

February 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

-Submitted by Gloria Kreitman, WWBC Secretary

Date: Wednesday, Feb 8, 2023

Time: Social: 6:30 pm; Meeting: 7:00 pm PST

Location: Zoom meeting

Call to Order at 7:02 pm

Present: Randall Braun, Peggy George, Gloria Kreitman, Vito Mazzarino, David Schorow, Guy Shuman, Cathy Switzer, Jean Symons, Vern Tucker and Fran Williams

Absent: Brian Kaplan, Mike Rissi

Guest: Bill Sherwin

Standing Items

- Date of next meeting—March 8, 2023
- Location of next meeting—Guy and Mindy’s home
- Next meeting Food Wranglers—Guy
- Approve the previous minutes—the January 2023 minutes were unanimously approved

New Business and Area Lead Updates:

- **Bill—Skills Class Survey.** Bill summarized the results of the survey to determine members’ interest in additional Bike Skills (101: Fundamental Bike Handling Skills, 201: Climbing and Descending Skills, 301: Pacelines and Group Riding) and Bike Mechanics clinics.

219 members responded to the survey. Based on the results, there is strong demand for both skills and mechanics clinics in 2023. Bill proposed several options to address demand for Bike Skills within a \$4000 - \$5000 budget. The board unanimously approved a plan to offer 3 sessions of the 101 clinic, 5 sessions of the 201 clinic, and 1 session of the 301 clinic with a reduction in the subsidy provided by the club. Savvy Bikes will conduct the clinics with participants covering 60% of the cost and the club subsidizing 40%. On the topic of Bike Mechanics, the club will suggest some existing community-wide options in *The Flat Tyre* and on our website.

- **Randall—Sequoia 2023 Status.** Randall recognized the contributions of the Sequoia team and reported that another call-to-register email will be going out shortly. Five rest stops are all locked in. Sequoia team members are in the process of distributing posters, fliers, and cards at Bay Area bike shops. The Club Referral Contest is underway with results to be published shortly. Randall also reported that the 2023 Sequoia bike kit is now available directly from Voler. This includes shorts (regular and bib), jersey, wind vest, windbreaker, and a cap.

Stage Road is currently closed due to damage from the rains. If it doesn’t open, the 100-mile riders will have to use Highway 1. That route change would still have 100 miles but would have less than 10,000 ft of climbing.

Vito reported that there are 147 registrants as of 2/8/2023. Most registrants have paid through PayPal processing on the registration site without any issues. We also accept payment by paper check via US Mail. Some registrants have also paid an additional \$25 Support that will go directly to the Coastside charities.

- **Area Lead Updates**
 - **Guy—Ride Chair:** The LDT rides are well underway. Although two early rides were canceled due to inclement weather, 35 riders participated in the first February LDT at Seascape.

- **Jean—Event Chair:** Jean provided an update on the plans for the Spring Picnic on April 30 at Cuesta Park. She is exploring lower cost alternatives to catering such as box lunches or sandwich platters. The Board agreed that this event will continue to be free to club members this year. The date for the Ice Cream Social at Shoup Park was moved to August 13 (to be confirmed when park permits are secured).
- **Peggy—Flat Tyre Editor:** Peggy reported that the club has received a \$500 donation from the Santa Rosa Cycling Club to thank Western Wheelers for our donation when their club had fire losses..
- **Vern—Membership Chair:** Vern reported that we had 12 new members join since January 1, 2023, which brings the total number of members to 1003. There were a number of outstanding renewals during Oct - Dec of last year that have lapsed. There may have been a glitch in notifications due to some website policy updates. Vern will contact those members individually about their renewals.
- **Vito—Webmaster:** The focus this month has been on The Sequoia website updates. Wild Apricot increased their security which temporarily created a service outage for the WWBC [Ride Listing Assistant](#) (which helps members submit rides for listing).

There were no other updates by Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm PST.