

Western Wheelers Board Meeting Minutes April 8, 2020

Submitted by Cindy Asrir

Present: Cindy Asrir, Lisa Burke, Randall Braun, Peggy George, Patty Koel, Mike Rissi, Bill Sherwin, David Schorow, Guy Shuman, Mindy Steiner, Vern Tucker, and Fran Williams.

The meeting was held on Zoom. Next month's meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, either at the Mountain View Community Center (in person) or on Zoom. Peggy will take care of the food if we meet in person.

The March minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

New Business: Impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on club activities

Sequoia cancellation status: Randall said that he decided to cancel the Sequoia in March after speaking with Jon Blum (epidemiologist at Kaiser in Santa Clara). It has been postponed to next year with options for riders to get refunds, defer the registration to next year, or donate the money to the Coastside Charities (Puente and La Honda Fire Department). Most people selected to get the refund but some people chose to apply their registration to next year or donate their fee. Randall reported that the next notice in Cycle California magazine will have the cancellation notice with next year's date.

Sock sale donations: Randall proposed selling Sequoia socks for \$25 a pair as a fundraiser for the Coastside Charities. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Membership extension for Sequoia Captains and key volunteers: David proposed that we extend memberships for those who have already done volunteer work for the Sequoia. It was decided that Randall will determine who is entitled to that.

Sequoia registration fee refunds: Mike will cancel the Sequoia in Wild Apricot and refund all the Sequoia registration fees for those who would like refunds. For those who want to defer it to next year, it will show up as a credit that they can apply to next year's ride. Mike will also handle donating the money to Puente and La Honda Fire, and

suggested that we send a thank you email to the riders who choose to donate to the Coastside Communities.

Class cancellations: Bill reported that Lorri Lee Lown has been very understanding and easy to work with in canceling the bike skills classes scheduled for this spring. She proposed new dates in July and August, but Bill doesn't want to commit to any dates at this time given the uncertainty of the situation.

Impact on club events: Cindy reported that all club events for March and April have been canceled, including yoga classes, film nights and the spring picnic. She said the film night at Sports Basement for May 15 is still scheduled at this time, but she will work with Adrian of Sports Basement to cancel or reschedule if need be (*update: it has since been canceled*). She said that since we cannot have any physical classes or events during this time, she is working on organizing some online yoga classes and film nights for members. She will write up the info for the website, Flat Tyre and email blast once the details are confirmed. The annual ice cream social is still scheduled for July as of now.

Impact on other events: It was announced that WWBC blood drives will continue during this time.

Rides: Lisa is watching the Shelter in Place mandates and will make a decision about canceling future club rides as we know more info. She is listing virtual club rides (via stationary bikes, Zwift, other trainers) as members coordinate them and submit them to addride@westernwheelers.org.

Area Updates

Flat Tyre Editor--Peggy reported that the April newsletter was done by Joice helping Amanda as a first time layout editor. Mindy, Robin and Joice will do the May issue.

Membership--Vern reported that membership numbers are going down right now with only three new members in the past month. He said it is to be expected since we have no rides or club events at the moment, but that he expects membership to pick up once the restrictions are lifted and we're able to resume club rides.

Managing email lists. After a flurry of non-cycling emails, arguing and personal attacks on the Western Wheelers general email list, Guy made a decision to limit the number of posts that someone could make in a set period of time. He reminded everyone that

each email goes to 750 people and that personal attacks are not allowed. He reported that some people unsubscribed from the email list due to the large number of daily emails or the content. Mike noted that people can choose to get their emails in digest form once a day, which reduces the number of emails people receive.

2020 Charitable Donations: Lisa proposed that we make a donation to Puente and La Honda Fire Department in lieu of the Sequoia. Further discussion and a final decision on the amount of the donation was tabled to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.