

# Minutes for Thread City Cyclers

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April 9, 2018, 7:00 PM  
Generations Family Health Center  
40 Mansfield Avenue, Willimantic, CT

## Call to Order

This board meeting of Thread City Cyclers was held on April 9, 2018 at Generations Family Health Center, 40 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT. The meeting was called to order by Larry Waksman at 7:03 pm and was presided over by Larry Waksman.

## Attendees

Voting Board members in attendance: Larry W., Paul B., Cindy B., Fran S., Kerry L., John H., & Dave W.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting was made and seconded pending some revisions to clarify wording for TCC Century donations.

## Treasurer's Report

- Given by John H.
- Report noted a current balance of \$8141.43 compared to last year's 4/9/17 balance of \$9025.16
- 2018 income to date is \$1620.00 from dues payments
- Renewals
  - League of American Bicyclists - \$100.00
  - D & O Insurance - \$825.00
  - Member Insurance - \$822.00
  - Steeple Chase - \$1500.00
- Member Renewals – 79 so far
- A draft budget was also proposed
  - Question about Green Tree Web Hosting \$20/mo. to be discussed with Karen Etchells
  - Board members to read over and think about budget proposal
- Uniform sales – interested members should contact John H. at [johnbhankins@hotmail.com](mailto:johnbhankins@hotmail.com); information to be included on website

## Safety Minute

- All cyclists should be encouraged to carry ID and emergency contact info on their person.
  - Road ID is one option. Larry W was able to get a club discount for all members
  - Alternatively, a card with personal as well as emergency contact information, carried in a pocket (not a bike bag) is effective.

- How shall we handle guest riders?
  - Collect personal and emergency contact information
  - Sign-in form/protocol discussed
  - John H. to share the form from the League of American Bicyclists for use as a template

## Committee Reports

- Grievance Committee: Members will include Beth H. Steve G., and Jon D.
- Ride Committee
  - Ride committee meeting took place 3/5/18
  - Discussion and definition of each ride level
  - Some skill sessions requested by Saul N. Ron M. has agreed to provide these
  - Discussion of responsibilities of ride leaders
    - Planned route which may include provision of cue sheets and ride with GPS links
    - Ride leader to keep a list of member names with emergency contacts
    - Discussion of paper sign-in sheet with waiver
  - Discussion of ride size with strong interest in keeping it under 15 cyclists
  - Discussion of marked “Default Routes” to be set up by Ron M.
  - Discussion of ride etiquette initiated and tabled as all RC members are encouraged to look at website
  - Mailchimp and Meetup to remain the primary source of communication with club members
  - A “town crier” will call weekly ride groups to order on Saturday morning
  - Any ride changes or cancellations must be posted no less than 90 minutes before the scheduled ride
  - Steve S. and Cindy B. have finished and posted the ride and incident reports through Google Docs
  - The Ride committee agreed to continue with the Sunflower ride, Ekonk Hill, and Saul’s birthday ride for the 2018 season
  - Action items were assigned, and the next meeting was scheduled for 4/16/18 at 7:00pm at Freedom Green

## TCC Century

- 3 registrants already
- TCC Century flyer is done
- The TCC website has been updated, and Steve S. has developed a separate Google page for the TCC Century
- Steve E. is working on a draft letter discussing ways individual and corporate sponsors can support the event.
- Kerry L. to take charge of route marking
- Steeplechase
  - Larry W. asked Ruth to share registrant list so promotional material can be distributed
  - Ruth declined to share the list, but will publish TCC Century information on FB/IG/Twitter
  - Is there a way to create a hyperlinked “clickable” flyer?
- Bill P. email read by Cindy B.: He is compiling a list of contacts for distribution including places and events to leave paper versions of the flyer as well as clubs and other places to email
- Cindy B. to send Larry W the word version of the TCC Century flyer

- Rest stop volunteers – Steve and Marsha S. to take Parker Rd.

## Community Engagement

- Kate C./WMS MTB enrichment director
  - Inquiry whether the club might be interested in starting a youth chapter for TCC
  - Discussion of whether we have a sub-section of club members willing to take this on
  - Dave to make contact – we’ll keep the conversation open
- Steve S. & Kerry L. draft email outlining a TCC commitment to stewardship of the Airline Trail
  - The email commitment defines a little too much a little too soon
  - Club members should start leading rides and gather interest in the trails that way
  - Member initiative: If a member sees a need, they should step up and organize a response
  - Motion to table community engagement by Larry W; seconded by Kerry L.
- Willimantic Classic WAC road race to take place on 4/28. Dave W. to organize club support.
- John Jackman Ride
  - Saturday June 9
  - John H. to check the budget to see if the club can give member discounts on registration this year

## Next Meeting

May 7, 2018 to be held at Generations Family Health Center

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Larry, seconded by Fran. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Bean

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Secretary  
Thread City Cyclers

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Date of Approval

| ACTION ITEMS                              | Who             | Due |
|---|-----------------|-----|
| TCC Century next meeting and action items | Dave W.         |     |
| Default ride routes need to be marked     | Ron M.          |     |
| Proposed budget needs review              | All BOD Members |     |
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