

December 2023 Western Wheelers Bicycle Club General Meeting Minutes

-Submitted by Gloria Kreitman, WWBC Secretary

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023

Time: Cocktails/Social: 5:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm General meeting: 7:30 pm

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

After checking in at the front desk, attendees picked up a pair of bike socks as their gift.

Call to Order at 7:38 pm

David welcomed everyone to the Holiday social and general meeting, and thanked Jean, Fran and all of the volunteers for organizing the party.

2023 Board of Directors Announced. David introduced the new Board members for 2024. President: Jon Penn, Secretary: Gloria Kreitman, Treasurer: Mike Rissi, Flat Tyre Editor: Peggy George, Ride Chair: Guy Shuman, Events Chair: Jean Symons, Webmaster: David Schorow, Membership: Vern Tucker, Sequoia Chair: the Sequoia Steering Committee, and Members at Large: Brian Kaplan, Jenny Warila, and Fran Williams. 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 members: David thanked Randall Braun, Vito Mazzarino, and Cathy Switzer for their service on the WWBC board. David also thanked Eric Greer for being the club Statistician for 15 years and Tony Vecchiet for taking on the role in 2024.

Lefkowitz Award – Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition: The Lefkowitz Award is given for achievements in the broad cycling community. For the first time the award was granted to an organization instead of an individual. David made the presentation and Tim Oey, SVBC Co-Founder and Staff Member accepted on behalf of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition.

Thank you to our ride leaders. Guy Shuman thanked everyone who led a ride in 2023, and encouraged all who had not yet led a ride to give it a try. Guy recognized the top ride leaders for 2023 and those who have led the most number of rides in their lifetime.

Appreciation Awards. Three appreciation awards were given this year:

- **Mike Jenkins:** Guy Shuman presented an appreciation award to Mike Jenkins for his many contributions to the club as a Ride Leader.
- **Rosemary Gill:** Gloria Kreitman presented an appreciation award to Rosemary Gill for creating and leading rides that cater to the specific needs of B-level cyclists
- **Randall Braun:** David Schorow presented an appreciation award and lifetime club membership to Randall Braun for his leadership as Sequoia Chair for the past 8 years

President's Award – Jon Blum: David presented the President's Award to Jon Blum for his many contributions to the club as well as his advocacy for safe bicycling in the community.

2023 Photo Contest Winners. Vicki Pelton and Ron Dell'Aquila announced the winners of this year's photo contest.

First Place Winner: "Beauty Found on the Lost Coast" by Matt Ruhland

Second Place Winner: "Solitary Highland Lass" by Wasi Wahid

Third Place Winner: "Bike to Work Day - The Scenic Route" by Eric Hanson

Committee's Choice Winner: "Hand Picked" by Linda Vanderhule

Closing Comments. David thanked everyone for attending the event. Mindy thanked David for his service as WWBC President for the last five years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.