

WWBC Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 11, 2020

Submitted by Patty Koel

Present: Cindy Asrir, Randall Braun, Lisa Burque, Peggy George, Patty Koel, Mike Rissi, David Schorow, Bill Sherwin, Guy Shuman, Mindy Steiner, Vern Tucker, and Fran Williams. Cathy Switzer attended as a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm and took place over Zoom.

Standing Items

The October minutes were unanimously approved.

Area Lead Updates:

Ride Chair: Lisa said that she has been staying up to date with the health orders of all the Bay Area counties and that there were no new orders or recent changes affecting outdoor recreation/exercise. Lisa recommended and the board agreed that it's now appropriate to allow rides in all counties except Alameda. Alameda was an exception because they require riders to wear masks if they are within 30 feet of each other. In San Francisco County, ride groups are limited to 12 people. She said she will be sending the information to Mindy for the website and will be sending out an email to the membership about the update.

Guy reported that due to COVID he has decided to do a "window" start time for the LDTs, in which the start time will be staggered. It is hoped this change will minimize the amount of congregation at the beginning of the ride. He said he will write an article for the Flat Tyre and send out an email to the club.

Event Chair: Cindy reported that two women from Team TIBCO-Silicon Valley Bank joined the Zoom for the last bike film "Half the Road" on October 23 was successful and about 60 people attended. She reported that the next movie will be "The Bicycle Thief" next Friday, Nov. 20.

Fran reported that she and Cindy decided not to have an end of the year event on Zoom since they didn't think it would be very appealing to our members. The board decided to wait to have the annual member meeting and party until next year, when we can hold it in person.

Turning Wheels for Kids: Fran and David gave an update on this year's Turning Wheels for Kids. Turning Wheels for Kids raises money for bicycles, recruits volunteers to assemble them, and provides the bikes to worthy charities for Holiday giving programs. The WWBC has committed to arranging volunteers to assemble (30) 26" bikes. In order to accommodate physical distancing between volunteers, this year's bikes will need to be transported to and from assemblers' homes, and volunteers will need to have their own tools. The bikes may be ready for volunteers on or around November 23 depending on transportation issues. So this year we

will be looking for flexibility in our volunteers, which will be communicated to volunteers when they sign up.

Flat Tyre Editor: Peggy said that she will be doing the December issue and is making ride leader recognition the focus of the issue

Treasurer: Mike presented the financial report through November 11. Our financials have been very stable due to the decrease of our activities. Donations from Sequoia riders who elected not to claim a refund are being passed to the charities we elected to support this year.

Membership: Vern reported that we had 21 new members join in the past month, bringing the total to 991. Guy said that he sent out 143 postcards to lapsed members and got a good response. Several members have renewed after getting phone calls and postcard reminders, and we have reduced lapsed and overdue members.

Webmaster: Mindy reported that she is happy that Vito Mazzarino has agreed to run for the webmaster board seat for 2021. Mindy said that she and David met with him over Zoom and she thinks that Vito will make a great webmaster.

Safety Chair: Bill reported that he is still working with Lorri Lee Lown and hoping to be able to offer some bike skills class with her next spring, depending on COVID guidelines. In the past we've offered both Basic Safety classes (which are held outside) and Riding Skills classes (which are partially held indoors). The outdoor classes could be the next ones to become available, and the board agreed to reevaluate soon.

Sequoia Chair: Randall reported that as of now, the Sequoia isn't looking good for 2021, but the board will make a final decision in December.

New Business:

Election planning: David reviewed the [Current set of nominees](#) and the milestone times. He reported that we now have a candidate for each position and no extra candidates. A discussion ensued about the best technology platform to use for handling voting this year. Wild Apricot polling seemed to be the most practical solution as long as we continue to have only one candidate for each position. A voting window of November 22 to December 2 was proposed. He also reported that both Craig and Bruce--who had earlier expressed interest--have decided not to run. Vito Mazzarino is running for webmaster and Cathy Switzer is running for member at large.

Annual meeting: After a brief discussion, it was decided that due to COVID, we do not have to have the annual all-member meeting in December, but we will hold the regular board meeting on December 9 instead. As always, any member can attend any board meeting.

Western Wheelers Mask: David showed a sample of a mask that could be customized with the Western Wheelers logo and asked for feedback. After a brief discussion, the board decided to not pursue ordering WWBC masks.

President's topics: David reported that Ken Lee would like to relinquish his WWBC and Sequoia Facebook admin responsibilities in the next few months. David said that we should be on the lookout for someone to take over that role, and Cindy expressed interest.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.