



White Clay Bicycle Club –July Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2020

Attendees: JW Haupt, Keith Hoke, Brian Donovan, Glenn Nichols, Carol Bassett, Barbara Gallagher, Bill Ebbott, Dinesh Mistry, Mark Belmont; Visitors- James Wilson

Meeting commenced 6:32 via Skype

- 1) Approval of 06/ 2020 meeting minutes approved in advance via email.
- 2) Financial Report – Mark Belmont not in attendance. Report provided post-meeting.
 - a) Revenue for 06/ 2020: ~\$ 1,000
 - b) Expenses for 06/ 2020: ~\$ 7,900
 - c) Balance for 06/ 2020: ~\$ 16,600
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a) Membership: K. Hoke reported 252 members; 151 Single (+39 for the month), 101 Family (+19 for the Month)
 - b) Ride Captain: C. Bassett –
 - i) Ride Leader Zoom mtg took place on June 8th. Responses varied. Few rides have resumed so far.
 - ii) Questioned if our rule to post rides 72_hrs in advance is still in force. EC agreed to relax that rule this year.
 - iii) Some RL awards are yet to be handed off.
 - iv) Some have expressed interest in a new RL training. However, do we have enough current leaders to “coach” new leaders? She and JW will look at options for in-person vs. zoom call.
 - c) Publicity: B. Gallagher – Nothing to report.
 - d) Social: E. Ciancio— Not in attendance. Nothing to report.
 - e) Website: A. Wong – Not in attendance. Nothing to report.
 - f) Safety & Education: M. Katz -- not in attendance. Nothing to report.
 - g) 2020 Icicle: B. Donovan- Icicle canceled. Nothing to report.
 - h) 2020 Doublecross: G. Nichols- Doublecross canceled. Extremely disappointed that we had to cancel but feel we made the right decision.
 - i) 2020 Shorefire: B. Ebbott- Smyrna HS is not available for first rest stop so will use the Little League parking lot across the street. They would like to see a COVID Release to limit their exposure to liability for our use of their facility. JW is working with Bill on that. Other stops are confirmed. Routes have not been confirmed yet by the state (2018 routes). Suggest a battery-operated foot pedal pump for water and use individual packets for Gatorade. Reg. Fee is up \$5 to \$35 this year to cover additional costs. JW mentioned that DelDOT will allow us, as a non-profit, to use a portable message board, barrels, etc. at key locations if needed, at no cost.
 - j) 2020 Savage: Dinesh Mistry: Start-Finish has been confirmed. Nottingham Park has been confirmed for Pavilion 6. The second stop at Drumore Twp. has yet to be confirmed.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Club-led Ride Suspension: Discussed lifting some of the current restrictions. K. Hoke suggested lifting the DE only restriction- Approved. Agreed to keep the 10-rider limit but will revisit if health concerns lessen and number of riders increases.



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- b) Constitution Review committee: K. Hoke- the proposed draft is finished and ready for submittal to the EC. Review/discussion is tabled until the August meeting as this will best be done in person.
- 5) New Business
 - a) Eastern Seaboard Bike Club Presidents Mtgs: J. Haupt- 9 clubs represented. 5 clubs did begin rides.
 - b) Preston’s Energy Bike Presentation- JW- Preston’s Energy suggested offering a presentation to membership to demonstrate the bikes/ service that they offer as a way to show appreciation for Club support. Agreed that this is not the year to do this. B. Ebbott suggested using her for a speaker at the Annual Banquet.
 - c) Dropbox- JW: opened up a club drop-box site (\$120 yr). Will migrate old files and pictures over to this and have this available to the EC.
 - d) Sign-up Genius Video- JW: has created 4 videos on using the app. Will make these available when next one is complete. Noted that we will still have to keep a paper back-up of the app records as well. Will make videos available to the RLs soon.
 - e) eBikes on our rides? - JW: Received an inquiry if eBikes -are approved on WCBC rides? Discussed and approved, up to a speed of 15-16 mph (more of a social group ride pace) and also on the major rides. DE has imposed a max speed of 20 mph for eBikes. JW will post a blog to the website addressing the club’s position on eBikes.
 - f) Training opportunities?- JW: Since we have a good partnership with the local bike non-profits, we may be able to provide training opportunities for starting riders such as: How to gear-up, what to bring along, basic maintenance, etc. We could support/participate/ publicize. An effort such as this is consistent with the aims of the Club. JW will reach out to Newark/ Urban Bike Project to discuss.
 - g) Zoom Meetings- JW: Is there a need to have a membership-wide mtg to re-engage in a personal way? Agreed there is no need.
 - h) Bike Delaware: James Wilson expressed continued thanks for the support of WCBC.
 - i) The eBicycle Bill in the General Assembly this year did not get passed in this session. Will be reintroduced.
 - ii) The “DE Yield” (rolling stop at a stop sign) expires automatically on October 21, 2021 so it will need to be renewed.
 - (1) Gather data to confirm that the new law has not caused issues. Working with State Police.
 - (2) Solicit St. Police as a key stakeholder in the process.
 - (3) B. Ebbott offered to make informational pamphlets available at the Shorefire.
 - iii) Working on 4 different extensions to the Markell Trail.
 - iv) Sussex County safety initiative: A major new proposal was submitted to address the Rt 1 corridor once and for all and initial engineering has begun!
 - v) Strategic Safety Highway Plan (federally mandated update): Bike DE will be involved in the next update and hope to have a significant impact with respect to bicycle safety.



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- vi) DE now has a Bicycle Friendly License Plate available. If you would like to show your support, it is available for \$40.

Meeting moved to adjourn at 7:55pm

Major Event Dates for 2020

~~Annual Banquet – Saturday, 02/29~~

~~Icicle – 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