# STBC Board Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2009

**Members Present**: Denny U., Don G., and Regina L., Don R., Bob D., John G., Peggy S., Nancy B., Joan H.

Guests: Don P, Dan S.

#### **Items of Business:**

1. **Annual Meeting** – Sunday, March 1, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Endwell Fire Station

Don will send out the details to Board members. Regina will post information on the website. Nancy will send an email to members. Joan will send an announcement to the Press. We will provide drinks (Don G. will procure) and suggest that members brings snacks. We will also continue the Give and Take Table. Post Note: We will call members to remind as we did last year. Someone will need to divide the membership list and provide Board members with names and numbers.

- 2. **Don Powell's proposal** Don asked that the STBC take on the task of monitoring Bike Rt. 17 through Binghamton as signs have been torn down and/or vandalized and it is easy to get lost trying to follow the route. There was a lengthy discussion about cross purposes with BMTS and Warren. It was decided that STBC was interested in pursuing this issue. Don will chair a committee composed of John G. and Denny U. He will contact Warren and/or BTMS. Don will also lead a ride(s) in the spring to check out the signage and then report through appropriate channels.
- 3. Slate of Officers President, Denny U. V. President, Don G. Treasurer, Regina L. Secretary, Joan H.

  Nancy B. will continue as Membership Secretary. Nancy M. will continue as Asst.

  Treasurer. There was discussion of inactive members. Denny will talk to Tom. Other Board Members will continue. Nancy M. will be asked to join the Board. Regina will talk to Mona W. about coordinating special projects.
- 4. **Highway Clean-up** Someone is needed to take this on. Regina will talk to Mona W. If she is unwilling, perhaps Dick P. would be willing. It should be scheduled for sometime in April but not the same day as the Annual Dinner.
- 5. **Annual Dinner** Joan H. will coordinate again. Try Russell's for April 18 or 25, same arrangement as last year. We can raise the price to \$15 for members now that everyone knows it's worth it. Joan will send details to Board Members.

- 6. List Serve/Discussion Group It was decided to leave the ski postings on the STBC list serve. It was also decided that the List Serve is for Members only and we will keep it that way. The Website is for everyone. After a lengthy discussion it was further decided that the "Reply to" feature would be changed to reply to the individual author rather than the group. This change will be announced at the annual meeting. Nancy B. will try it out and see what happens.
- 7. **Budget Development** Regina L. broached the subject of developing a budget beyond income and expenditures. Further discussion of priorities is necessary. In the meantime, it was voted to match and increase the W2M charity donation by \$200. We will continue the budget discussion at the next meeting.
- 8. **Finger Lakes** Augie M. will continue to facilitate this event. He has good volunteers and participation. The committee is working well. Don G. has the control book for past events.
  - 9. Colesville Super Celebration This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the event. Don G. was approached and asked about sponsoring a bike race. This is not what we do so we suggest leading a

bike ride in the area that weekend. Joe W. and/or Tom N. might be able to put something together. We can also have a table at the event if they want.

- 10. What is a CLUB RIDE? Is it for members only? NO. Regina L. will check the insurance requirements to see what they say about membership and riding. Signing the waiver at each ride is extra protection for us.
- 11. **Ride Leadership** We rely on volunteers. Is there a way to encourage more members to lead rides? A slogan perhaps? Just One Ride! Yes, you can! Think About It!

Perhaps Mona W. would take this on. Regina will talk to her.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 6:00 at Regina's house

Purpose: Budget Development

# **STBC Board of Directors meeting minutes**

Date, time and location: April 2, 2009 6 pm – 8 pm; Regina Losinger's house

Attendees: Denny Uhlig, Don Gillespie, Regina Losinger, Nancy MacNeill, Nancy Botting, John Gerty, Bob

Dannecker, Don Robertson

Not in attendance: Peggy Sniezek (excused), Joan Hebb (excused)

# Spending ideas solicited from members (in black) STBC Board of Directors discussion and decisions (in orange)

#### Order a supply of new STBC jerseys to sell at events and use for sizing try-ons

STBC Board decision - yes: buy a supply of jerseys on speculation and sell them at different venues such as the Finger Lakes Tour; tentative budget \$1,000;

Additional note: advance orders for ~70 jerseys were solicited and made at the STBC annual dinner, so we were able to order 100 shirts @ \$34 each – the lowest possible price per jersey, with only 35 on speculation, staying within the \$1,000 budget)

#### Support members' participation in state wide rides

STBC Board decision - no

#### Continue to support Fresh Cycles program

STBC Board decision – re-evaluate in 2010: is there still a need? For how much? How did our contributions help? will there be additional contributions from our W2M group?

#### Continue to support Sarah Jane Johnson bike rehab program

STBC Board decision – re-evaluate in 2010: is there still a need? For how much? How did our contributions help? will there be additional contributions from our W2M group?

# Promote/advertise local bike rides – a booklet perhaps?

STBC Board decision – no: our website bike ride database and newsletter / business card reference to the website already serve this purpose – make sure newsletters and business cards continue to be available in local bike shops

# Support Mike Zuber at BU Outdoor Club

STBC Board decision – no: the BU Outdoors Club has access to university funds and primarily benefits students who reside only temporarily in the local area (in contrast with BCC students, ¾ of whom are local)

#### Charge less at GFLBT for several years

STBC Board decision – no: the purpose of this tour is to raise funds, and it is already the least expensive multi-day tour we are aware of

Install air pumps and bike racks at Vestal Rail Trail with "contributed by STBC" tag; Encourage "Bike Friendly Binghamton" with bike racks (grocery stores, BCC, etc), signs and lanes

STBC Board decision – evaluate where pumps and racks might be needed around town via a listserve solicitation and/or our STBC newsletter, price out racks and pumps, and ask merchants such as Giant Mkt and institutions such as BCC to provide racks (at their own cost) at their places of business (John Gerty to write something up for listserve / newsletter and research pumps and prices, Steve Bard a possibility to work on this project – someone needs to reach out to him)

#### Increase promotion of GFLBT

STBC Board decision - refer to Finger Lakes Committee

#### Keep loaner bikes for new bikers and/or those in need

STBC Board decision - no: too much trouble, plus we always seem to be able to find a loaner when one is needed

# Install flower bed under STBC highway cleanup sign at other end; A memorial?

STBC Board decision - no - stay with the one for now (it is manageable); re-evaluate at a later date

Join NY Bicycle Coalition (STBC has joined); support members taking courses, becoming instructors?

STBC Board decision - continue to be a member at club level of contribution (\$50)

Helmet and lock give-aways (avoid duplication of efforts)... @ Chris Thater? To members who could distribute them? Donate to organizations that are already doing helmet give aways?

STBC Board decision – no: need is being met multiple other ways via other organizations and other funding sources

#### Headbands with STBC logo

STBC Board decision – no; they were great in their day 20 years ago, but demand waned and we stored them for years till we finally gave them away at a Chris Thater.

#### Hats with STBC logo

STBC Board decision - yes: purchase a supply of wickable Do-rags with STBC logo (Regina to follow up)

STBC bicycle license plates with names (already done.... How about giving more away to members? Take to annual dinner for instance)

STBC Board decision – yes: bring supply to STBC annual dinner and distribute (Regina did); bring supply to annual meeting (Regina will do)

# Sponsor a bike repair class for members

STBC Board decision – yes: Nancy MacNeill and Regina Losinger to take this project on – make arrangements with a bike shop, find a location and set dates and topics, advertise, sign-ups)

Life member account ... create an endowment (restricted fund) and manage it

STBC Board decision - no: there is no legal obligation to lifetime members upon dissolution of the club, no obvious reason for restricting the ~\$3k in funds

#### Increase contribution to Chris Thater

STBC Board decision - keep contribution at \$250

# Continue to subsidize the Annual Dinner? Maybe not?

STBC Board decision - yes! We can afford to, and we enjoy it! Re-evaluate amount of subsidy annually

Contribute at least \$100 to support Bike Tioga event (level that gets us on the t-shirt back)

STBC Board decision – yes (ask Peggy Sniezek if she can follow up)

Trinket (giveaway) for ride leaders like a Hat... one a year.

STBC Board decision - no

#### Donation for bikeway extensions

STBC Board decision - no, other funds are available; should we get involved in planning them somehow?

Improved sag wagon for Finger Lakes Tour... both days, working vehicles, more than one sag, actual mechanic

STBD Board decision – refer to Finger Lakes Committee along with additional discussion about rest stops with snacks

items that promote the bike club

STBC Board discussion – little interest in additional promotional items work noting that we already have a newsletter, business cards, website, presence at the Chris Thater, and weekly ride listings in the Bing Press

#### Teach bicycle safety to kids

STBC Board discussion – this is already being done by other organizations

# Donation anything from bikes to helmets for needy kids

STBC Board discussion – we already do some ...several organizations are already involved in this, and we donate to 2 of them (Fresh Cycles and Sarah Jane Johnson)

# Create additional subsidized STBC cycling events (a la fall century ride picnic)

STBC Board decision – Announce that funds are available for this purpose and encourage our members to come forward with events (\$500 tentative annual budget)

STBC board addition: lower operating costs by reducing the number of printed and mailed newletters to members (John Gerty and Nancy Botting will take the lead of this, bringing ideas back to the board – perhaps a postcard will be included in our next newsletter asking members to mail it back if they want to continue receiving a mailed newsletter)

STBC Board Mtg. 5/27/10	O
? HSam, Warrey Dick, John, Joan, Don G, Regina	
Absent/Don R., Denny U., Nancy M.	
1) Board Membership - Dick + Reg. appointed	
Budget - Use Money? I deas from Amuel mtg.  A. NYBC membership level: Club membership level  875	
(A) Membership insurance: \$1.49 per member - 600 members  Family memberships (household) - \$3 - not covering expenses  \$1,200 ordinary income not covering operating expenses  GFLBT - not making enough money to cover - need \$  [*Next Board mtg. \rightarrow GFLBT reports: deal w. money then]  (B) CD - \$12,000 - can be used - \$21,770 ch Keep \$1000 in accent to Bank balance not there now - out on jerseys  (heckigacont high balance for years  Spending?  (C) E statements  (D) Filed non-profit status - Nov. 30-year ends	<sup>\$</sup> 3000 prof.;+ >
(3) Cont.	
B. Thater support - 2010 \$250 donation - increase after GFLBT if possible - email vote	

C. Regina will reply to Jim May

Bike Tioga - 2010 sponsorship
? minimum to get name on shud - \* Don will follow up = Logo

D. STBC promotional material - NOT at this time

Business cards are okay for now

- E. Teach the Teacher nice idea not going to fly with PE teachers / no qualified LAB interructor
- F. # for Discretionary Frend? Contingency budget something comes up Line Item - #500 Proposal Form/Online decision (Board) Club Event - hist Serve: Fall newsletter < Regina will write it up
- 6. Picnic/Century day 2010 Don-sag (up to \$300)

   Nancy will cater / Reg + Waney will do Noutes w. Doug Williams

   Fall date (Sept.) last weekend 26th
- H. Do-rag/wickable bandana still some available Reg. will do patio sale + take rest to GFLBT
- I. Pail Trail donation for up-keep

   Catherine Valley NOT at this time NO pending more information

   Friend of Pail Trail Service project rather than #?

  who? what? Bike rack at one end?
- J. (Donation) to Bridge Redal? Increase supports
   Show up prior to event w. repair +
  Ask Stephen Steven: What do you need Dick will ask?
- K. Brochures? Photo Calendar online? no B+W photo copy? [Newsletters in all bike shops - enough publicity]
- Tracease younger members collège fitness class -Reg. will follow up over the Summar

- (5) Blind Tandem Event Waven can't (AVRE) Tim Hanna? - Dick will contact him Club members will help/participate
- Membership Proposal Old Business Not now

  6 membership for mailed newsletter? \$5

  \*Fall newsletter: Box to get of 6 punt mail list Don G. will do this
- 7) Financial Records, + retention policy/Board+ meeting minutes, too

  Treasurer keeps statements

  Secretary- keeps minutes

  (Reg. will Check)
- 8 hast Some Chatters Don G. will will retire as of Jan. 2011 VP, Ride Schedule
- (9) List Serve Chatter

  2 issues Gas drilling + effects on us facts only

  Should we define what goes on? facts/information

  not-opinions

  Moderators Don! Nancy B., Augue will respond

Flaming Policy - in writing on Yahoo main page + likebsite
about list some: Nancy & will write
- see Dick's proposal - proposal respond to Nancy Win 2 wks.

- 10. Membuship Chair Nancy B. Stipend? printer, ink, paper — \$50
- 11. Annual Mtg. date Jan. 30, 2011

  Don. G will book Veotal Library
  or Endwell Fire Station

# STBC Board Meeting Minutes - December 6, 2010

Members Present: Mona W., Nancy B., John G, Denny U., Sam R., Dick P., Joan H., Don R., Don G.,

Absent: Steve B., Nancy M.

A. Treasurer's Report: Checking Acct: \$9293.98

CD: \$7135.64 Petty Cash: \$13.00 **Total:** \$16,429.62

-GFLBT subsidizes the club with \$3000.

-Sam met with the accountant. We will have to file a long form. The fiscal year ended on 11/30 with \$35,000 gross receipts. For now, Sam will do the tax forms. When it gets to be too much, we will pay the accountant to do them.

-Sam will present a formal report at the annual meeting on Jan. 30.

**B.** All Regina's responsibilities and tasks have been allotted to others. We express thanks to Regina for her years of service to the club and will continue to call on her for answers and advice.

# C. Donations to promote cycling:

-Dick P. described the Wheels for Life program which operates in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, giving bicycles to people in need of transportation at a cost of \$150 per bike. Sam is authorized to send \$500. Dick will provide the necessary information.

-Binghamton Bridge Pedal will be on Sat. July 16 in 2011. After some discussion it was decided that the club would help to sponsor this event up to \$500. Joan will be the liaison with Steven and will provide information to Sam regarding payment when needed.

-Gary Wilde's local effort, Southern Tier Bike Project. Dick P. reports: The program is very much up and running and our contribution would be appreciated and put to good use. His operation of the STBP is very transparent as he lists all financials on the web site <a href="http://www.southerntierbikeproject.com/index.html">http://www.southerntierbikeproject.com/index.html</a>. It was decided to allot \$500 to this program.

# D. Newsletter Issues:

- Recent feedback and current thoughts were discussed. The spring newsletter is most important for disseminating information regarding the GFLBT, the annual dinner, membership and expiring membership dates. It was decided that all members would receive a printed copy of the spring newsletter. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> newsletters will be sent electronically with paper copies going only to those who have requested them.

-Mona was welcomed as the new newsletter editor. She will do the Spring edition. Don G. will be available to aid and assist. Don G. was thanked for his years of service as Vice President and newsletter editor, noting that it will take two people to replace him.

#### E. E-mail box:

Questions about who will check it and maintain it. Deleting SPAM and forwarding mail to
the appropriate club members is necessary. Denny volunteered to take this on as the
President's duty. Mail will be forwarded to the responsible party and the response will be
copied to the President. Nancy B. will provide Denny with the necessary passwords.

# F. Repair Clinic:

-Steve B. has volunteered to lead this clinic. He is available on Sunday only. There is a member in Endicott who has a large garage. It will need structuring, perhaps a series of sessions on different aspects of bike repair and maintenance. Denny will coordinate with Steve to get this started. Information will be provided at the annual meeting.

#### G. Annual Dinner:

- Joan will coordinate. First choice this year is Terra Cotta on April 16 or 30. Sam requested round tables.

# H. Highway Clean-up:

- Mona will continue to coordinate. First choice of dates is April 30 (depending on the dinner) or May 7.

# I. Revision of Waiver:

- John G. presented a revised format that will include emergency contact information. After much discussion about cell phone numbers and license plate numbers, John was authorized to make changes and put the new waiver on the website.
- The ride leaders must take responsibility for getting the waiver signed and then sending the form to the Secretary for record keeping.

# J. GFLBT report to Board:

- John G. requested that the Board receive timely updates about GFLBT plans and expenditures. Dick P. will be the liaison and provide information, getting approval as necessary.

# K. Club Directory:

- Dick P. asked about printing a club directory for contact information. After much discussion, pro and con, the issue was tabled. We will revisit it in the spring.

#### L. Officers:

- The slate to be presented at the annual meeting is as follows:

President: Denny Uhlig Vice President: Steve Bruno Secretary: Joan Hebb

Treasurer: Sam Russo

- Current Board members will continue: Dick Porterfield (GFLBT), Nancy Botting (membership), John Gerty (web master), Don Robertson (past president), Nancy MacNeil (Assistant Treasurer), Mona Wysocki (newsletter editor/highway clean-up)

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hebb, Secretary 12/28/10

# STBC Board Meeting - 11/5/12

# Meeting called to order – 5:35 pm

Members Present: Steve (Vice Pres.), Joan (Sec.), Sam (Treas.), John, Lorraine, Nancy, Johanna, Dick

- 1. **Steve** read email message from Denny. The Board accepted his resignation with regret. Steve will take charge until the annual meeting in January.
- 2. Sam gave the Treasurer's report.

\$15,728.46 Total/\$4932 - checking, \$7415 - CD (1.7%), \$3102.95 - Pacesetter savings We have a small inventory of jerseys and no outstanding bills.

3. Joan gave the Secretary's report - online decisions made since last meeting:

New board members, Lorraine and Johanna welcomed

\$350 donated to the Rescue Mission Ride for the Rescue – one time only

Release waivers will be on file for 1 year. Dick and Joan will collect

No donation to the Tour de Cure

Dick Porterfield is back up signatory for all treasurer's matters

Date for annual meeting set and reserved - January 27, Endwell Fire Station

4. **John** reported on the community bike rack donations.

This is ongoing. Suggestions: west end of Rail Trail, in park next to Whole in the Wall Speaking of the Rail Trail: Discussion of the speed limits restrictions. John will write a letter to the Press focusing on respect and rules for everyone.

#### 5. Dottie Rice Memorial

- a. We will donate \$1000 to the BCC FLES program. Don has okay-ed some publicity around this donation. Dick will follow up with BCC chairperson identified in Peggy's email. Maybe the Press? WBNG?
- b. Ride of Silence in May We will do this in memory of Dottie this year. Don is okay with the event and some publicity around it. Suggestions for speakers, signs, banners before/after the ride. Maybe moving the day so it's not a Wednesday evening. Regina will be asked to head up the planning (with support from the Board)
- c. Letter to the Press: Steve will send a message to the list-serve asking for people's thoughts on safety for ALL. He will compile them. Suggestion: driving is a social responsibility. John will write a letter in memory of Dottie starting with Regina's email.
  - d. Web Site link to picture and text about Dottie: Don has said this is fine. John will need picture (Nancy?) and text (?) to put on the site.
- e. Dottie Rice Memorial Ride: Dottie's cousin Bree is organizing this. We will fully support it. Don has given her Jim May's name for advice. Joan is keeping track of all STBC members who offer to help. This will be a ride, not a race, for the purpose of supporting the BCC FLES scholarship program.

- 6. **Membership issues:** We would like to have an accurate count of active members, individual and members of families. Nancy will put a message on the list-serve explaining the request and asking families to list the active members included in their membership. Lifetime membership will be on an individual basis as of the first of the year. Dick will call the current family lifetime members to update their status. Membership dues will go back to \$3 individual/\$5 family as of the first of the year.
- 7. **Constitution revision:** Lengthy review of the updates and revisions brought to the Board by the committee appointed in the spring. Corrections and suggestions were made. The new Constitution will be brought to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting in January.
  - 8. Oasis After-School Ride is not an STBC sponsored ride but it can be noted in the Newsletter.
  - 9. **Donations:** Chris Thater and Bike Tioga are annual donations. Others depend on GFLBT income. All new inquiries for donations must fit within the STBC constitutional objectives.
  - 10. Safety Committee proposal: This committee will periodically review the safety guidelines established by the club. They will collect data to determine in what ways members need to be more safety conscious and make recommendations to help club members become safer bicyclists. A suggestion was made to sponsor a club member to go to the LAB training course. Steve and Johanna will work together on this.
  - 11. **Nominating committee:** One Board member and 2 general members are needed to begin the search for a new President and see if the current officers wish to continue. Lorraine will be the Board member and will ask two others to join her.
  - 12. **Jerseys:** There are 12 jerseys left, mostly odd sizes. We will not pursue a new jersey now maybe in a year or two.
  - 13. **Flowers policy:** It was decided that we did not need a policy to send flowers to STBC members whatever the cause may be. It doesn't happen often (thankfully) and there is generally no doubt when it seems a good idea.
  - 14. **Website update** to include directions on how to join the list-serve: John and Nancy will work on this.
  - 15. **JC Parade:** Nancy was approved to purchase pizza and candy for the participants and spectators, respectively.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

# STBC Board of Directors Meeting - March 25, 2013

1. Seeking updated non-profit and tax exempt advice from a professional: Regina will call Bill Denman first THEN contact a professional. \$500 authorized if needed. A suggestion was also make to try the IRS for information.

Understanding of what we are allowed to do under our non-profit and tax exempt status: will become clear after initiating the above.

- 2. Updating constitution and bylaws: Put up old ones for now. John will pull new ones from website. New ones on hold pending meeting with Bill Denman.
- 3. Insurance coverage and cost savings: \$60 refurbishing rider was added this year. Research and work on updating for next year needs to be done. Dick P., Gary V., and Bill D. volunteered to investigate. Dick P. attended a webinar and has passed on the information. Special Event insurance is and issue and concern. We can pay for GFLBT out-of-towners after the event. Increase from \$1.30 to \$2.30 this year.
- 4. Annual Dinner: 59 signed up as of 3/25 (Final total was 82)
- 5. Revising membership dues structure: passed at annual meeting. Nancy will make up a spreadsheet of data base to determine if the family is actually an individual. She will circulate it for corrections. Lifetime members will be contacted to determine if they are still with us. (Dick P. doing this?)
- 6. GFLBT update: 25 registered as of 3/25, before newsletters go out. Augie reports that all is in order. A new coordinator will be needed in 2014 as Augie is stepping down. Dick and Sam will take it.
- 7. Ride of Silence, Dottie Rice memorial: update from Regina. \$500 approved for buttons, ribbons, candles, etc. as needed. Email approval for more if necessary. \$1000 scholarship check from STBC will be presented at ride.

Gran Fondo event will happen with 501c3 status next year.

Approval of \$25 for ½ page note in Downtown Singers program. (Email approval for \$50).

- 8. Bridge Pedal: Will not happen this year due to \$800 insurance cost. We will revisit next year with new insurance information.
- 9. Board communication and decision making: online/email communication is approved but remember to use a good subject line.
- 10. Bike rack installation: One for the west end of the rail trail is in process. Steve will get it if/when there is final approval.
- 11. Fracking and impact on cycling: We will not take a stand but can encourage members to go elsewhere to act. We will continue to report dangerous road conditions. Regina will inform members by listserve.
- 12. Things to think about: Start publicity committee? Digital/Print newsletter?

Post meeting decisions: We will not participate in the Wellness Day on May 5. (Conflicts, cost)

Thater donation has been made for this year. Our tent will be far enough away from the music to allow conversation with passers by.

Respectfully submitted (late), Joan Hebb

Southern Tier Bicycle Club

**Board Meeting Minutes** 

December 17, 2013

Members present: Regina, Lorraine, Steve, Nancy, John, Denny, Dick, Don, Cheryl

Excused: Johanna, Joan

#### 1. Constitution/By-laws

Discussion regarding changes to constitution and bylaws to reflect current practices. Attorney Bill Denman advised that Certification of Incorporation is filed with NYS. Can be changed. Regina/team will explore removal of deceased attorney John Mangan's name as contact person for all issues regarding incorporation.

Steve/Nancy and team recommended changes to constitution and by-laws which were voted on and approved by the board. Constitutional changes (not significant) will need to be voted on by the membership at large. By-laws are required to be accepted only by the board. However all members will be advised of all changes and modifications in advance of vote at yearly meeting. Items that were changed will be highlighted in correspondence (post cards/on-line/and, if necessary, in print) to all members.

#### 2. Nominations for officers

Due to professional and personal obligations, Regina will resign from the presidency. Lorraine, Denny and Don will work on nominations. They will ask Don Rice to help.

Steve and Lorraine have agreed to remain as VP and treasurer, respectively and will ask Joan if she agrees to stay on as secretary. Nancy has agreed to stay on as assistant to the treasurer for membership and GFLBT accounting.

Thus the only vacancy will be the presidency. Some names were discussed. Nominating committee will actively seek candidates.

A key role for the president will be to develop a larger cadre of ride leaders. Discussion that requiring rides to be planned and posted months in advance is problematic. Ad hoc rides with quick emailed invitations seem popular. W2M rides are well attended and have developed a formula for notification that works. Need to find a method for weekend and evening rides that serves the membership.

Exploration of technological applications for payment of dues and sign-up for events
 Lorraine suggested that the club may wish to make use of tech tools like PayPal or Network
 Solutions or Google tools to make sign-ups easier. Other clubs like the local Hiking group have

made use of these tools and members find them to be very useful. Lorraine will consult Larry B for info regarding tools used by the Hiking Club. John and Regina will assist and will report back. Discussion that this is not an issue that needs to be resolved ASAP... long term solution. Perhaps start with opportunity to pay dues and perhaps pay for dinners, etc. Due to complexity of GFLBT it will take sophisticated tools to enable web registration and payment.

#### 4. Safety Guideline

Steve brought updated guidelines for inclusion on STBC website. Many of these were obtained from members. Very successful solicitation of suggestions from members. Board endorsed new guidelines and John will post to web. Board also passed motion that Code of Ethics should be removed from STBC website.

#### 5. New Business

<u>STBC jerseys</u> are no longer available. Steve suggested exploration of reorder. Dough Williams and Steve will ask membership for suggestions. Board felt that 'brand' of the club was important and thus will not redesign the shirt but will ask for ideas about other versions and colors. IE: sleeveless shirts, jackets, sizes specifically for women.

<u>Newsletter</u> discussion was conducted. Mona needs help with 'Out of Bounds' section. Denny agreed to investigate rides out of our area and confirm details. Motion was made and passed to produce only one printed newsletter each year with the remaining issues developed as online only. Suggestion was made to produce truncated editions with specific information on membership and ride schedule for hand-out to bike shops. This issue was referred to Mona for further exploration. This change will be on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Hi everyone. Since John's computer has problems opening attachments, I have included meeting minutes in this message. Draft copy, please review for corrections.

April 6, 2014 Called to order at 6:15 p.m.

New Milford Bike Shop location

Present: John Norris, Steve Bruno, Lorraine Loitsch, Cheryl Brown, Nancy Botting, Don Doornbos, John Gerty, Dick Porterfield and Dennis Uhlig. Excused absent: Joan Hebb and Johanna Lovell

President John Norris made brief remarks.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer gave report.... funds are coming in for GFLBT and memberships. Lorraine and Nancy are busy updating rosters and depositing checks.

Standing committee reports were heard:

- 1. Membership Committee: Nancy provided update. Membership numbers are stable. Those who don't renew are offset by new memberships received for GFLBT. Discussion regarding numbers for insurance purposes. Determined that we can't separate 'active' from 'inactive' members so we will continue to pay insurance for all members. Idea was proposed to create an event fee for GFLBT instead of making everyone pay membership. The group may consider this for 2015 event. 2. Website Committee: Many thanks to Regina for significant update to site. Suggestion was made to add list of current officers to the site. John will take action.
- 3. Newsletter Committee: Steve provided update. Newsletter mailing was delayed due to postage shortfall. Premium paper was used for printing causing postage to go up. Situation was rectified and newsletters were sent out. Mona is resigning from the position of editor. Membership will be canvassed for new editor. Graphic design costs have risen significantly. Suggestion was made and approved that we would do the newsletter ourselves with help from members.
- 4. Ride Committee: Steve put together a very robust list of rides. Protocol has been changed to indicate that ride leaders are not required to sweep A and B rides. Only rides rated C and below will be monitored.
- 5. Safety Committee: Johanna and Steve have updated safety information. Several ideas/hints solicited from membership and included in update on web.
- 6. Highway Cleanup Committee. Mona will continue to coordinate. Dates 4/26 and 10/4/14.
- 7. Repair Clinic Committee: Steve and others will consider conducting a clinic next spring.
- 8. Annual Dinner Committee: April 26 at the Relief Pitcher. Discussion regarding subsidizing cost of dinner. Board agreed to revisit issue prior to next year's dinner. Recommendation made to keep costs low (as was done this year) and to subsidize to some extent.
- 9. GFLBT: Dick provide a very thorough report. Lots of work has been done and more to come. Needs volunteers to help on Friday afternoon and evening with sign in. Denny will coordinate mountain bike rides, Larry Blumberg will coordinate hiking. Steve and Nancy are making bike-themed jewelry to sell at event. Speakers have been contacted. Good response to invitation to participate.
- 10. Ride of Silence: John coordinating with help from Joan, Yvonne and Steve. Police will be notified and requested to provide escort. Suggestion that we have some signs to inform viewers of the purpose of the ride.
- 11. Sarah Jane Johnson Bike Give-away...Augie reports that bikes are being donated and refurbished. More data available as we get closer to the event.
- 12. Dannecker Ride: Nancy coordinating. 9/28/14. Location will be HIckories Park in Owego. Event/food free for STBC members. Guests will be charged \$6.
- 13: Johnson City Christmas Parade. Club will participate. Nancy will coordinate Special Orders and Unfinished Business:
- 1. STBC Jerseys: We need jerseys and will solicit members for volunteers.
- 2. Constitution and By Law Changes: Nancy brought up possible confusion regarding publicity of meeting and availability of minutes to entire membership. By Laws will be changed to reflect that notices of meetings will be posted on the web and minutes will be made available by request. By Laws will also be changed to clarify that Executive Board meetings are intended only for officers and board members while general membership meetings are intended for all members.
- 3. Newsletter was excellent and ride calendar includes rides through the fall. We will update ride calendar with additional summer and fall rides. Steve will coordinate update and Cheryl will print. Board members will continue to distribute to bike shops and other locations.
- 4. Nancy will expore legalities regarding tax exempt status.

**New Business:** 

- 1.Due to increase in electronic communication among board members, Steve proposed having a standard procedure for conducting on-line business. Board approved the following: Person posting item for discussion/vote will request response by a specific date. Those who participate will be considered as
- 'attending the meeting.' Secretary will keep track of issues, votes and results. A new thread of conversation will be developed for purpose of counting votes. Person initiating conversation is responsible for introducing the topic, we will discuss. A motion will then be submitted and seconded, further discussion will be allowed and a vote will be taken.
- 2. Website postings were discussed. Language was strengthened and posted to encourage members to use the site appropriately.

# STBC Board Meeting Agenda / Munites December 3, 2014

# Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Attending: Norris, Bruno, Botting, Loitsch, Gerty, Lovell, Hebb, Brown

Excused: Porterfield, Dornbos, Uhlig.

# **Officers' Reports**

President's report and announcements

Reading of minutes from previous meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report. Lorraine reported approximately \$15,700 in club treasury

All expenses for GFLBT have been paid.

# **Standing Committee Reports**

- 1. Membership Committee: Membership holding steady at about 470.
- 2. Website Committee: Lorraine and Steve will be added as administrators.
- 3. Newsletter Committee: Joan Tichnor will take over editor's duties from Mona.
- 4. Ride Committee: Steve will shortly be soliciting ride leaders/schedule for 2015.
- 5.Safety Committee: Johanna will send email suggesting that all bicycling-related holiday gifts be accompanied by safety tips. Tips available on website.
- 6. Highway Cleanup Committee: Mona will continue to manage.
- 7.Repair Clinic Committee: Steve will conduct a repair class this spring. Details TBA. Board approved allocation of \$170 to cover expensed of renting space and providing light refreshments.
- 8. Annual Diner Committee: Greg Laskowski will take over some duties from Joan. Relief Pitcher was well received last year and we recommend we conduct event there again.
- 9.GFLBT Committee: All plans moving ahead for 2015. Dick and Nancy met with caterer and are pleased with cost and service.
- 10. Ride of Silence Committee: John will organize this again this year.
- 11. Sarah Jane Johnson Bicycle Giveaway Committee: No report
- 12.Bob Dannecker Fall Century Ride Committee: Very well attended this year. Softball was a popular addition. Thanks from all for the cooking/managing, etc done by Nancy (I did not note our vote on official name....)
- 13. Johnson City Christmas Parade Committee: Nancy reported few people had signed up.
- 14. Nominating Committee: All officers agreed to remain in their positions. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting and an official vote will be taken. Joan and Johanna officially resigned from the board. Several names were suggested as replacements. Lorraine will contact to assess interest. Steve reminded us that we don't need to replace them. We have met the number required by Constitution and by-laws.

15. Constitution and By Laws Committee: Official meetings of the board are to be set at least one week ahead and notice of meetings is to appear on the website.

# **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

STBC Jerseys: One club member expressed interest in handling. Will be contacted again. We have no jerseys. Request for women-specific sizing and shape.

Automating club dues/pay pal: Lorraine continues to work on this and will keep us posted.

Chris Thater activities: Discussion of perhaps not providing a physical presence. Very little interest from spectators. If we do participate, we need a tent that is suitable for use on pavement.

Insurance Issues: discussion tabled

# **New Business**

Annual meeting: Cheryl will organize. Hope for event at Endwell Fire Station in mid to late January.

Due to length of meeting discussion on the following agenda items was tabled. -

Public Relations = Not tabled; committee formed voanie, Regina Updates to committee personnel - Not tabled, steve will a Marie

Discussion of proceeds of GFLBT 2014 - Bike Collect

Discussion of proceeds of GFLB1 2014 - 1344 Vach

Outreach to younger cyclists

Discussion of what worked well this year and what didn't

Requests for access to bicycles from social service agencies

**Newsletter production** 

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

# **STBC Meeting Minutes**

April 14, 2015

Call to Order - 6:45 PM

Roll Call – Present Steve Bruno, Denny Uhlig, Lorraine Loitsch, Cheryl Brown, John Gerty, Don Dornbos, Dick Porterfield, Nancy Botting, Joanie Ticknor, Greg Laskowski

# Officer's Report

President's Report – Agenda was approved

Vice Presidents Report – No Report

Secretary's Report – Minutes of Feb. 8, 2015 were read, corrected and accepted Treasurer's Report –\$11,582 in checking. \$7678 in 3 year CD. Club is solvent. Registrations coming in for GFLBT daily. CD will mature July 2015. Motion made and passed that Lorraine research options for investment of CD. Request one year term. Treasures report was accepted.

# **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Nancy – Determining active members continues to be an issue. Current individual and family membership in flux as many memberships are due at the time of GFLBT. **Website** – John – Web is continually being updated. Is working well. Need to correct number of times newsletter is produced. One print newsletter per year with ride schedule being updated 3 times per year.

Pay Pal – Lorraine- Works well and has saved time. There is a cost associated with its implementation but efficiency extremely valuable. Tech support is excellent. 69% of GFLBT have used it, 47% of membership, 62% of annual dinner. Automatic uploads to Visions account. Suggested that we add to website that Canadian participants for GFLBT use it as it expedites registration.

**Newsletter** – Joanie – Done, well received. Some votes for going completely green and eliminating the print version. Current cost of printing, stamps, etc between \$800 and \$1000. Thanks to Joanie for production.

**Public Relations** – Marie is exploring development of an app. Joanie, Regina and Marie will reach out to media, etc. Proposed that we team up with other outdoor clubs and have a section in the Newpaper section 'Good Times' that includes all outdoor opportunities. Joanie has taken over Facebook activity.

**Rides Schedule** – Denny – Will solicit ride leaders. Proposal to provide a list of possible rides and seek leaders for them. Great support for encouraging ad hoc rides and sending invitation out to member listserv.

Safety – Johanna-Steve reported need a new coordinator as Johanna is stepping down. Encouraged participation in on-line safety course. Prize will be awarded at annual dinner. **Donations** – Denny- Motion made and accepted to honor Bill Denman with a \$100 in memorium payable to Lyceum. All requests for support for charity rides will be forwarded to

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**Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway** – Augie- 250 bikes available. Motion made and accepted to pay for up to 200 bike locks. Volunteers to assist at the event will be solicited. Augie's report will be

posted to official club minutes.

**GFLBT** – Dick- Planning going well. Visited site with new caterer, will have more efficient food lines. Dick will solicit ride leaders. As of meeting date 93 people had signed up.

Chris Thater Activities – Gene –Gene has been very thorough and involved in planning. Will request volunteers. STBC will have a greater presence. Excellent report, copy will be submitted to official club minutes

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Nancy- Great event. Cost of \$5.10 per person. **Constitution and By-Laws** – Nancy – Reminded us that by-laws are fairly easy to change if we need to make changes.

Motion was made and accepted to authorize any committee to spend up to \$50 without special approval.

# **Special Orders**

**Unfinished Business -** Discussion ongoing since 2012 to simplify access to listserv. Motion made and accepted to drop the members-only and the Yahoo ID requirement. Larry Blumberg will take over Yahoo Group access and will moderate the list and access. Web will be changed to reflect new process.

**New Business** - Ongoing discussion of how to count members and what to charge for lifetime membership. Insurance requires us to identify a number of active members. Some lifetime members are no longer active. We will survey membership to ask their status. Dick will draft a survey that will ask if they have done or plan to participate in any club rides.

Go Green - There is support to eliminate a printed newsletter. Joanie will survey membership.

# The following agenda items were tabled:

Eliminate future lifetime memberships – Lorraine Members pay the cost of club events – Steve Participation in Earth Fest 2016 – Steve

For the Good of the Order - Steve suggested better email communication

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

# **STBC Meeting Minutes**

June 14, 2015

Call to Order - 6:45 PM

Roll Call – Present Steve Bruno, Denny Uhlig, Lorraine Loitsch, Cheryl Brown, John Gerty, Don Dornboss, Dick Porterfield, Nancy Botting, Joanie Ticknor, Greg Laskowski

# Officer's Report

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# **Committee Reports**

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Wheels to Meals - Jay- No report

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JC Christmas Parade – Narani – No report

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Apparel - Regina- No report

Garden Tenders - Regina- No report

Nominating Committee - Lorraine- No report

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For the Good of the Order — There is support to eliminate a printed newsletter. Joanie will survey membership. Topic is tabled for future discussion.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

# **STBC Board Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2015

In attendance: S.Bruno, L. Loitsch, J. Gerty, D.Dornbos, R. Porterfield, G.Laskowski.

C.Brown

Excused: J. Ticknor

Absent: D. Uhlig, N. Botting

# Officers' Reports

<u>President's report and announcements</u> – Steve reported with regret that Joanie resigned from STBC Board. She will continue to lead rides and remain active. Steve thanked her for her dedicated service. Seat will not be filled at this time.

Reading of the <u>minutes</u> from previous meeting- Minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Treasurer's report- Lorraine reported balances in various accounts. Visions account: \$3140. Checking account: \$11,915. CD: \$7704. CD has been reinvested for another three year period. Dick P has been added as an approved signer on all accounts. John G. is an approved signer to PayPal. \$150 ad placed in Chenango Theater program. Donation made in memory of Denny's sister.

# **Standing Committee Reports**

Membership-Nancy B - No report

<u>Website</u>- John G- Website is continually being updated. Continued discussion of how to make access to the Yahoo Groups function easier. Larry Blumberg is available to consult and will help members access all functions of the website.

Newsletter – Joanie T – Survey conducted on-line to ask members if they approved of having newsletter/ride schedule available ONLY on the website and not in print. Population surveyed biased in that the respondents consisted only of those who use electronic media. In light of many reports of non-electronic members, newsletter will continue to be printed once each year. Less expensive printing options will be explored.

<u>Rides</u> – Steve B- Ad hoc posting of rides, in addition to those pre-scheduled in newsletter, is invited and is popular. Membership encouraged to post rides and invite membership to participate.

<u>Safety</u> – Faye R- Number of questions raised. Would the club like to have basic first aid training? And how should we encourage all riders to carry appropriate identification and emergency contact information? John G is a certified first-aid trainer and will consult with Faye to further explore these topics.

Highway Clean-up - Mona. No Report

Repair Clinic - Steve B - No Report

<u>Annual Diner</u>- Greg L – 2016 Dinner reserved. 4/23/2016 at Relief Pitcher, 6 pm. Same menu and location as last year

<u>GFLBT</u> – Dick P. Very successful event. Over 220 people attended. Event is financially viable, generating \$4900 in profits for STBC. We will explore obtaining more durable signage. Many thanks to Dick P for managing this complex event.

<u>Ride of Silence</u> – John N. No Report. Board encouraged that John do additional publicity next year.

Sarah Jane Johnson Bicycle Giveaway - Augie M - No Report

Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride & Picnic - Nancy B- No Report

Johnson City Christmas Parade -Narani O'S - No Report

Nominating - Lorraine L- No Report

<u>Public Relations</u>- Marie R- Marie and Steve working to implement an app which will link to STBC website.

Garden Tenders - Regina R - No Report

PayPal - Lorraine L- Continues to be an asset to the club. Easy, fast and efficient.

<u>Donations</u> – Denny U- Charity ride season is occurring and we want to get the word out that the club will donate \$25 to those who participate in recognized charity events. Publicity for this policy will be conducted via an email to membership and a notice on the website. As treasurer, Lorraine will be the contact to write checks when requests are sent.

<u>Apparel</u> – Regina L- The board would like to be able to offer club shirts to membership. Steve will contact Regina to discuss development of design, etc.

Constitution and By-Laws - Nancy B- No Report

<u>Chris Thater Event</u> –Gene Clarke is liaison. Event will be conducted on August 22/23. STBC will have a tent and personnel on hand to publicize club. We will sponsor a group ride at 12:15 on Saturday, 8/22. Police personnel will be informed of the ride route to ensure safety. STBC fliers will be handed out. Volunteers are needed.

Donation of bike racks on Vestal Rail Trail – John G. Waiting to hear back from Vestal Town Board. Donation on hold.

Larry Blumberg will set up a Yahoo Group for STBC Board to enable more efficient response to club business.

#### **Old/ Unfinished Business**

Discussion about <u>two email lists</u>...one through the Network Solutions (host to our website) and one through Yahoo Groups. John G will investigate functions of each and help club make best use of each.

On-going concern as to status of <u>'life time' members and status as active riders</u>. This issue is important for insurance purposes. Dick is working to update roster of active riders.

<u>Lifetime memberships</u>. Board voted to eliminate new lifetime memberships as of January 1, 2016. Current life memberships will be honored

Members pay the cost of club events/<u>eliminate event subsidies</u>. Tabled for future discussion .

Participation in Earth Fest 2016. Tabled for future discussion

<u>BCC course for cyclists</u>. Gene Clark spearheaded a proposal to offer a three to four week course for new and returning cyclists. After discussion with BCC it was agreed to table the proposal. Fall schedule of courses precluded the opportunity to offer a ride at any time during the course, BCC prohibited us from riding on campus due to liability issues.

# **New Business**

STBC Board Yahoo Group - Larry

Discussion of Ray VanDervort's email

# **STBC Meeting Minutes**

# October 27, 2015

In attendance: Steve Bruno, Lorraine Loitsch, Nancy Botting, Don Dornbos, Dick Porterfield, Greg Laskowski,

**Cheryl Brown** 

Excused: Denny Uhlig, John Gerty

Guests: Larry Blumberg, Narani O'Shaughnasy

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

# **Officers Reports**

**President's Report:** Steve reported that Denny has resigned as Vice President. Board thanked him for his years of dedicated service to the club. Steve appointed Greg as interim VP.

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

Treasurer's Report: \$17,729 in treasury. Full report entered into official minutes

Committee Reports (reflect only those committees whose chairs submitted reports)

Membership: 485 members, approximately 230 of whom are lifetime members

By-laws and web will be updated to reflect change in lifetime membership. Nancy notified the board that she will no longer handle membership. Dick offered to take over membership. Board thanked Nancy for her years of dedicated service.

**Website and email:** If Steve forwards emails received through website, please acknowledge receipt. We have email through Network Solutions and through Constant Contact. Each is used for specific club functions.

**Newsletter:** Bids will be solicited in November for printing. Rides and ride leaders will be sought in time for production of newsletter in spring. Information on W2M rides and level/pace will be rewritten.

**GFLBT:** 40% of attendees paid through PayPal, 60% used paper. Website with new information will go live around January 1. Dick is seeking help with several initiatives and will call a meeting of all involved. Campground has been reserved. Need SAG drivers. Notify Dick of interest. Voted to rescind membership of 2015 attendee who took food from dining hall to feed an unregistered rider.

**Publicity:** request has been sent to other local and regional bicycle clubs to include our web address on their sites. We will add these to our site. Thanks to Marie.

**Safety:** First aid training will be offered in the spring. Goal to have a safety email sent out monthly and safety tips on the website will be updated.

**Donations:** Very few requests for donations for charity rides. We will do more publicity, earlier, so riders can seek donations in time for spring/summer events. We may have to increase the amount we contribute since several of these rides have a \$50 minimum donation. An announcement will be made at the annual meeting. STBC had supported Bike Tioga in the past but has not received an invoice for the past two years. We will investigate and hope to continue to contribute.

Ride of Silence: John will continue to coordinate. Turnout was low. Need more publicity. Will request police escort and obtain permit earlier.

**Chris Thater Event:** Full report attached. Board thanked Gene for his excellent organization of the 2015 event. He will coordinate STBC participation in 2016.

**Dannecker Picnic**: Attendance was less than in prior years. 48 riders participated and a few other members attended. Cost was approximately \$3.00 per person. If we continue to request that participants bring food, we should consider assigning types of food based on an alphabetical breakdown by last name. Thanks to Nancy for her great work on this event.

**Johnson City Christmas Parade:** Narani is the new coordinator. She will work with Steve to publicize the event. More information to come.

**Apparel**: Regina has worked with vendor to obtain design and pricing. Steve and Dick will manage order. We hope to take delivery by Christmas and have them for sale at the annual meeting.

Nominations: a full slate of officers and board members will be offered for a vote at the annual meeting.

#### **Old Business**

Earth Fest 2016: Membership will be invited to work on this committee. Discuss at annual meeting.

Club Calendar of Events: On-going problems with Yahoo calendar. Many people simply can't access. Board voted to use the Google calendar function and cease all use of Yahoo. We will need to remind ride leaders to send email reminders as this functionality may not exist in the new calendar.

Annual Meeting: Meeting will be held on January 10. 2:00 p.m. Endwell Fire Station. Steve will publicize.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

#### Official Business conducted since board meeting:

100 club jerseys were ordered and received. Full report in committee update.

Board voted to authorize purchase of stainless steel bicycle rack to be donated to the Vestal Rail Trail.

# **STBC Board Meeting Minutes**

Sunday, April 17, 2016 – 6:30 PM

Call to Order – 6:30 pm

Roll Call - Present: Steve, Greg, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, John, Don & Ivan. - Absent: Nancy

# Officer's Report

President's Report – Agenda approved

Secretary's Report – Minutes of Jan. 10 annual meeting read and approved

Treasurer's Report - Approximately \$20,600 in treasury. Increase due to registrations for Finger Lakes Tour.

# **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Larry - The Yahoogroup now has 425 subscribers. All new members of the Club receive an invitation to subscribe to it, whether they have paid via paypal or have mailed in their payment with a hardcopy of the membership form. This system is working well. Lorraine has added me to the copy list for all paypal notifications, that's how I see the new members who join via paypal, and Dick sends me the names and e-mails of those who mail in their memberships.

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Steve - Bounced Emails will be reviewed and corrected if possible. Request that board members sign their emails to the board or start a new thread. Larry will remind members of listserv etiquette... don't send comments back to entire group.

Website – Larry - "Opening up" the Yahoogroup to non-STBC members and simplifying the subscription process required us to move away from maintaining the STBC calendar on Yahoo and to therefore find a new home for it...the transition over to our Google Calendar seems to have been smoothly completed, thanks Steve for setting up the 2016 ride calendar on it!

Steve – edits Contact Us, Minutes, GFLBT, Bike Ride Data, Safety, Maintenance, Local Clubs, Tab Order. All edits have been made.

Newsletter – Joanie – Printed and delivered on time with no issues. Change in format next year.

**Public Relations** – Marie – Will work on Article about our Ride of Silence / Ramona - will do a Video of the Sara Jane Give-a-way.

**Facebook** – Regina – These stats mean we are regularly reaching many. articles of interest and photos are posted several times a week, and Don follows up with individualized comments. I am continuing to enjoy co-administering our FB page with Don.

Rides Schedule – Steve – Members showed a strong support this year to leaded rides. Regina challenged members to lead three rides. Leaders were recognized at the Annual Dinner. The Stop & Smell the Flowers Rides need Leaders and some have volunteered. Check the Google Calendar for updates on the meet locations.

Wheels to Meals - Steve - Suggest that Greg edit Google Calendar as Rides descriptions comes up.

Safety – David - STBC Member, David Wells is a League of American Bicyclist (LAB) Certified Instructor. Dave who is on our Safety Committee has offered to conduct the Road work part to complete The LAB Smart Cycling / TS-101 Course. Details are being worked out for a 2016 summer session. An announcement was made at the Annual Dinner showing some interest and Faye R will give support. Lorraine has checked on the insurance concerns and this event will require a special event rider, separately from the STBC insurance.

Donations - Lorraine - 2 individual donations to date - Bike & Build and Doctors Without Boarders

**Annual Dinner** – Greg - Saturday, April 23, 2016 at The Relief Pitcher, Conklin, NY at 6:00 PM Next year Greg will coordinate with Larry a different weekend from the TCHC Dinner.

**Earth Day Fest** – Joe - STBC will participate in Earth Fest 2016 at SUNY Broome on Sunday April, 24 2016 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Information on membership, club sponsored activities and events were available at our table. Unique bikes were on display, free chain bracelets were made for visitors and 3 rides started at Noon. There were many STBC members at this event, and STBC volunteers promoted the club.

Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway – Augie – Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Will be more specific as the event nears, but there is a plea for your help. The "Give Away" is scheduled from 1 to 4 PM.

Highway Clean-up - Mona - Saturday, April 30, 2016 and Saturday, October 1, 2016

Ride of Silence – John N - Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Recreation Park, Binghamton, NY at 7:00 PM – Plans are to run a 2 x 2 full color ad for \$50 for the STBC Ride of Silence in the Press and Sun. The run date is Sunday May 15, 2016.

**GFLBT** – Dick - Fri, Sat & Sun, June 10, 11 & 12, 2016 Registration numbers are lagging behind last year. Dick supplied posters to be posted in the community and bike shops.

Chris Thater Activities - Gene - Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28, 2016

The Chris Thater planning committee is now meeting and the expectation is to see bigger crowds this year as the 5k moves from Saturday afternoon to Sunday morning at 9:50 am and several of the top racing teams have made early commitments. More good news is forthcoming. Since the STBC tent is located in front of The Colonial bar and restaurant on Court Street and they have sidewalk tables in front of their restaurant, I'm looking into an option to have an STBC informal dinner/drinks in a reserved sidewalk section. They can accommodate up to 24 in one section and we would have to reserve the spot 2 weeks in advance. Everyone on the STBC Advocacy Contact List (23 individuals) will receive an invitation to visit us at the STBC tent and join a ride. All the logistics appear to be ready for August and ready for STBC participation.

Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic - Nancy - Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM

JC Christmas Parade – Narani – Thursday, Dec 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Advocacy Group – Gene – Attended Western NY Regional Bike Meeting at the University of Rochester hosted by the Rochester Cycling Alliance (RCA) and New York Bicycle Coalition (NYBC) on Saturday, February, 27th. Over 35 bike advocates attended and exchanged success stories and their advocacy road blocks. The NYBC is organizing an Eastern NY Regional Bike Meeting in Albany to take place in the Fall and I would highly recommend STBC participation. From the Rochester event, the STBC is inviting Jim Reed, NYBC to present at the GFLBT in June. Jim is both a cycling advocate and a lawyer who is an expect in representing cyclists involved in bike / vehicle accidents. Twenty three STBC Advocacy letters or emails were sent out the week of March 7th to public officials and area leaders who may influence cycling matters in the Southern Tier. A follow-up letter will be sent in July with an invitation to visit us at the Chris Thater STBC tent and join a ride. What can the STBC do right now to support cycling advocacy? Email your NYS legislators using the NYBC website (<a href="http://nybc.net/takeaction/?vvsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f44494%2frespond">http://nybc.net/takeaction/?vvsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f44494%2frespond</a>) asking them to improve the NY safe passing law so that all motor-vehicles must give bicyclists at least 3 feet of

asking them to improve the NY safe passing law so that all motor-vehicles must give bicyclists at least 3 feet of space when passing. This legislation now has sponsors in the NYS House and Senate and a bill will be presented in the next session. Suggest that we join NY Bicycling Coalition.

Constitution and BY-Laws - Steve - No Report

Apparel - Regina - Nearly half of the 100 we purchased have been sold - only 52 remain

To date we have sold 47 and given away 1 of the 100:

Sales event week of December 19th at Regina's house: 33

Jan 10th - annual meeting: 13 - Future jersey sales planned at Earth Fest and GFLBT. Plan: sell out by end of year - Below is an inventory summary...We have 20 men's left, 32 women's - We have 28 orange left, 24 blue. Challenge: How to encourage our lady riders to try and buy these much better fitting jerseys. The Jerseys have their own Tab on the Website.

Garden Tenders - Regina - A \$50 budget to maintain the STBC flower garden at the Highway maintenance sign on Route 12 is hereby granted for 2016 for Perennials, Bulbs, Annuals, Organic compost & Mulch.

Nominating Committee – Steve – STBC needs a Vice President Roger Westgate has accepted a Board of Directors position.

# **Unfinished Business**

John G will follow up on the Vestal Rail Trail bike rack donation.

Group encouraged to develop an additional, easier ride category to encourage new and lower-mileage riders. The suggestion needs a Ride Leader to coordinate.

Still need to figure out what to do with the 1224 photos which are posted out on the Yahoogroup site, along with any future photos. A couple of thoughts -- does Network Solutions offer provisions for riders to post photo albums to the STBC website? Would we want to consider posting photos to Google? Since we had to set up a Google account for the Google Calendar, we also get free use of everything else Google offers, including space on Google to post photos. Larry and Regina will explore options.

#### **New Business**

Dick advocated for membership in NewYork Bicycling Coalition. We voted to join. Advocacy position is strong and we would like our priorities and events to be recognized. Membership level of \$300 yearly was voted on and passed. They will advertise for the GFLBT.

Dick – Brought idea to purchase a club membership in Ride with GPS for use by club members. Membership level at \$200 lets any current club member have access to the premium membership functions at no additional cost. Board sees this as a real benefit to membership and may well make it easier for our members to plan rides and tours. Board believes this is an opportunity to use software to compile additional rides for our membership. Board voted ask Dick to explore further and gave him the O.K. to purchase if it proves as advertised.

Dick – Received a request to purchase helmets for kids at the Sarah Jane Bike Give-away. They have lost their funding. We believe in safety and will support the request this year with the proviso that they pursue donations from other bicycle-friendly groups in subsequent years. ProRider.com was chosen as vendor. Their cost is \$3.95 per helmet with an additional \$1.50 for shipping bringing the cost to \$5.45 per helmet. Locks last year cost STBC \$3.56 each. Club has traditionally supported this even with the purchase of bike locks. Board voted to purchase 200 helmets at a cost of \$1090 as our community project for this year.

John Gerty has resigned from the STBC Board of Directors, effective May 15. 2016. The Board thanked him for his many years of service. Steve will seek replacements.

# Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

# **STBC Board Meeting Minutes**

August 17, 2016 - 6:30 PM

Call to Order – 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call - Steve, Greg, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, Don, Ivan & Roger - Present

Don- excused. Nancy's resignation was accepted. Board thanks Nancy for her many vears of service

# Officer's Reports

**President's Report** – Agenda was approved.

**Vice Presidents Report** – No Report

Secretary's Report –Minutes were read and accepted without edit.

**Treasurer's Report** –\$13,777 in STBC treasury

# **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Dick - request notice in newsletter and on web to ask people to update addresses and email addresses if these change

**Constant Contact defects**- Steve - we continue to have errors in our email list. Each of the Board members will call some of these folks in an attempt to correct.

**Website** – John G - A request was made to update pages, not create new pages since the old ones still exist and can be accessed, providing incorrect information. Lorraine will take over as primary liaison to website. John will continue to contribute updates.

**Newsletter** – Roger will edit and produce the 2017 newsletter. Requested a back-up. Volunteer will be solicited

**Facebook** – Regina - Site is very active. Regina posts new photos and articles at least weekly. **Rides Schedule** – Steve – We will need to solicit rides for 2017. Perhaps have a team develop a calendar and then seek ride leaders.

**Donations** – Lorraine – Total YTD: \$1,940. \$350 to riders of charity rides, \$500 to Chris Thater Memorial, \$1090 for helmets for Sarah Jane Bike Give-Away

**Annual Dinner** – Greg- Annual Dinner date is set for April 22, 2017. Newsletter will contain specifics.

**Ride of Silence** – Steve - The \$50 Ad appeared to gain no merit as the Ride was only represented by STBC. New methods of promotion will be explored.

**GFLBT** – Dick - Attendance down from last year. Club cleared \$2350 after expenses. Permits in place for 2017. Bill Armstrong, map maker has resigned and we will develop new maps/methods of directing riders. PA system will be rented. Very successful event.

**Chris Thater Activities** – STBC will have a presence. A tent will be staffed, an honorary lap on the race course will be conducted and a local ride will be held.

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Board is attempting to find a leader for this event in light of Nancy's resignation from the board.

**Advocacy Group** – Needs new leader. Steve will ask Steven B to set up meeting with District 9 to discuss bike/pedestrian issues.

**Apparel** – Regina – 38 Jerseys left. We will offer them for sale at the Thater event.

**Garden Tenders -** Regina – Garden in good shape, thanks to Regina and Logan for maintenance. Missing STBC sign, Mona is to investigate.

**Safety** – Steve – 5 members attended the traffic skills course held in July. Certificates issued.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Lorraine and John G working with Vestal Parks regarding installation of donated bike rack. Assured the rack will be installed asap. Propose giving them a deadline. If it is not installed by December, we will reclaim the rack and donate it to the Boys and Girls Club.

Regina and Larry are discussing options for the 1224 photos which are posted out on the Yahoogroup site, along with any future photos.

We hope to develop a category of rides called perhaps 'Entry-Level Rides' for 2017 and solicit leaders. PBJ rides are a new category and have been well attended.

# **New Business**

Board approved our participation in the Kirkwood Parade which highlights cycling and family fun. Volunteers will be requested.

Newsletter and Annual Meeting will have messages to reinforce the culture of volunteerism that has kept STBC vital for many years.

Board determined that, at this time, we will not explore any additional platforms for communication. Yahoo, Facebook and Constant Contact provide adequate opportunity for members to both receive information and post updates.

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

# **STBC Board Meeting Minutes**

November 29, 2016 - 6:30 PM

Call to Order – at 6:30 PM Roll Call – Steve, Greg, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, Don, Ivan & Roger

# Officer's Report

President's Report – David Wells was appointed to the Board of Directors Vice Presidents Report – No report

Secretary's Report – Minutes were read and approved

Treasurer's Report – Lorraine reported \$13,600 in our treasury

# **Committee Reports**

**Yahoogroup** – Larry requested that we establish a separate committee. Approved. Larry will chair.

Newsletter – Roger – Obtained a copy in Word format of the newsletter from 2016. Beginning in December, will contact committee chairs and others for updates on the materials that are published and follow up as needed. The goals will be to have the newsletter ready for printing by the end of February for submission to the printer and mailing to the members so that it is received by April 1. Larry Blumberg will assist as needed.

In 2016, the cost of the printing was \$631.80, stamps cost \$245, for a total of \$876.80 **Donations** – Lorraine – STBC donated \$2140 in FY 2016. \$1090 for bike helmets for the Sara Jane bike giveaway. (Board suggested that this expenditure be discussed with the new management of the event at the church. We do not plan to have this become an annual expense.) \$500 to Chris Thater, \$550 for charity rides.

**Facebook** – Regina - Social media is the primary means of promoting and marketing clubs and businesses. Goal to increase the number of people 'liking' (following) STBC on FaceBook hopefully leading to increased membership and ridership. Photos, articles and notes posted frequently by Regina and Don.

**Ride Schedule** – Steve – we need a Ride Schedule Committee Chairman. Will seek at Annual Meeting.

**Repair Clinic** – Steve – Approved that Steve will offer this activity in 2017. 31 people attended in 2015. Approved up to \$250 to be given to support the event.

**Annual Dinner** – Greg. April 22. Relief Pitcher. Cost will be same as last year - \$25.per person **Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway** – Augie - Sat, May 13, 2017 at SJJMUMC in JC. Many bikes already donated and refurbished.

**GFLBT** – Dick. Planning is on schedule. Publicity will begin in January.

**Chris Thater Activities** – Steve. The race has been dropped from the pro circuit. We will continue to be involved...expectation is that event will be moved back to Recreation Park.

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don. Successful event. Will be continued.

**Advocacy Group** – Steve Bard has agreed to chair. Bob Dalke will participate. Group will act as liaison to DOT and other planning groups.

**Apparel** – Regina – Approved that price will be reduced from \$40 to \$35 (cost) during December. Regina will hold a pre-holiday sale. Current inventory: 35

**Garden Tenders -** Regina - Broome County Highway Department has two new signs on order, and hopes they will be in very soon. They are made by prisoners and may take awhile. Signs will be placed at either end of our assigned area.

**Nominating Committee** – Don – Slate of candidates will be presented at annual meeting. We need to recruit a candidate for Vice President

Website – Lorraine

Pav Pal - Lorraine

Public Relations – Marie
Earth Day Fest – Joe
Highway Clean-up – Mona
Ride of Silence – John N
JC Christmas Parade – Narani
Constitution and BY-Laws – Steve – No report
Wheels to Meals – Pat and Carolyn
Safety - Faye

# **Unfinished Business**

Bicycle rack which was donated to the Town of Vestal has been installed on the Vestal Rail Trail.

Club photos will be posted on Facebook. Riders are encouraged to post their photos there. 'Entry-Level Rides' will be conducted in 2017. Renee Nurek will coordinate.

Board approved club participation in the Kirkwood Parade in 2017, which highlights cycling and family fun. Renee Nurek will coordinate.

Newsletter and Annual Meeting will have messages to reinforce the culture of volunteerism that has kept STBC vital for many years.

# **New Business**

Regina requested approval to spend \$50 in 2016-2017 to promote STBC FB page. Request was approved. All active committees can spend \$50 each year to support activities. Requests for additional funds should be submitted to the board for approval.

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22 at the Endwell Fire Station.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

For the Good of the Order - Members can offer Comments or Observations

Adjournment

April 18, 2017

Call to Order - 7:00 PM

Roll Call - Steve, Roger, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, Greg, Don, Ivan, & Dave. Special Guest: Bob Dalke

## Officer's Report

**President's Report** – *No Additions and Corrections to the Agenda* 

**Vice Presidents Report - None** 

**Secretary's Report** – *Minutes were accepted* 

**Treasurer's Report** –\$16,613 in treasury. Additional \$2687 received for Finger Lakes event

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Dick – new memberships coming in with Finger Lakes sign-ups

**Yahoogroup** – Larry- updates can be made by Larry, Lorraine and Steve

Newsletter – Roger - The 2017 Newsletter was printed and mailed to members in March.

Copies were delivered to the bicycle shops and to the Riverwalk Athletic Club.

A total of 750 copies were printed of which 500 were folded and tabbed for mailing. About 200 copies are available for distribution at club events later this year. The cost for printing and mailing is approximately the same as last year's costs. Cost was \$670.

**Public Relations** – Marie. Will submit Op Ed article lauding Augie's influence on bicycling and promoting Finger Lakes event. Article to be written by Dick and Bob. Article approved (and appreciated) by board.

**Facebook** – Regina – We would like to see additional activity on the site. Will contact Regina to see if we can promote.

**Ride Schedule** – The Ride Schedule was published in the newsletter and on the STBC website. Additional rides have been added to the online version. There are open dates later in the season, and Roger will contact ride leaders as the open dates approach. Roger has contacted ride leaders each week to remind them to send email reminders to members.

**Wheels to Meals** – Pat and Carolyn . Continues to be very successful. PBJ rides now occurring on Wednesdays. Also very successful.

**Repair Clinic** – Steve – only 2 members showed an interest so the Clinic was cancelled.

**Annual Dinner** – Greg- 65 people have signed up to attend. Program will contain 50/50 raffle with proceeds to be donated to Chow. (Event generated a donation of \$110)

**Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway** – Augie – Minutes will reflect that STBC does not run this event and is not responsible in any way. Augie and others donate a great deal of time but this is not an official STBC-sanctioned event.

**Highway Clean-up** – Mona - People are still throwing garbage out the windows of their cars. Several club members participated and Roger led a ride after the cleanup. Thanks to all who helped.

**GFLBT** – Dick – sign ups are low. Promotional article will be written and submitted to newspaper. All else working well. New routes for rides will be developed. Raffle will be continued with fewer but higher-quality items.

Chris Thater Activities – Roger – We have learned that this event may not occur this year. City of Binghamton did not approve the permit for the event. Roger will keep us apprised. Plans were for the Chris Thater event to be replaced by the Empire State Criterium and scheduled for the weekend of August 26-27..

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don D. Will occur on the last weekend of September. More information to come.

**Advocacy Group** – Steve Bard and Bob Dalke. Bob presented the board with a resolution to be sent to NYSDOT supporting various bicycle-related construction projects. These projects are part of DOT plans to make vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian travel safer.

- 1. STBC supported plan to develop and construct a multi-use path on the west side of Rt 11 between Bevier St and Old front St. (PIN 904350)
- 2. Endorsed maintenance of pedestrian/bicycle bridge connecting Old Front St. with Bevier St. (PIN 904350)
- 3. Supported exploration of a spur from the new multi-use path to the Sunrise Terrace neighborhood.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Member submitted idea to interface with other local bicycle clubs by changing our software and membership lists to match theirs, thus enabling promotions for all clubs to be done more easily. Although board lauds the idea, developing all new membership lists and communications software is beyond our interest at this time.

#### **New Business**

Member submitted suggestion that STBC make a financial contribution to teacher in southern state who bought bicycles for all her students. STBC moved to keep our donations to the local community.

The JC Library Bike Parking Stand. Roger has been working with JC library to address their need to replace bicycle rack which was stolen. Board approved up to \$500 to be donated to this project. Library staff will work with Roger to select style. Roger will keep us apprised.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

# STBC Fall Board Meeting Minutes Mon. Nov 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Call to Order – 6:45 PM Roll Call - Steve, Roger, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, Greg, Don, Ivan & Dave

#### Officer's Report

**President's Report** – No Additions or Corrections to the Agenda. **Secretary's Report** – Reading of minutes waived and accepted **Treasurer's Report** - \$14,397 as of October 31, 2017

#### **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Dick reported problem with post office box. Has attempted to rectify and will test the box with test letter.

**Yahoogroup -** Larry - currently, we have 518 subscribers

- signing up new subscribers and changing e-mail addresses for folks have been my typical tasks
- most everything has been running smoothly of late, except for an occasional 'glitch' by Yahoogroup where messages are delayed anywhere from an hour up to as much as 24 hours
- long term, would like to consider switching from Yahoogroups to Googlegroups, I work with several different Googlegroups and it seems to perform a little better than Yahoogroups complaints received regarding members replying to 'all' when they wish to respond to an email. Lorraine and Larry will send nicely-worded reminder to members to respect protocol and respond only to individuals, not to group.

**Newsletter** – Roger reported that template will be changed to a two-column format for most of the news and articles that will make it easier to insert material. The ride schedule will be placed on the two center sheets (four pages) rather than near the end. Every attempt will be made to keep weight down to minimize postal costs.

**Rides Schedule** - Roger - will start working on the ride schedule in December Past leaders will be recruited and new leaders will be solicited individually.

Safety - Faye has resigned. David Wells was appointed as new chairman.

**Donations** – Lorraine. Only one donation made this year.

**Annual Dinner** – Greg-Relief Pitcher reserved. April 28. More info will be provided closer to the date.

**Earth Day Fest** – Joe – will be contacted to manage this event for the club.

**Highway Clean-up** - Mona - A new chair will be appointed at the annual meeting. **GFLBT** – Dick. Publicity and sign-ups will begin after January 1.

**Chris Thater Activities** – Roger. Event has been cancelled. Committee is dissolved.

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don. Suggestion that the event be extended to a later hour in the day.

JC Christmas Parade - Narani - November 30 at 7:00 PM

**Apparel** – Regina reports that we have only 17 jerseys remaining and the sizes are limited. Board voted to sell the remaining jerseys at cost (\$33) at the annual meeting. Do-rags will be given away. Remaining T-shirts will be sold for \$5 or given as prizes. Club will explore idea of having members order directly from supplier. Club would not maintain the inventory nor would bear the cost of a large order. Recommendation that club order adequate number of sizes to enable members to try them on for size before committing to an order.

**Garden Tenders** – Regina. Sign restored to indicate our sponsorship of the garden and the clean-up area. Thanks to Regina and to Logan for mowing the area. Joan has resigned from the Committee.

**Nominating Committee** – Don. All officers agreed to remain in office. Nominations will be solicited at annual meeting. If desire to serve is indicated, an election for that office will take place.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Johnson City Library Bike Rack - Roger - The bicycle stand was shipped in late September and received by the JC maintenance department. At last check, a work order for the concrete was in process.

#### **New Business**

Annual Meeting - January 7, 2018 at the Endwell Fire Station. Doors open 1:00 PM Meeting at 1:45 PM. Refreshments will be served. Dave will investigate having the Complete Streets Program on the agenda. Cheryl will follow with an alternative program with BMTS.

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

# Join us on Facebook

April 10, 2018

Call to Order -

Roll Call - Steve, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, Greg, Ivan present. Roger, Don and Dave excused

## Officer's Report

President's Report -

**Vice Presidents Report -**

**Secretary's Report** – *Minutes read and accepted* 

**Treasurer's Report** –\$15,047. Insurance bill of \$1799 paid. Although this is a significant expense, it is required by venues we use for events. \$100 paid to League of American Cyclists.

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Dick – No changes. Membership strong, many are life-time members

Website - Lorraine

Pay Pal - Lorraine

**Googlegroup** – Larry – The Yahoogroup conversion to Googlegroup has been completed for both the STBC Board and the STBC club as a whole. We currently have 505 subscribers to the club's Googlegroup.

**Newsletter** – Roger - The 2018 newsletter was completed, printed, and mailed in March. A pdf of the newsletter was posted on the club website.

Newsletters were distributed to some local bike shops and delivery will be completed to the others by the first week in April. Additional copies are available for 2018 events such as Earth Day and the Finger Lakes rides.

**Public Relations** – Yvonne will head up this committee

Facebook – Regina – continues to be an active resource

**Rides Schedule** – Roger - The ride schedule includes weekend rides with about as many rides as last year. Typically, additional rides will offered through the list serve, and will be posted as they are received. New this year is a series of rides leading to a century offered by Regina and rides led by David Wells as far north as Madison County.

Wheels to Meals – Pat and Carolyn

Safety – Dave

**Donations** - Lorraine

**Repair Clinic** – Steve

**Annual Dinner** – Greg. 55 reservations for event on April 29

**Earth Day Fest** – Carolyn N - officially registered, staff obtained for tabling, refurbished child's bicycle will be raffled off. Steve will lead a ride.

**Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway** – Augie – Many bikes ready for donation.

**Highway Clean-up** – Susan H. April 29. Volunteers have been requested. Roger will lead ride upon completion of clean-u[.

**Ride of Silence** – John N - This year's R.O.S. is to be held on Wed. May  $16 \sim 7 pm$ . Riders to meet at Bandstand / Gazebo area for brief address about the ride and its history. We will then embark on the 4.5 mi. loop in silence at a slow pace. Have requested a police escort. The event permit has been submitted and proof of insurance has been submitted. Newspaper contacted for a notice and an advertisement. Call John if you are able to assist. 607 / 785-1166

**GFLBT** – Dick

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don D

JC Christmas Parade – Narani

Advocacy Group - Steve Bard

Constitution and BY-Laws - Steve

**Apparel** – Regina – Members have been notified of opportunity to order club-themed apparel directly from the vendor. New long-sleeved jerseys and shorts have been added to apparel choices.

**Garden Tenders -** Regina **Nominating Committee** – Don

#### **Unfinished Business**

Bicycle Stand at the JC Library - Roger has written to my contact in the JC government asking for an update on installation.

#### **New Business**

The City of Binghamton will be hosting the Herald of Victory Marathon and the Victory Health and Fitness Expo, along with other exciting activities that span across the whole weekend. These events will focus on health and wellness and will provide an amazing opportunity for tabling for your business or organization. With hundreds of people coming from out of town to attend the weekend's events, tabling at the Victory Health and Fitness Expo will prove to be advantageous. This year the Victory Health and Fitness Expo will be held outdoors in the heart of downtown Binghamton, lining Collier Street and the courthouse lawn Memorial Day Weekend from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Board determined we need more information before we make a commitment to participate.

'Cranks from Cooperstown' is celebrating its  $20^{th}$  anniversary. Author has offered to donate 100 copies to our club to be sold as a fund-raiser. Author offered to speak about the book at the Finger Lakes event. Motion passed to accept donation.

For the Good of the Order - Members can offer Comments or Observations

**Adjournment** at 8:50 P.M.

September 17, 2018

Call to Order -6:30 P.M.

Roll Call - Steve, Roger, Cheryl, Lorraine, Dick, Greg, Roger, Don and Dave. Ivan absent

## Officer's Report

President's Report -

Vice Presidents Report -

**Secretary's Report** – *Minutes read and accepted* 

**Treasurer's Report** –\$13,916. Check cashed to reserve Watkins Glen State Park for next year's event. .

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Dick – No changes. Membership strong, many are life-time members

Website - Lorraine

Pay Pal - Lorraine

**Googlegroup** – Larry – things are going well and all new/renewing members plus those who ask questions about the club are added to googlegroup. Currently 530 subscribers to the group.

Newsletter – Roger will prepare newsletter this spring.

**Public Relations** – Yvonne

Facebook – Regina – continues to be an active resource

**Rides Schedule** – Roger – discussion regarding adding new rides/ having more choices of rides: evenings? Selection of rides on weekends? All agree that posting more than one ride on any given day is great...not competition...just more choices. Our area has an array of rides sponsored by Hockey Shop, Lourdes Mission in Motion, and Chenango Point Shop.

Wheels to Meals – Pat and Carolyn

Safety – Dave

**Donations** – Lorraine- . \$469 donations for past year.

Repair Clinic – Steve will look into conducting a clinic this spring

Annual Dinner – Greg. April 27. Relief Pitcher

Earth Day Fest – Carolyn

Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway – Augie.

Highway Clean-up – Susan H. April 29.

**Ride of Silence** – John N- Need more publicity to encourage participation and to inform the public of the importance of the event.

**GFLBT** – Dick- considerable discussion about continuation of the event. Very few local club members participate. Dick will manage the 2019 event with assistance from Steve, Roger and Dave with goal of resigning from management after 2019 event.

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don D- Scheduled for 9/30

JC Christmas Parade – Narani – Event will be held on November 29 at 7 p.m.

**Advocacy Group** – Steve Bard-has established relations with many community administrative organizations, adding contacts with Town of Union and with BU transportation administration.

**Constitution and BY-Laws** – Steve

**Apparel** – Regina will pursue development of new design for club apparel.

**Garden Tenders - Regina** 

Nominating Committee – Don- all current officers agreed to serve next year if club supports.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Bicycle Stand at the JC Library has been installed.

Discussion of dispensation of Cranks from Cooperstown books. Will explore with author the idea of selling on ebay.

# **New Business**

Annual meeting will be held at the Endwell Fire Station on Sunday, February 17, 2019. Doors open at 1:00 for refreshments. Meeting will begin at 1:45.

# For the Good of the Order

Dave will attend NY Bicycle Coalition at the end of September.

**Adjournment** at 8:45 P.M.

May 19, 2019

Call to Order – 6:30

Roll Call - Steve, Dave, Cheryl, Lorraine, Greg, Don, Mark & Wayne. Excused - Dick Absent - Ivan

## Officer's Report

**President's Report** – Mark Goodwin and Wayne Matthews were appointed to the STBC Board of Directors at the Annual meeting - *Additions and Corrections to the Agenda* 

**Secretary's Report** – *Reading and Corrections of the Minutes* 

**Treasurer's Report** – Financial status as of 4/30 bank statement: \$19,738.84 (\$8,408.44 - checking) Checking as of 5/18: \$10,345.67 \$8000 was deposited into a variable rate CD. Lorraine, Dick and Cheryl are officials with access.

# **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Dick has resigned – Mark will take over with guidance from Dick

Website - Lorraine - No Report

Pay Pal – Lorraine - No Report

**Googlegroup** - Larry

Newsletter – Newsletters were delivered on time. Dave Wells will take over as editor

**Public Relations** – Yvonne

Facebook - Regina

**Rides Schedule** – Dave will take over

Wheels to Meals – Greg

Safety – Dave - April 13, Earth Day Celebration at Milford Central School (Milford, NY),

Organized and conducted a bicycling safety learning exercise in the form a multiple-choice quiz game. Six young peoiple (ages approx. 7-12) participated. All left with rear and front light sets for bicycles and greater knowledge about bicycle safety.

June 3rd, planning to participate in Bike Rodeo/ Traffic Safety Event at Charles F. Johnson, Jr. Elementary, Endicott, NY.

June 14, planning to organize and conduct a similar bike rodeo event in Norwich, NY in conjunction with Safe Summer Fun Day event being held by Norwich City Youth Bureau together with Morrisville Cooperative Extension through a Liberty Partnership.

**Donations** – Lorraine - YTD: \$279

\$100 - American Diabetes Association, Tour de Cure

- 50 Food Bank of the Southern Tier
- 50 Bicycle Safety Skills
- 79 Chow

**Repair Clinic** – Steve – A repair clinic was scheduled for April 7, 2019. About 10 members showed an interest, but we need about 20 members to justify the expense so it was cancelled.

**Annual Dinner** – Greg – Golden Gear Recipient - Relief Pitcher reserved for next year. 4/25/20

Earth Day Fest – Carolyn N - STBC participated. Good response from attendants.

Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway – Augie -235 bikes given away. Received TV coverage.

**Highway Clean-up** – Susan H - The Fall Clean-up is Saturday, Sept 28, 2019.

There is a need for a ride leader after the clean-up. 20 participants for spring clean up.

**Ride of Silence** – John N - low turnout. Will attempt additional publicity for next year.

GFLBT – Dick - Is up and running for Fri, Sat & Sun, June 7, 8 & 9, 2019.

This will be Dick's last year organizing the event.

Dave, Don & Steve has joined the committee to take over in 2020.

Suggestions for this year 50th Anniversary is followed under Unfinished Business.

**Bob Dannecker Memorial Ride and Picnic** – Don D - Sunday, September 29, 2019

JC Christmas Parade – Narani - Thursday November 28, 2019 6;45 PM

**Advocacy Group** – Steve Bard - primary activity involves attending BMTS Bike and Pedestrian committee meetings, and County Traffic Safety committee meetings (quarterly). The most recent topic has been state route 369 near Chenengo Valley State Park, shoulder improvements, signage and markings. Look for some improvements this summer.

Constitution and BY-Laws – No Report

**Apparel** – Regina - New design jerseys, shorts and windbreaker.

**Garden Tenders - Regina** 

**Nominating Committee** – Don

#### **Unfinished Business**

# **GFLBT 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dick - has secured STBC 50<sup>th</sup> Year Cake

Promotional pens on order to give out with logo and reference to the 50th as well as the 39th

The bank finally came through with bags – new wrist bands are orders –

Regina has finished the routes and Mark G is hard at work on the maps.

Susie is contemplating adding the 50th to the shirt logo -- not finalized ??

Paul was contacted about his collection of GFLBT tee shirts to be displayed

And would appreciate any early pictures of the club -- not necessarily of just the Finger Lakes-- that we could roll into a background show during dinner. ??

May 2 - Regina and Dick did a telephone interview for a podcast called the OutSpoken Cyclist. Will publish details in the next day or so.

Steve will have a fun Hooping arrangement for after diner on Saturday with prizes. Followed by a Special Ceremonial Lighting of the Bon Fire.

Greg - Perhaps some veteran members may have photographs from back in the day.

Cheryl - Announce highlights of activities, etc...milestones...thru the year

Don D. Can you line up the music?

### **New Business**

Doug Chamberlain

CFJ PTA requested help with a bike safety Rodeo. Dave Wells will participate. All others welcome. doug@rockhollow.org

(607) 205-0280

For the Good of the Order - Members can offer Comments or Observations We should encourage and support each committee ....

**Adjournment** 8:45 PM

November 12, 2019

Call to Order – 6:30 PM

Roll Call – Steve, Dave, Cheryl, Lorraine, Greg, Don, Mark, Wayne & Mina attended. Ivan excused.

## Officer's Report

**President's Report** – Mina Tio was appointed to the STBC Board of Directors – There were No Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

Secretary's Report – Reading of the Minutes were waived and accepted

**Treasurer's Report** – was Filed

Primary Share - 164.28 Money Market - 3,188.66 Checking - 2,934.57 42 Mo. Certificate - 8,053.48 Total on 10/31/19 \$14,340.99

## **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – Mark - 820 registered membership's

185 current annual renewal memberships - 225 lifetime memberships

410 non-current memberships - 410 active memberships (current annual and life):

59 family & 201 individual

150 unmarked (I will go through records and attempt to clean these up.)

Constant Contact - 664 email addresses - 635 active recipients - 17 unsubscribed 12 off the list but no idea why

Website – Lorraine - Renewal was due for a total of \$234.87

Domain.com 3 years (2022-12-01) \$113.97 Private reg 5 years (2024-12/01) \$64.95 Web Forwarding 5 years (2024-12/01) \$64.95

Pay Pal – Lorraine – No change

**Googlegroup** – Larry - Currently, there are 566 subscribers to the STBC googlegroup...please report any problems or issues to Larry Blumberg, <a href="mailto:lblumberg@stny.rr.com">lblumberg@stny.rr.com</a>...the following folks have "managing" authorization for the STBC googlegroup to add and/or remove subscribers...please let me know if you have any changes or updates you'd like made to this list:

L Blumberg

D Doornbos

I Pewterbaugh

L Loitsch

R Losinger

R Porterfield

Suggestion made that we have too many authorized persons. Greg and Cheryl offered to be deleted if Larry determines it is advantageous to shorten the list.

All Board members and R Porterfield are currently on the STBC Board Google Group

**Newsletter** – Dave – Dave has been in touch with Roger and the newsletter is on track to be mailed on March 1.

Suggested Listing in Newsletter "Out of Bounds" Rides for the 5th Annual Cycle NY Long Island Ride in October 2020

Rides Schedule – Dave –Is currently recruiting Ride Leaders for the 2020 Season.

Wheels to Meals – Greg. An average of 20 riders per ride. Dinner will be held on January 3.

**PB & J Rides** – Gary – For 2019 there were about 25 different Rides with about 15 different Leaders. The Rides have been well received with an average of 12 Riders on each ride.

**Donations** – Lorraine – YTD

Tour De Cure \$100 - Diabetes
Tour De Keuka \$150 - Food Bank
Bicycle Safety \$50 - lights, Wells
Chow \$79 - 50/50 raffle

STAP \$50 - Aids NMSS Roc \$50 - Bike MS

Total on 10/31/19 \$479

**Repair Clinic** – Steve – It was suggested to have in the Summer verse the Spring. Also considering to have a shorter version (30 Minutes at the GFLBT on Friday evening)

**Annual Dinner** – Greg – Greg Laskowski is the 2019 Golden Gear recipient. The Relief Pitcher is booked for April 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Earth Day Fest – Carolyn N - The STBC will have a display in 2020. Date to be determined.

**Sarah Jane Bike Giveaway** – Augie - May 9, 2020 is the SJJMUMC Dream Center Bike Day Give Away and is on schedule. We have about 180 bicycles refurbished and in storage and they keep coming. The last second Tuesday Repair day was scheduled for Tues, Nov.12, 2019 at 4:30. The 6 events scheduled have been well attended and staffed. All is well with the program.

**Highway Clean-up** – Susan - The STBC Highway clean up held on Saturday, September 28 was well attended. 17 members helped clean our designated area on Route 12 in Chenango Forks. 14 members had breakfast at Laura's. Greg Laskowski lead a ride to Whitney Point following the clean up. Weather was great. Our next clean up is scheduled for April 25, 2020.

**Ride of Silence** – John N – 2019 year we had 8 participant / riders at our R.O.S. The weather was reasonable though was threat of showers that afternoon & evening which may have had an impact on the low turn-out. Notices/flyers went to all area bike shops and were displayed well in advance of the ride along with select spots at both BCC & B.U. , Vestal Rail Trail, Endicott, Binghamton, J.C. & Vestal Libraries. Steve also contacted other nearby bike clubs. Any other suggestions for advertising the event are welcome. Also, if anyone else is interested in joining this committee for '2020 & assisting with getting the word out and or running the event that would be great and they can contact me  $\sim$  John at 785-1166. In '2020 I would like to expand the route to the required mileage specs in order to make an "official R.O.S." so we can have it listed with other internationally held R.O.S.'s Club needs more publicity for this event.

GFLBT – Don - Is up and running for Fri, Sat & Sun, June 12, 13 & 14, 2020

#### **Committee Breakdown**

Don – Publicity

Mark-Routes & Registration

Steve – Venue & Event Organizer

Secured the permit with Hidden Valley Campground

Secured Mark Goodwin as the Map Maker

Booked the Caterer

30 Minutes Safety Clinic after the announcements

Booked the Sat Night Entertainment (Bike Fashion Show)

Dave prepared an excel spreadsheet of tasks, due dates and persons responsible STBC Board approved an increase in cost. Adults will now be charged \$95 and Kids will be charged \$59. The late fee will continue to be \$10.

JC Christmas Parade – Narani - Thursday December 5, 2019 6:45 PM

**Advocacy Group** – Steve Bard - Report for BMTS and other organizations political: I still monitor BMTS activity. But I have been replaced on the Broome County Traffic Safety committee. But as the county committee reports at BMTS I get some information.

#### **Nominating Committee** – Don –

Office of the Presidency will need to be Open for Nominations.

#### **Unfinished Business**

The survey to see if the Annual Meeting would be better attended on another day or time did warrant any results or change. No consensus reached. Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9 at the Vestal Public Library.

Mark is working on getting the STBC Books archived.

Steve Bard pursued donating bicycle service kits to the Johnson City Library. Club received a nice thank you letter for the donation.

#### **New Business**

Mina has volunteered to keep track of the 2 STBC Banners. Please report to her when you are in possession of one or both. Currently Don has one, and Steve has one.

Tony Alduino would like to start a chapter of Cycling Without Age in the Triple Cities area through the STBC. Interest in this activity is not going to be pursued.

Mark Goodwin will organize a joint bike ride with the Lockheed Martin Outdoor & Adventure (O&A) Group this year. Rides must be advertised as joint activity requiring membership in at least one of the groups. Riders must be a member of LM O&A or STBC or both, or sign for the STBC one day free membership.

A donation of \$500 was made to Bike Walk Tompkins in memory of Andrejs Ozolins

Annual Meeting Date February 9, 2020 at 1:00 PM at the Vestal Public Library

For the Good of the Order - Members can offer Comments or Observations

Adjournment at 9:00 pm.