



White Clay Bicycle Club – May Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2020

Attendees: JW Haupt, Keith Hoke, Brian Donovan, Glenn Nichols, Mike Katz, Carol Bassett, Barbara Gallagher, Allison Wong, Bill Ebbott, Emily Ciancio; Visitors- James Wilson, Jay Gallagher

Meeting commenced 6:34 via Skype

- 1) Approval of 04/ 2020 and 05/2020 meeting minutes approved in advance via email.
- 2) Financial Report – Mark Belmont not in attendance. Report provided post-meeting.
 - a) Revenue for 05/ 2020: ~\$ 00.0
 - b) Expenses for 05/ 2020: ~\$ 6,000
 - c) Balance for 05/ 2020: ~\$ 23,400
 - d) Approx. 8K in outstanding checks yielding an anticipated balance of ~\$15,500
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a) Membership: K. Hoke reported 194 members; 112 single, 82 Family for 2020
 - b) Ride Captain: C. Bassett – Ride Leader Awards, to include 2019 jerseys are going out as mailing info has been provided; JW has sent ride updated rules and guidelines to the RLs. Suggested a RL Zoom call for discussion and feedback.
 - c) Publicity: B. Gallagher – “Throwback Thursdays”- on FB has gotten some fun response; There have been many inquiries about future ride plans. She will post about the Doublecross cancelation and evening rides resuming.
 - d) Social: E. Ciancio— Nothing to report.
 - e) Website: A. Wong – Web host should be forwarding emails once again. Issue resolved. The website registration link to BikeReg is pointing to the 2020 Event.
 - f) Safety & Education: M. Katz – Shared several useful articles regarding safe practices for riding during a pandemic. Those articles have been posted on the website as blogs. Continued to discuss.
 - g) 2020 Icicle: B. Donovan- Icicle canceled.
 - h) 2020 Doublecross: G. Nichols- Smyrna HS use request has been denied. Additional volunteers would be a real challenge. Many logistical challenges exist- single use water, restrooms, distancing. Carol mentioned that the additional costs must be covered. Prepackaged food must be used. It is agreed by all to cancel the event.
 - i) 2020 Shorefire: B. Ebbott- Middletown HS has not yet canceled our use of the event outside. Still assume will proceed. Will approach the ball fields across the street from Smyrna HS. Parking is an issue.
 - j) 2020 Savage: Dinesh Mistry- Nothing to report.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Club-led Ride Suspension: Discussed opening of club rides. Discussed that the Y is open with distancing and restrictions. Y’s Guys club will begin riding next week. Also, USA Cycling has offered guidelines. Recommendations are to ride with people you know, or ride side by side or 20 ft away. Clean your equipment immediately. Pre-registration for our evening rides may be considered in compliance with max of 10 people.



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- i) Carol suggested posting rides for only a week or two. In addition, enforcing additional rules/guidelines will be a challenge.
 - ii) Allison suggests that other clubs are not riding officially but are doing pick-up rides.
 - iii) We will tentatively open for rides June 15 for those RLs wishing to begin and members only.
- b) Constitution Review committee: K. Hoke- 1st draft was distributed. Initial draft is in the hands of the ad-hoc committee. Some have viewed and responded. No progress to report. The aim is to have a draft to the EC for review next month.
- c) Advocacy donations for 2019: J. Haupt- checks did go out and some thank you notes did come back.
- 5) New Business
- a) Eastern Seaboard Bike Club Presidents Mtgs: J. Haupt- meeting every 2 weeks, fifteen different clubs represented. Feedback is that they will be starting rides later in July or August.
 - b) Zoom meeting for RLs prior to opening up rides?: JW- The meeting will be “strongly suggested”. Agreed to set meeting for Monday June 8. A Zoom meeting for membership will follow.
 - c) Urban Bike Project/ Newark Bike Project Bike Drop: J. Haupt- both orgs were very thankful and got a decent response! We may consider a posting to repeat this giving event bi-monthly.
 - d) Membership extension through 2021?: J. Haupt- Since we have lost a third of the riding season, is this justified? Agreed to not extend.
 - e) Mike Castle Trail observation: M. Katz- it is terribly busy and has a lot of family bikers. Bike shops have been remarkably busy with increased interest.
 - f) Bike Delaware: James Wilson provided numbers on the Jack Markel Trail. The count has been in a record-high range. In response, they have suggested the City of Wilmington open some streets to biking-only traffic.

Meeting moved to adjourn at 8:39 pm

Major Event Dates for 2020

~~Annual Banquet – Saturday, 02/29~~

~~Iceicle – Saturday, 04/04... Canceled~~

~~Ride of Silence – Wednesday eve., 05/20... Canceled~~

~~Annual Picnic – Saturday, 06/06... Canceled~~

~~Doublecross – Saturday, 06/27... Canceled~~

Shorefire – Saturday, 08/08

Savage – Saturday, 10/03

Volunteer Brunch – Sunday, 10/25