

# Siskiyou Velo Board Meeting Minutes

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Monday Feb. 22, 2021, 5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attending: Dennis C, Frank H, Harlan B, Jeff R, Jen MacC, Lisa B, Matt W, Mike V, Rich LV and Robin D.

## To-Do

- Lisa will update the January minutes and send them to Jeff to post to the webpage.
- Harlan will draft a summary of the BOD discussion about resuming club-sponsored rides. This will be posted on the webpage and also sent to members via the Google group.
- Rich and Lisa will reach out to friends in other clubs to see what they are doing re club-sponsored rides.
- Frank has documentation of SV Club's insurance showing that we are covered when a member gives a class. Mike can request it when he needs it.
- Rich and Mike will review Rich's extra bike parts to see if Mike can use any. If you can donate extra bike parts, please let Mike know.
- Robin will update the post re the Tiny House Ride Fundraiser on our webpage and re-send the email to members.
- Harlan will send the BOD members the link to the RVATP plan.

## 1. Welcome and check-in

## 2. Business items

- a. There were no additions to tonight's agenda.
- b. Changes to the January minutes – Committee Chair for Education/Training is Mike Vergeer, not Ann Smith. Ann is Advocacy Committee chair. Minutes approved once Lisa makes the changes.
- c. Treasurer's Report, as of 2/21/2021. Activity since the last report is:  
Dues received \$210. Insurance premium paid, \$1,367. PO box rental, \$146. Zoom charges for our virtual meetings paid, \$59 (the club shares an account with Jeff Roberts, so the \$59 is half of one year's premium).  
Cash on hand, \$4,283.  
The US PO box is in Ashland. Matt Walker checks it regularly. Frank and Matt have a system to deposit and document when members send their dues in via check.

## 3. Status of Board Officer Positions – Harlan will continue as the interim President, but would like to step down as soon as a replacement is found. By mid-2021 (or sooner) Harlan will ask 2 or 3 people to work together to identify a president for 2022. Lisa has volunteered to be a "facilitator" for a few months at the end of 2021.

## 4. Modifications to bylaws – As discussed at the January BOD mtg, the bylaws have been updated to include that virtual board meetings are considered "face-to-face."

## 5. Club-sponsored Group Rides

- a. A number of members have asked whether/when the club will begin sponsored rides again.
- b. Infection rates are decreasing in Oregon and Jackson County, and vaccinations are beginning to be offered. So there is hope that club-sponsored rides can begin sometime – perhaps late spring. Note that officials caution that the spread of variant strains of coronavirus indicate that people should continue to practice social distancing and use masks.
- c. Dennis surveyed ride leaders. They are looking forward to resuming group rides, but the conditions under which they are willing to do so, at least in the near future, vary. Some of those conditions include: requiring masks during rides (all leaders would require masking while riders gather and during stops); maintaining social distancing; limiting the number of riders; not being seen as a "rule enforcer", and requiring riders to pre-register.
- d. The board also reviewed the parameters currently mandated for group rides by two California bike clubs – Grizzly Peak Cyclists (<https://www.grizz.org/rides/covid.php>) and Almaden Cycle

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Touring Club (<https://www.actc.org/clubinfo/covid-19-guidelines.pdf>), both in the SF Bay Area. Highlights of the Almaden club are:

- i. No gathering before, during, or after the ride.
  - ii. Not just a sign-in for the ride, but each rider must submit a pre-filled contact form to the ride leader. This could be used for contact tracing if necessary. The ride leader has to bring a ziploc bag to contain these. (Previously, all riders had to fill out a sign-in sheet with name, phone, and emergency contact. This would mean passing around a sheet and pen.)
  - iii. Ride with members of at most two other households.
  - iv. Face coverings required at the start and at all stops.
  - v. Maintain 6' distance during the ride.
  - vi. Notify the ride leader if you test positive or have COVID-19 symptoms within 2 weeks after the ride.
  - vii. Guidelines include language that participants will not hold the club liable should a participant become ill with Covid after a group ride. They also reference state and county guidance.
- e. The Grizzly Peak club's guidelines were similar to Almaden's. In addition, they limit the group size to 10 people, have an on-line registration process for each ride, and language re masks is "Wear your face covering when not riding, including when the group meets before the ride, at regroup, and at the end of the ride. Also wear it (riding or not) whenever it seems like you might come within 6 feet of another individual (group member or not)."
- f. Decided to postpone a decision on when to resume club rides. We will discuss at the March meeting. Whatever decision is reached, the guidelines need to be the same for all rides, so both participants and leaders know what to expect.

## Committee reports

6. **Education** (Mike): Through his job, Mike will hold two bike safety and maintenance classes for kids 10 to 14 years old in June (Ashland) and hopefully August. He is reaching out Medford Parks & Rec to see if they are interested in offering similar classes. Once confirmed, Mike can add information to our website. Frank noted that club insurance includes coverage for giving classes.

A group in Medford called Familia Unidas builds/upgrades bikes to give to children. Mike intends to meet the lead for that group. Rich has numerous bike parts that Mike might be able to use. They will talk. Mike also has a part-time job building bikes for veterans.

7. **Advocacy** (Ann) Nothing to report, per Harlan in Ann's absence.

8. **Communication / Web-page** (Jeff) – nothing re communication.

There are issues with the webpage. There was a server upgrade and it affected how some of the existing programming works (or doesn't). Jeff has not gotten much help from the vendor, and he cannot figure out what's happening.

On the webpage under "Other Rides and Events", Jeff is updating information about non-SV sponsored rides. He has already added text at the top re: check the event's webpage for updates re COVID-19.

9. **Membership** (Matt) Noted a small increase in membership. For people whose membership ended during Covid and they didn't renew, Matt has not dropped them from the membership list.

10. **Rides** (Dennis) nothing to report

11. **Social** (Robin) Discussed possible venues for a summer get-together if restrictions are lessened. The end-date has been expanded for the "Tiny House Ride Benefit" to raise money for housing for people who lost their home in the Alameda fire. And you can form a group to raise \$\$\$. Robin to update the post on our webpage and re-send the email to members.

12. **Updates on Medford BPed Committee** (Jeff) BPed is exploring installing bicycle "route finder" signs in Medford. Medford is continuing to install lights under the bridges downtown, for safety and to deter people from sleeping/camping there.

13. **Updates on Rogue Valley Active Transportation Plan** (Harlan) The plan has been released. It's very detailed and involved many groups/agencies throughout the valley, up to but not including Gold Hill.

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[http://walkbikeroguevalley.com/system/images/3632/original/Rogue\\_Valley\\_Active\\_Transportation\\_Plan\\_-\\_Draft.pdf](http://walkbikeroguevalley.com/system/images/3632/original/Rogue_Valley_Active_Transportation_Plan_-_Draft.pdf)

**14. Next Meeting – March 21. 5:30 to 7:00 pm via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/784694939?pwd=aGJmN3lCR3ZLQXQrRzNXTmwTDIzd09>

FYI: Easter is April 4<sup>th</sup>.