

**CBC Board Meeting  
February 24, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Forrest Simmons. The minutes from the previous board meeting were unanimously approved.

In Attendance- Sharon Russell, Lou Pape, Rich Rudner, Beverly Short, Daisy Coleman, Ben Keim, Kay Volzer, Forrest Simmons, and guests Ben Taylor and Aaron Cole.

**Items and Issues Covered**

**Special Guests**

Aaron Cole- Executive Director of Bike Walk Chattanooga-The Chattanooga Bicycle Club and Bike Walk Chattanooga are partnering in a fund-raising event which the sale of raffle tickets. The winners will receive a Lynskey Bicycle. There are numerous legislative and legal hoops to jump through in order to hold a raffle, all have been met, and Aaron expects the state legislature to formally approve the raffle at their March 1 meeting. Once formally approved, we can begin printing tickets for sale. The drawing for the raffle winners can take place any time after June 1. Bike Walk Chattanooga had a minor concern that not enough tickets would be sold to cover the cost of the bikes and any organizational expenses, but we were able to address their concerns in a satisfactory manner.

Ben Taylor- Operations Director of Chattanooga Department of Transportation (CDOT)- Ben was invited to address members' concerns regarding dangerous railroad crossings; specifically, those on Manufacturers Road and the Holtzclaw/Oak Street areas. Several bike club members have crashed as a result of the tracks, on CDOT is aware of the concerns. The issue continues to be the railroads control of right of way, funding, and prioritizing which complaints get addressed first. There are currently over 500 "sidewalk requests" of this nature, and only about 50 get addressed each year. Ben was asked how CDOT determines which complaints to deal with first, and his first suggestion was to file a police report, which carries significant weight with CDOT. The report can be filed days/weeks/months after the accident. The second method to advance a complaint is by going the Chattanooga.gov website, and clicking on "311" which is found in the middle of the home page. Complaints can be filed in this manner.

**Agenda Items**

Shannon Burke presented the Memorandum of Understanding which broadly details the roles and responsibilities of Velo View and the CBC concerning the Cycle Sequatchie. The board approved the general content of the MOU subject to a final contract being submitted which would formalized the agreements. The event has attracted 40+ entries thus far, \$6500 in sponsorship money has already been raised, and it was agreed that Lynskey could be instrumental in the marketing of the event. Velo View is also rolling out the initial Monkey Town Masher Grave/Road Challenge on July 7- 70 miles with 7000 feet of climb. We unofficially agreed it would be a good idea to sponsor a rest stop.

Escadrille Clothing Sales- We are moving ahead with the "yard sale" of the remaining inventory of the now defunct Escadrille Cycling Apparel. Due to members' out of town travels, we decided to conduct the event on March 28. The event will be held at 25 Main Street on the second floor (above Alleia Restaurant). Rich Rudner is putting together a marketing piece that has pictures and descriptions of the gear, plus the accolades it has received from the cycling press.

Sharon Russell, Treasurer- Sharon went over the financial reports, the board members in attendance signed to Conflict of Interest form, a dues increase was suggested and generally well received, and Lou Pape suggested that rather than waive dues for ride leaders that CBC that we create a one time merchandise credit that is valid for a year. It was also suggested that the annual fee for board members no longer be waived.

Ben Keim, Vice President- Ben went over proposed changes in the bylaws. There was a great deal of discussion around the changes, space prohibits detailing each discussed change in the minutes, but board members all have a copy of the proposed changes and agreed to try to arrive at a final document by the next board meeting

Kat Volzer-Advocate- Kat is going to the National Bike Summit in Washington, DC which begins on Lobbying Day Tuesday, March 18. She will meet with Rep. Chuck Fleishman to specifically advocate for HR 5231 (Transportation Alternatives Act), HR 3040 (State Streets Act), and for regulations regarding self driving cars.

Patti Nihells and Beverly Short- Social- April 18 is the date for the Spring Fling, to be held at Chickamauga Battlefield with lunch afterwards at Park Place. Also, the Honeybee Metric is May 30, and the board agreed we should sponsor and man a rest stop.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45. The next board meeting is to held at Outdoor Chattanooga at 6:00 on March 16.