

Minutes for Thread City Cyclers

August 30, 2017

7:00 PM

Generations

40 Mansfield Avenue

Willimantic, CT

Call to Order

This board meeting of Thread City Cyclers was held on August 30, 2017 at Generations, 40 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT. The meeting was called to order by Christian Joseph at 7:05pm and was presided over by Christian Joseph.

Attendees

Voting Board members in attendance: Christian J, Larry W, John H, Jon D, Fran S, Cindy B

Board Members not in attendance: Bill P

Guests in attendance included: Kerry L, Dave W, Ron M, Ray T, Martin S, Saul N

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting with minor corrections was made by John, seconded by Jon. Motion carried 6-0.

Safety Share

Larry noted that while driving to this board meeting, he passed a couple of cyclists in Bolton who were almost not visible due to lack of rear lights. John noted that motorists are much more aware of his presence while commuting by bike when he's using a flashing white headlamp.

The safety share is to encourage all members to ensure their safety and that of their fellow cyclists by using good quality lighting, especially a rear light at all times.

Committee Reports

- Ride Committee, reported by Fran:
 - Ride organization process is working well at most ride levels.
 - A/A- level seems to have fewer participants and therefore fewer volunteers for leading rides.
 - Martin S commented on the lack of RSVPs for the B+ ride, which makes it more challenging for him to plan rides.

Events

- TCC Century 2017: Held July 29, Reported by Dave Waldburger;

- Successful event, sixth event in past 7 years. 78 riders total participated; 31 on century, 38 on metric, and 9 on 43-mile route.
- Some materials (signs and arrows) can be used or re-used next year.
- Net proceeds from the event (per John H): \$642.92
- TCC Commitment was to contribute at least half to Bike Mansfield. A motion was made by Jon to round up the contribution to \$350, seconded by Larry. Motion carried 6-0
- TCC Century 2018:
 - Proposed date is either July 21 or 28 (28 preferred).
 - To build this event and have it become TCC's major fund-raiser we will need to have greater participation by members along with increased publicity, leading to more participants.
 - Discussion / consensus reached concerning need to form a Century Committee early in next year's riding season—to begin in March or April.
- Steeple Chase 2017: Club participation on August 19, 2017
 - At least 56 club members participated (pre-registered) and several others signed up on the day of the event.
 - TCC won First Place in Contributions (\$6,371), followed by Colchester Dental (\$5,423), and Home Selling Team (\$2,324). All contributions were then matched by the Ossen Foundation.
- Cyclocross Event 2017 (October 7):
 - Due to extenuating circumstances, TCC board decided (by email, in the absence of a July BoD meeting) that TCC would not participate as a principal in the 2017 Mansfield Hollow Cyclocross Event.
 - Ron Manizza, representing Friends of Mansfield Hollow, is managing the event this year and has secured (with Fran's help) the permits for the event.
 - Ron noted that TCC's historic food table offering is a key feature that attracts many out-of-town racers.
 - Ron requested that TCC continue with the food table by baking and donating items along with working the table during the event. In return, TCC will receive 16.7% of the event proceeds, up to a maximum of \$1,000.
 - Fran agreed to contact Sheri Wilson, who has been most experienced in organizing the food, to determine Sheri's interest in leading the effort this year.
 - Ron also proposed that additional contributions to TCC could be discussed in return for other TCC participation/volunteering for the event on October 7.
 - The board and guests also discussed the potential impact of TCC not formally hosting the Cyclocross event on our standing with USA Cycling.

Code of Conduct

- The Code of Conduct was shared with the membership since the last BoD meeting.
- The Board formally commended Jon Dilworth and Beth Hankins for taking the lead on this activity, noting that there have been no grievances from club membership this year.

Treasurer's Report

- John H. reported \$10,587.02 as current balance (8/30) in the TCC account, ~ \$921 more than in 2016. 169 current members (highest total ever), compared to 161 at end of 2016.

Other Business

NWS Parking Lot -- Club Behavior:

- The BoD was alerted that members have been using areas around and behind NWS for bathroom relief on ride days (usually Saturday).
- This activity must cease, as it could very well lead to TCC being asked not to use NWS for a starting point for our rides.
- Fran volunteered to add a note to the membership in the next Ride Alert email that will ask members to refrain. A list of nearby bathroom facilities will be included.

Ride with GPS:

- Our club subscription expires on October 31.
- Motion by Jon to allow it to lapse and cancel TCC club use of RWGPS, seconded by Cindy. Passed 6-0.

Inquiries via Website:

- Larry noted that a couple of potential new members have reached out via our Facebook page to inquire about being a guest on a Saturday ride. Larry tried to reach TCC via our website (Contact Us), but did receive any response. Where are the inquiries going?
- Larry will contact Karen to discuss and develop a plan for more prominent mention of where our rides begin (and times) so that potential members can connect with us more easily.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jon, seconded by Fran. Passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

For William Penn, By Larry Waksman

Secretary
Thread City Cyclers

Date of Approval