

Aug 2019

Western Wheeler Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019

Location: Woodside Village Hub, Woodside, CA

Dinner: 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm

Present: Cindy Asrir, Randall Braun, Lisa Burque, Mike Rissi, David Schorow, Bill Sherwin, Guy Shuman, Mindy Steiner, Vern Tucker

Absent: Robin Davis, Peggy George

Guest Member: John Langbein

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Standing Items

- The minutes from July were approved unanimously
- Date of next meeting: October 9, 2019
- Location of next meeting: Possibly Woodside Village Hub again...Cindy will check
- Food Wranglers: Bill food, and Guy drinks

John Langbein asked the board to consider having Western Wheelers sponsor the Mount Hamilton Challenge, usually held the last weekend in April. He reviewed the route, which at full length is 120-130 miles with 8000 ft of climbing. He explained that there are three rest stops but the staffing and cost is minimal and logistics is relatively simple. He said that the event needs assistance from the club to get insurance and that they would also like to borrow some Sequoia gear. He said that they are looking for about 25 volunteers and he asked if the club would consider taking over sponsorship of the event. John volunteered that he would be the lead organizer, at least for the next year. The cost for the event would be about \$3600 but that would be covered by the participants' registration fees. There was general discussion, one concern being how this would impact the Sequoia. The board provided several suggestions as to how John might proceed. The general consensus was that we are not ready to commit to this without a more specific request.

Ride Chair:

Mindy reported that Lisa successfully recruited a new volunteer, Joice White, to help add rides to the online schedule. She said that the Skyline Challenge was a success

and that the Fall Fun Series is still being finalized. Mindy asked for input as to prizes to be offered at the Ride Leaders' BBQ. Randall offered a couple of extra Sequoia jerseys.

Secretary: No report

Sequoia Chair:

Randall announced that the Fall Harvest Celebration will be held on September 22. This event is sponsored by Puente who are thanking all their supporters. Randall said that details will be in the upcoming Flat Tyre.

Flat Tyre:

Absent, no report

Events Chair:

Cindy reviewed the event schedule for the rest of the year. She said that the Oktoberfest on September 29 still needs a lead organizer. She also announced that the Bicycle Lawyer presentation is set for Sunday, October 20. She said that she is working on additional presentations.

Membership Chair:

Vern emailed his report to the board before the meeting. Current membership is at 1057 members.

Webmaster:

Mindy said that she had been asked by a club member if the Flat Tyre can be web based or HTML because the PDF format is difficult to read on mobile devices. Mindy said that she will look into this. Also, Mindy reported that she has been working on updating the ride archives. She expressed her concern that there is a lot of duplication of route listings between the archives and Wild Apricot. David suggested that we not use WA for archiving as much.

Treasurer

Mike reviewed the budget. He said that there are no concerns.

Skills/Training

Bill presented an update on the training and skills program for 2019 and made recommendations for 2020.

A motion was made and approved to conduct two road skills classes in the spring of 2020. It was decided that members will pay a \$50 fee for the classes and the club will underwrite the rest. It was decided not to sponsor LCI development at this time. The

board will consider additional technical classes at a later date if there is interest from the club but no funds were approved at this time. The board also directed Bill to continue mailing the "Street Smarts" booklet to new members.

President:

Awards: There was general discussion and it was decided that nominations for club appreciation awards need to be made by October 9 and will be discussed in the October meeting. Discussion around donations was deferred until the next meeting.

Elections: David surveyed the board members on their desires to serve on the board again next year. Some board members are still considering their plans, including possibly changing their board position. There will be at least two board vacancies, one of which is the secretary position and the other TBD.

GPS

Lisa said that 25 people have gone through training and that in October she will revisit holding more sessions.

Adjourn: 9:15 pm

END