

December 2022 Western Wheelers Bicycle Club General Meeting Minutes

-Submitted by Gloria Kreitman, Club Secretary Elect, and Patty Koel, Club Secretary

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2022

Time: Social/Dinner: 5:30 pm Meeting: 7:30 pm

Location: Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View

Call to Order at 7:31 pm

David welcomed everyone to the Holiday social and General meeting, and thanked Fran and Jean, and their team of volunteers, for organizing the event.

New Logo presentation. Cathy Switzer presented the new club logo that was approved by the Board. The new design is an evolution of the current logo to update and reflect the “social DNA” of Western Wheelers. The new logo will be implemented on the website and other online applications over the next week.

2023 Board of Directors Announced. David thanked the members of the 2022 Board and introduced the new Board members for 2023. President: David Schorow, Secretary: Gloria Kreitman, Treasurer: Mike Rissi, Flat Tyre Editor: Peggy George, Ride Chair: Guy Shuman, Events Chair: Jean Symons, Webmaster: Vito Mazzarino, Membership: Vern Tucker, Sequoia Chair: Randall Braun, and Members at Large: Cathy Switzer, Fran Williams, and Brian Kaplan. Because there were no contested positions this year, an election was not held. A motion was made to approve the incoming Board and the motion passed.

Appreciation for departing Board members, Bill Sherwin and Patty Koel. David thanked Bill Sherwin for his many contributions during 6 years of service as Secretary, Member at Large, and Training/Safety Chair. David also recognized Patty Koel for serving three years on the Board as Secretary and Member at Large.

Thank you to our ride leaders. Guy Shuman thanked all of the 128 members who led or co-led a ride in 2022, and encouraged all who had not yet led a ride to give it a try. Guy also recognized the top 15 ride leaders in 2022.

Lefkowitz Award Recipients—Dave Fork and Jack Miller of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange. The Lefkowitz Award is given for achievements in the broad cycling community. John Langbein, our Advocacy Chair, presented the Lefkowitz award to Dave Fork and Jack Miller of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange. So far this year the Bicycle Exchange has donated 930 bicycles to those in need. Dave also recognized other Western Wheelers who have made significant contributions of their time and skills to the Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange.

Appreciation Awards. Six appreciation awards were given this year:

- **Mindy Steiner:** Lisa Metzler Penn presented an appreciation award to Mindy Steiner for her numerous contributions to the club over the years. Mindy has served ten years on the Board and continues to lead and co-lead many rides. She always makes riders feel welcome, included and supported.
- **Jim Takasugi:** David Schorow presented an appreciation award to Jim Takasugi for his contributions leading rides, submitting articles to *The Flat Tyre*, and supporting the development of the ride leader app. Jim took over and improved the Monday Morning Mocha Mooch ride by adding new routes and focusing on special themes such as vintage bikes and holidays.
- **Fran Williams:** Jean Symons presented an appreciation award to Fran Williams for her service as Events Chair. Fran has done an outstanding job coordinating volunteers and providing great experiences for members at our social events.
- **David Schorow:** Mindy Steiner presented an appreciation award to David Schorow for leading the club as President over the last four years and agreeing to serve another year. Mindy noted David's informative "A Turn at the Front" and "Safety Tips" articles in *The Flat Tyre* and recognized his stewardship during the pandemic to keep members informed and safe.
- **Vicki Pelton and Ron Dell'Aquila:** Guy Shuman presented appreciation awards to Vicki Pelton and Ron Dell'Aquila for their many contributions to the club over the past twenty years. Guy noted their service leading rides, originating the Singles Ride, creating and working together on the Photo Contest, and supporting the Sequoia Century.

2022 Photo Contest Winners. Vicki Pelton and Ron Dell'Aquila announced the results of this year's photo contest.

- First Place Award, 3-way tie:
 - Frank Drobot: Grand Teton National Park
 - Peter Grace: Cold Canada
 - Jenny Warila: Rounding the Bend
- Committee's Choice Award:
 - Lily Tan: The Late Autumn Rider

Closing Comments. David thanked everyone for attending the event. He encouraged members to pick up a water bottle with the new logo as their gift.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.