

Chattanooga Bicycle Club
Minutes from Board Meeting
Zoom Call
September 21, 2020

The board of Chattanooga Bicycle Club met via Zoom call on September 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Attendees

1. Kerry Kerlin
2. Beverly Short
3. Patty Nihells
4. Peggy Olsen
5. Kat Volzer
6. Sharon Russell
7. Richard Russell
8. Lou Pape
9. Forrest Simmons

The meeting was called to order by Forrest Simmons at 6:05 pm. The minutes the previous meeting were approved as written.

Agenda items

President Forrest Simmons

COVID Ride Guidelines: It was suggested the ride guidelines adopted by the club upon the advent of COVID-19 be

revisited. The two significant changes were as follows:

1. The Riverwalk rides usually led by Chuck Puglisi have been reinstated.
2. The board decided to give individual ride leaders discretion in determining the size of rides they lead, keeping in mind local ordinances. The new guidelines have been published in full on the CBC website.

Nominating Committee for New Officers and Board Members- Three board members agreed to be on the nomination committee- Sharon Russell, Kerry Kerlin, Forrest Simmons. Ride Leader Extraordinaire Peggy Olsen has already agreed to be ride coordinator for next

year and Sharon Russell will continue her excellent job as Treasurer.

Treasurer- Sharon Russell

Financial Reports: Sharon presented the financial reports. There were no unusual expenses other than flowers

sent to Lynn Cotellese in sympathy of her husband passing away.

Membership Sign up- The board agreed to begin requiring members to select either individual or family memberships, with family memberships costing \$5 more (\$30 vs \$25) to cover the additional cost of insurance.

Corporate Membership for High Point Climbing Gym- it was agreed that the Corporate Membership for High Point would be \$100/year. Rather than accepting High Point's offer to CBC members for a 40% discount to all services offered, we agreed they should instead subsidize the annual dues of any of their members who want to join CBC. For the first year a membership would be \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. After year one the dues would be at the regular bike club rate.

Advocacy Director- Kat Volzer

Chattanooga is host for the 2021 League Cycling Instructor Certification which will take place in late February/early March. In past years CBC has offered scholarships to 2-3 individuals for the cost of the certification which Kat believes is \$500/person. There was discussion around whether the scholarships should only be offered to club members, but the general feeling is that it may be a good way to bring in some younger members. There was no decision made, but the board agreed to revisit the matter at a subsequent board meeting.

Ride Coordinator- Peggy Olsen

The club offered a CPR class for members and offered a 40% discount to any ride leader who participated. Only Tony Perri took the class.

At last year's annual meeting Lynskey offered to give a free bike to whoever led the most rides. Gives the squirrely impact of COVID-19 on the number of rides that actually

qualified as an official bike club ride we believe the best course of action may be deferring the contest until 2021, assuming Lynskey still wants to participate. Kerry was going to reach out to Josh at Lynskey to firm up the plans.

Social Directors- Beverly Short and Patty Nihells

It is time to start planning the annual meeting, which probably needs to be held outdoors. Patty and Beverly will investigate.

New Business

Forrest Simmons' son, Carter, would like to lead mountain bike group rides when home for the holidays. Peggy mentioned that a former member used to lead nighttime rides on the Guild Trail that were a great deal of fun, and Kat, who leads non-club group rides already has offered to lead rides. This may attract new members to join the club as many people prefer mountain biking over road cycling. Sharon mentioned there were some special waiver insurance issues related to mountain bike group rides; namely, ensuring the number of riders per year does not exceed 52 (or 1/3 of club activities) and making wearing a helmet mandatory. We will endeavor to put some rides on the calendar.

Special Agenda Item

There was an unpleasant incident that occurred on last Saturday's group ride. Forrest Simmons has agreed to gather the facts from all parties involved and the Board will make a recommendation for a solution at the October Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 6:00 PM VIA ZOOM CALL. THIS IS A DIFFERENT DAY OF THE WEEK THAN USUAL.