

**Western Wheelers
Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2020**

Submitted by Cindy Asrir

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

The meeting was held in the Willow Room of the Mountain View Community Center and was called to order at 6:58 pm. Cindy brought food from Asian Box and Guy brought drinks.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at the same location. Peggy will order and pick up food for the meeting.

The February minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

New Business

Update: Since this meeting, the Sequoia has been canceled for 2020 and all group rides and events have been cancelled or suspended until April 7 or later.

Impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on The Sequoia: Randall said that he's spoken to many ride leaders and people on the west coast, and so far, no rides have been cancelled except the Cinderella on March 28. Randall said that he doesn't think we are in the same situation since our ride isn't until June.

Randall said that we have prepaid for Foothill College, registrations, PR and printing. He also said that all the captains want to move forward and not cancel at this point. He believes that there isn't reason to cancel unless mandated by the county or state, or things change drastically.

David reviewed the money spent thus far on the Sequoia. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of canceling now versus later if we need to cancel. David pointed out that many of the expenses will come through in the last month. Guy suggested that we should adopt a policy that we will refund riders if the Sequoia is cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Randall said that he will work with Mindy to put that on the website and send out an email to registered riders.

After some discussion, it was decided to move forward with Sequoia planning at this time, and the board will revisit the issue in the April meeting.

Area Updates

Ride Chair: Lisa reported that she has cleaned up many of the rides in the ride library to conform to our guidelines, and that she is scheduling the Ride with GPS classes on demand. She said rides are going forward as usual, except for weather cancelations. Guy suggested that we send out a Coronavirus update to our members, and David agreed to do that.

Bill talked about the need to track rider crashes in a database or spreadsheet, including where it happened, how it happened, etc. Bill suggested making the data (without names) as a graph that would be published in the Flat Tyre.

Sequoia Chair: Randall reported that REI will not be able to provide mechanics this year but Velofix will, as well as a volunteer from Puente.

Event Chair: Cindy reported that the February 21 bike movie night at Sports Basement was a success, as was the Yoga for Cyclists class on March 1. She said that the remaining film nights are scheduled for March 22, April 10 and May 15, and the next yoga class will be March 25. There was a discussion about canceling or postponing the movie night on March 22 due to concerns around the Coronavirus. It was decided to cancel the March film night and move the April 10 movie to later in the month. Cindy said she will work with Adrian at Sports Basement to adjust the schedule. She will send an update to all registered attendees, as well as an email blast to all club members.

Flat Tyre Editor: Peggy reported that everything is going well and the guest editors are doing a good job.

Membership: Vern reported that there were 15 new members since last month. He said current membership is at 1084, the highest number since 2015.

Safety: Bill reported that the full-day Leo Jed safety class on Feb. 29 was successful. He also reported that Lorri Lee Lown will be teaching cycling skills classes on April 4 and May 3. He said that the 201 class is full but there are still spaces in the 101 classes.

Other Items

David reported that Khuyen Huynh has volunteered to be the bike travel case coordinator and will store the travel cases in her garage and manage lending them out.

It was decided that we would not offer the two-day wilderness training to our members at this time, as there are many community first-aid and CPR training resources available.

Lisa asked how we can engage more people to be ride leaders. A short discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.