Vice President's Report** – Dave – Dave will resign from the VP position at the end of this year. He will remain a member of the board and will initiate and lead ride . He will also remain the club's Safety Chairperson and will continue with Alan Sanseverino to be the club contact with Ride with GPS. The Board thanks Dave for his leadership.

**Secretary's Report** – Cheryl – Minutes of the last meeting were officially accepted

**Treasurer's Report** – Lorraine - \$3878 in checking account.  
\$6204 Certificate of Deposit  
25 savings  
\$10,107 Total  
\$ 2800 deposit to Watkins Glen State Park remains as an asset

## Committee Reports

**Membership** – Mark- 111 through 2021  
63 past 2021  
235 life members  
409 total members  
14 guests GFLBT

**Website** – Lorraine – All web updates have been completed

**Pay Pal** – Lorraine – no changes

**Googlegroup** – Larry – 626 subscribers

**Newsletter** – Dave – Club did not produce a Newsletter in 2021. Bylaws and/or constitution requires production. Wording will be changed to indicate that the website will serve as the 'newsletter.' Some conversation ensued indicating that outreach to the community is important and we will continue to discuss production of some type of outreach.

**Public Relations** – Yvonne – no report. Mark will ask Yvonne if she wishes to continue in this position. Club envisions more opportunities for publicity and will explore these.

**Facebook** – Regina – 676 people following. Pictures and ride snippets made often

**Rides Schedule** – Dave – Despite very few advance-scheduled rides, weekend rides were active. Between April 1 and October 31 (26 weekends) 20 rides were offered. Participation seems equal to that of pre-pandemic years. PBJ and W2M rides occurred frequently and were well attended. Monday night Ice Cream rides and Thursday night Cranks & Comestibles occurred frequently and were a welcome addition to the ride calendar. Special events rides: Ride of Silence, Binghamton Bridge Pedal, Highway Cleanups and Memorial Rides were also conducted and were well received.

**PB & J Rides** – Annie – PBJ group was very active. Rides were conducted almost every week during the season.

**Safety** – Dave – A Cub Scout bike rodeo was held in May. 5 STBCers participated.

**Donations** – Lorraine – \$281 were received by the club to help defray the cost of insurance. No donations were made by the club as donations were suspended in recognition of the club's financial condition. Board voted to restore charitable donation for the 2022 season. Members may request a \$50 in support of their charitable rides. A total \$300 limit was imposed.

**Repair Clinic** – Steve – May be offered at a GFLBT occasion, possibly in the evening

**Annual Dinner** – Greg – Scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at the Relief Pitcher

**Earth Fest** – Carolyn – SUNY Broome unsure whether the event will take place in 2022

**Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway** – Augie/ Scott – This program is continuing with Scott taking over. It is not an official club activity thus it will be eliminated from all further official club minutes. FYI: Fresh Cycles has started up again in Lee Barta basement.

**Highway Clean-up** – Susan – Fall 2021 event was a great success. 25 members cleaned our designated route. Breakfast in the trunk was offered at the parking area. Mark G and Annie S conducted a post cleanup ride. Next cleanup will be held at the end of April 2022.

**Ride of Silence** – John – no report

**GFLBT** – Don – This is an item for discussion during the unfinished business section of the agenda

**Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don – Feedback was very positive. Thanks to Regina for taking over and leading a very successful event. Hickories Park Pavilion #3 will be reserved for 9/25/2022.

**JC Holiday Parade** – Narani – This event is cancelled for 2021

**Advocacy Group** – Steve Bard – no report

**Constitution and By-Laws** – Steve- Requested that previous updates to the by-laws be posted. Lorraine completed the request. Since a paper newsletter will no longer be produced, the wording in our bylaws will be changed to reflect that news will continue to appear on the club website and through our use of Constant Contact/listserv.

**Apparel** – Regina – Added a second opportunity to order from our supplier. This was well received and will continue.

**Garden Tenders** – Logan and Nancy – Some new plantings were added. Some damage occurred to the lawn due to snow plowing but Logan is staying on the 'cutting edge.'

**Nominating Committee** – Don – Request nominations for officers and one board member. Mina and Dave have resigned from the board and will be replaced. Nominations will be announced at the annual meeting and an official vote will be taken. Many thanks to Dave and Mina for excellent participation. You will be missed.

## **Unfinished Business**

GFLBT – Steve and Lorraine report that the one-day event generated at \$1900 profit. The future of this event will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. At issue is whether to conduct a one-day event or resume the weekend event at Watson Glen State Park. The Park is holding our \$2800 deposit for the date we have reserved for 2022.

The issue of liability waivers is on-going. Our lawyer recommended that we make the effort to maintain signed waivers for all riders. Dave wrote up procedures. Board voted to amend our current system.

Membership form contains a waiver, thus all new members and those who have paid membership within the past three years will have a waiver on file. Board is discussing how to obtain waivers for life-time members. One suggestion is to have a form on PayPal to enable/require members to sign a waiver. This issue will be reviewed at the annual meeting.

Ride leader guidelines – Cheryl will draft updates for board review

Board will clean up membership to determine active members and will continue to collect emergency contacts- on going

Gear Ratio Charts will be added to the Bike Maintenance section of the website.

Annual Meeting will take place via Zoom on Monday, February 21 at 6:330 pm. Mark will send out a reminder and the link. We need to ensure that we have a quorum.

## **New Business**

**For the Good of the Order** – *Members can offer Comments or Observations*

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm