

December 2021 Western Wheelers Bicycle Club General Meeting Minutes

-Submitted by Patty Koel, Club Secretary

Date: Sunday, December 5

Time: Lunch/Social: 1:00 pm Meeting: 2:00 pm

Location: Village Hub, Woodside

David welcomed everyone to the Holiday social and general meeting, and thanked Fran and Cindy for organizing the event. He also showed everyone the colorful string bag they would receive as a party gift and encouraged everyone to pick one up on their way out.

2022 Board of Directors Announced. David thanked the members of the 2021 Board for their service and announced the results of the recently completed election for 2022. The results were: President: David Schorow, Secretary: Patty Koel, Treasurer: Mike Rissi, Flat Tyre Editor: Peggy George, Ride Chair: Guy Shuman, Events Chair: Fran Williams, Webmaster: Vito Mazzarino, Membership: Vern Tucker, Sequoia Chair: Randall Braun, and Members at Large: Cathy Switzer, Bill Sherwin, and Jean Symons. David thanked everyone who ran for a position this year and was grateful for their willingness to serve.

Appreciation for departing board member, Cindy Asrir. David thanked Cindy for her key contributions during seven years of service on the board. Cindy has been club Secretary, Events Chair and Member at Large over the years. Most recently, Cindy kept us entertained with movie nights when we needed it most, i.e. when our Shelter in Place orders were in place, and beyond. David presented Cindy with a poster of an electronic card signed by multiple present and prior board members with their words of appreciation.

Appreciation Awards. Five appreciation awards were given this year:

- **Sarah Coyle:** Cindy presented an appreciation award to Sarah Coyle for being a great ride leader. Cindy noted that Sarah has been leading the Wednesday Evening Hump-Day ride for years. Sarah always makes new riders feel welcome and included and is known for making her rides fun.
- **Mark Mack:** Cindy presented an appreciation award to Mark Mack for consistently stepping up every weekend to lead cyclists on fun and challenging rides. Cindy noted that Mark is an exceptional ride leader and role model.
- **Pamela Putman:** Vito presented an appreciation award to Pamela Putman for leading the Socially Paced Monday Morning Coffee ride. Vito noted that she has just the right attitude to introduce new riders to the skills necessary to ride in a group.
- **Patricia Elson:** Vito announced that Patricia Elson had also earned an appreciation award, although she was not there in person to receive it. Patricia Elson is the co-leader of the Socially

Paced Monday Morning Coffee ride. Together Pamela and Patricia ensure that all riders are welcomed and safe and that no one is dropped.

- **Tom Schnurbusch:** Patty presented an appreciation award to Tom Schnurbusch for his extraordinary commitment to lead a ride six days a week. Patty noted that Tom received multiple nominations, and that Tom has filled a unique role in the club by consistently leading rides that begin in the North Peninsula. He is known for being very welcoming to new riders, and having a friendly coffee stop along the way.
- **Honorary Lifetime Membership - Tom Schnurbusch:** Patty also noted that in 2020 Tom Schnurbusch earned the Honorary Lifetime Membership award for leading over 300 rides. The public announcement of his award was postponed to this year due to the pandemic.

Lefkowitz Award - Randall Braun: The Lefkowitz Award is given for achievements in the broad cycling community. David presented the Lefkowitz award to Randall Braun for his life-long contributions to bicycling community, which include building a positive rapport between cyclists and the Sequoia/Coastal Community, authoring books and guides to cycling, and supporting Sierra to the Sea, a scenic and challenging California bicycle and camping tour. Additionally, Randall's business, Route Arrows, has helped thousands of cyclists and others navigate safely on their routes.

Thank you to our ride leaders. David thanked everyone who led a ride in 2021, and encouraged all who had not yet led a ride to give it a try.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.