

Minutes for Thread City Cyclers

May 7, 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 May 7, 2018 at Generations Family Health Center, 40 Mansfield Ave., Willimantic, CT. The meeting was called to order by Larry Waksman at 7:06 pm and was presided over by Larry Waksman.

Attendees

Voting Board members in attendance: Larry W., Cindy B., Kerry L., John H., & Dave W.
Other members in attendance: Ray T.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting was made by Kerry L. and seconded by John H. The minutes were approved unanimously by the board.

Treasurer's Report

- Given by John H.
- Report noted a current balance of \$10,016.39 compared to last year's 5/7/17 balance of \$9,557.56
- 2018 income to date is \$3607.21 from dues payments
- Total expenses of the club is \$3,956.34
- Member Renewals
 - 131 renewals and new members
 - 51 non-renewals
- Membership last year
 - 145 renewals by 5/5/17
 - 174 total members for the year 2017
- The average number of non-renewals from 2011 through 2017 is 28 members
- The membership list should be trimmed of non-renewing members

Committee Reports

- Ride Committee April meeting minutes reviewed by Larry W. for Fran S.
 - Ride stats to be collected for all rides; the method is still to be determined
 - Ride report forms could be used for data – where is data going?
 - Larry W. motion to let ride committee make decisions about ride stats; the motion was passed by the board.
 - Ride size determined to be a maximum of 14 bikes (tandems count as one)

- Ride leader can make a judgement call for rides that exceed the maximum
- Buttonwood Farms and Ekonk Hill rides will take place again this year. Dates are to be determined
- Ron will mark the default rides
- Ron will consider skill workshops for TCC members

TCC Century

- Next Meeting Thursday, 5/9 at 7pm at Generations Family Health Center
 - Teams to be assigned for marking the routes
 - Discussion of sponsorship packet
 - Discussion of promotion
 - Dave W. to attend Berlin bike shop open house to promote TCC Century
 - Larry W. posted the flyer on cycling websites
 - Steeplechase people are also promoting the ride

Community Engagement

- John Jackman Ride
 - Larry W. reviewed email from Erin S.
 - The ride to be held on Saturday 6/9 with 6/10 rain date
 - Registration is live
 - Preregistration brings a \$5 discount
 - The routes will be different from last year. The 2018 ride will be like 2016.
- Kate C. MTB Club
 - Dave W. has been helping at WMS on Thursdays
 - MTB club members currently use borrowed bikes and helmets
 - They are riding through skills drills on WMS school property
 - There is an upcoming field trip to Mansfield Hollow
 - Hoping to race with CCAP
 - Should TCC consider a youth MTB club?
 - Kate C. would lead the group
 - The MTB club would enjoy an insurance advantage
 - 15 kids currently in WMS club
 - TCC has 40 unused slots for insurance
 - Need to check by-laws for age limit for club members
 - John H. to find out what impacts there might be to club insurance rate
 - What is the benefit for TCC to host a youth MTB summer program?
 - The TCC board is interested in discussing the idea further

Safety Concerns

- Kerry L. asked whether cyclists should use the pedestrian crossing light instead of waiting for the green light as a motor vehicle
 - The board decided that whatever is safest in the moment to get all cyclist safely across the intersection is more important than the letter of the law

- Riders at the back of a line of cyclists should not wave cars ahead because riders at the front might not know they are coming

Next Meeting

June 4, 2018 to be held at Generations Family Health Center

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia M. Bean

Secretary
Thread City Cyclers

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.	
Skill workshops to be considered	Ron M.	
Club insurance considerations for MTB club	John H.	