



White Clay Bicycle Club – September Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017

Attendees: Joe Bockrath, Mike Katz, Brian Donovan, Dwight Siers, JW Haupt, Kevin Tumey, John Bare, Ed McNulty, Dan Fisher, Brad Dunn, Dan Durishan

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

1. Introduction of parties present
2. Approval of 07/2017 and 08/2017 minutes – approved as submitted by all in attendance
3. Financial Report
 - a. Revenue for 08/2017: ~\$9,890
 - b. Expenses for 08/2017: ~\$6,365
 - c. Shorefire profit: \$5,548
 - d. Balance: ~\$53,000
 - e. Income statements can be made available to Club members upon request
4. Major Events
 - a. Shorefire: K. Tumey reported that he was thankful for the great volunteer support, that there were no major accidents and that he has only received good comments about the event, no complaints
 - b. Savage: Emily Ciancio will be the event coordinator, with Chris Low assisting. E. Ciancio reported that she is getting up to speed and that all sites secured for event use.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership: D. Siers reported that he is working with Joe Bockrath to clarify the total number of current members, between 300-400 depending on the information used
 - b. Safety & Education – M. Katz reported that \$495 was spent to purchase helmets for Maddy Boone's Girl Scouts project to purchase bike helmets for youths in need. Trek Store (formerly Bike Line) in Newark provided the helmets at their cost. The Trek Store also included \$20 gift cards with each helmet at no cost to the Club or M. Boone. M. Katz also discussed an article he read about the life span of helmets.
 - c. Shorefire: K. Tumey – nothing to report
 - d. Icicle: B. Donovan – nothing to report
 - e. Membership – D. Siers – nothing to report
 - f. Financial: J. Bockrath – nothing to report
6. Committee Openings
 - a. Still open for 2017: Vice President and Tailwind Editor
 - b. To open in 2018: Doublecross coordinator, Ride Captain and Treasurer
7. New Business
 - a. Member Benefits: D. Siers and JW Haupt lead a discussion about member benefits including a possible reduction in the annual membership fee, waiving the membership fee for members of the Executive Committee, providing discounted major event fees for



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- members, and a voucher for volunteers to ride a major event for free. No decision was made, with further discussion proposed for the next meeting.
- b. Junior cycling program: M. Katz and K. Tumey lead a discussion about developing a program for junior cycling to get juniors involved in cycling at a young age. They will discuss with local YMCA (Bear) about partnering to develop a program. More to come as information is gathered.
 - c. A discussion was had about night rides on the Castle Trail in the Fall and Winter. JW Haupt to reach out to the appropriate State agency to see if this a viable option to road rides on weekday evenings.
 - d. Good Neighbors: Brad Dunn is Development Director for an organization, Good Neighbors whose vision is “to eliminate substandard housing in southern Chester County, PA and northern New Castle County, DE”. The organization focuses on “making homes warmer, safer, drier and healthier for qualified homeowners...” and organizes volunteer workforces for a day of service to help at risk families to stay in their homes and to do work within homes to make it suitable for their use, such as making a bathroom complaint for handicap use. Good Neighbors provides all materials and tools, you supply the volunteer time and man/woman power. The organize can be contacted at info@goodneighborshomerepair.org and www.goodneighborshomerepair.org
 - e. Bike Friendly Delaware Act: John Bare (of Bike Delaware) reported the BFDA has passed thru the Delaware State Legislature and turned over to the State for legal review. Meanwhile a date for the Governor to sign has been set for Thursday, October 5 between 2-3 on Main Street and the Pomeroy Trail in downtown Newark. More details to follow as they become available.
 - f. Newark City Council: J. Bare reported that there was a meeting planned for this night with an agenda topic being the Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge over Paper Mill Road being a discussion topic, primarily the monetary shortfall.
 - g. Ride Waivers revisited: JW Haupt noted that the rows and columns on the current ride waiver are not suitable for the information requested and suggested making changes. JW Haupt offered a revised Ride Waiver to allow for more room for phone numbers and an emergency contact name and eliminating the signature column to go with a column to initial. All agreed with the revised format but a request was made to prepare the same in Landscape format to see if that worked better as other clubs have done. JW Haupt will prepare in Portrait and Landscape and bring to the next meeting.
 - h. Off-Season Offerings: JW Haupt offered that he was considering offering off-season training to Club members between November and March. Training topics being considered bike maintenance, group rider safety paelines), route creation software. Training would be twice a month and offered at JW Haupt’s place of employment near Christiana Hilton.



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- Meeting was moved to a close at 7:52 p.m.

Save the dates for all of the 2017 events!!

~~Annual Banquet – Saturday, 02/25/17~~

~~Ice-Metric Century – Saturday, 03/25/17~~

~~Annual Picnic – Saturday, 05/20/17~~

~~Doublecross Metric Century – Saturday, 07/01/17~~

~~Shorefire Imperial Century – Saturday, 08/26/17~~

Savage Imperial Century - Saturday, 09/30/17

Volunteer Brunch - Sunday, 10/22/17