

STBC Board Meeting Minutes

2 November 2020

Call to Order –

Roll Call – Mark, Dave, Cheryl, Lorraine, Steve, Don, Greg, Wayne, Mina present. Ivan absent

Officer's Reports

President's Report – Mark – Additions and Corrections to the Agenda.

It has been a tough year with Covid and ensuing cancellation of many Club activities. A notable cancellation was GFLBT, given that it is a large event with international outreach and is a source of significant club revenue. We did manage to resume rides with new ground-rules for social distancing. Covid had impacted the entire world and isn't over yet. There is potential for another lockdown, hopefully on a smaller scale and of limited impact to riding.

Vice President's Report – Dave – All-in-all, I consider this a successful year for the club from a rides enjoyment point-of-view, especially in-light of the challenges Covid-19 has posed to group gatherings.

Secretary's Report – Cheryl – Reading and Corrections of the Minutes was waived. Minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Lorraine - Insurance is due in February. We do not have adequate funds in the checking account to pay yearly insurance. Further discussion to follow in minutes.

Checking	\$1245
Savings	25
CD	6155
Total	\$7425

Committee Reports

Membership – Mark –Changes recommended. To be discussed at board meeting.

99 current annual members through 2020

39 current annual members beyond 2020

232 current life-time members

370 current members (last year at this time we had 410)

60 dues refunded with cancellation of GFLBT

97 members have provided emergency contact info

Website – Lorraine – Web hosting paid

Pay Pal – Lorraine – No changes

Googlegroup – Larry –

Newsletter – Dave – Vote was taken to approve digitizing newsletter. We will not print copies: Newsletter will be available only on-line. A new editor is needed. Officers will seek a new editor. Idea of creating a flyer to be distributed to bike shops and other venue is being explored.

Public Relations – Yvonne – No report

Facebook – Regina – No report

Rides Schedule – Dave – Proposes the establishment of a team of weekend ride leaders who will take turns each weekend to lead at least one ride each weekend. Not being constrained by the need for a mid-ride restaurant has opened up additional rides and may become more common in subsequent ride seasons.

PB & J Rides – Gary – no report. The ride season was successful.

Safety – Dave – bike safety event at M-E cancelled. League of American Bicyclists has had no in-person events since April. Limited virtual events. Focus has been on ensuring safety relative to Covid. Many active riders have updated their emergency contacts.

Donations – Lorraine – one pending?

Repair Clinic – Steve – No report

Annual Dinner – Greg – Reserved Relief Pitcher for 4/24/21. W2M dinner usually held in January will not be scheduled.

Earth Fest – Carolyn – No report. 2020 event cancelled. 2021 event may not be conducted.

Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway – Augie – No report

Highway Clean-up – Susan – Spring cleanup canceled. Fall cleanup conducted on 9/26. 24 people cleaned 6 miles of highway. Enjoyed a trunk-served breakfast on site. Annie Simpson and Mark Goodwin led a ride after the cleanup.

Ride of Silence – John – No report. Event was cancelled.

GFLBT – Don – Event cancelled for 2020. 2021 under consideration decision will be made by end of January. If event is conducted it will be held again at the Watkins Glen State Park. Park has been reserved.

Memorial Ride and Picnic – Don – Successful event conducted on 9/27. In light of the club's financial situation the 2021 event may be used as a fund raiser.

JC Holiday Parade – Narani – Assumes event will be canceled but is willing to facilitate event if it occurs.

Advocacy Group – Steve Bard – No report

Constitution and By-Laws – Steve – recommends changes to the membership section. Information in old business section of minutes.

Apparel – Regina –No report

Garden Tenders – Regina – No report. Board needs to name another chair. We thank Regina for her involvement. Thanks to Logan for mowing.

Nominating Committee – Don – No report

Club business conducted outside of regularly scheduled board meetings:

3/23/20 All club activities suspended due to Covid 19 and state guidelines for safety

5/7/20 GFLBT 2020 cancelled

6/24/20 Rides resume, in conjunction with state guidelines on outdoor activities. Masking and social distancing enforced.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of Covid lockdown. Cancellation of the GFLBT had significant impact to the club's fiscal health. Expenses per person far exceed yearly dues. Cost of newsletter production and mailing, and liability insurance exceed \$10 per person. And life-time members receive these services essentially free.

Board will clean up membership to determine active members. The board has been trying to determine active riders for purposes of better serving them with insurance. 80 people's status is still unknown. Board will review and follow-up with those members.

By-laws will be amended to change dues structure. Board has moved to eliminate family memberships. All dues will be increased to \$10 per year. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. By-laws will be changed to permit members to pre-pay up to 3 years instead of the currently permitted 5 years.

Mark will develop an email to request donations from members. Focus will be on discussion above.

GFLBT. Decision regarding 2021 event will be made by end of January.

Annual Meeting- By-laws require that we conduct an annual meeting. In view of on-going covid restrictions the meeting will be conducted remotely. Meeting will be conducted on February 15 at 6:30 pm.

Add notes to official minutes that approved sale of old jerseys (very odd sizes) for \$20 each and old tee-shirts from past GFLBT events for \$5.

New Business

Conversion of ride data-base to another platform

Institute practice of annual waivers (versus ride-specific.) This procedure was done during covid and has proven to be successful.

Board discussed liability insurance. Cost has become an issue in light of club's fiscal situation. Bob Dalke investigated other companies and found that we do not have another, less costly options. We do pay about \$150 per year because we 'refurbish bicycles.' We do not sponsor the bike give-away and thus we will no longer pay this fee. Donations will be sought to help pay costs this year.

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

Adjournment