

Minutes of the Siskiyou Velo Board Meeting

Tuesday Jan. 12, 2021, 5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

1. To-Do Actions

- a. Harlan – Harlan is creating an ad hoc nominating committee to recruit a candidate for the position of president.
- b. ALL – Please let Harlan know in the next two weeks of your willingness to join the ad hoc committee to identify a new president.
- c. ALL – Consider becoming the BOD president or chairing the Communications Committee. Or encourage someone else to take on either position.
- d. Frank – send Jeff a check for \$75.00 in order to share his Zoom account in 2021.
- e. Frank – see whether our insurance expense can be decreased
- f. Harlan – Update the bylaws to include approved language that Zoom meetings will be considered “face to face” per below.
- g. Harlan and Mike – write a letter to the Ashland City Council stating that the club supports the proposal to decrease the speed limit. (Completed on 1/13/2021)

2. Welcome and check-in. Welcome to two new BOD members: Rich LaVoy and Lisa Brill.

3. Selection of Officers and Committee Chairs

- a. Frank will continue as the treasurer.
- b. Lisa volunteered to be the secretary.
- c. President – Open. Harlan hoped that someone would volunteer for this position. He is on the boards of three other organizations. Unfortunately, no one volunteered.
 - i. Harlan is creating an ad hoc nominating committee to recruit a candidate for the position of president and asks for volunteers to serve on this committee. Please let Harlan know in the next two weeks of your willingness to join this committee.
 - ii. Harlan encouraged all board members to consider assuming the president position, or even reaching out to other club members who may be interested. The position requires 2 to 3 hours per month to prepare the agenda, send out materials, and lead the board meeting. In conjunction with the communication committee chair, the president also communicates updates and info to the membership and outside groups. Occasionally additional time is needed if the president is invited to attend a county or other public meeting representing the club. Note that the degree of community engagement is up to the president, who can delegate specific tasks. If someone who is not a BOD member volunteers to be the 2021 president, Harlan will step down as a BOD member as we are at the limit of 12 BOD members. Timeline: a new president by the April meeting.
- a) Committee Chairs:
 - i. Rides – Dennis Cramer
 - ii. Membership – Matt Walker
 - iii. Advocacy – Ann Smith
 - iv. Education – Mike Vegeer

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- v. Social – Robin Dressler
- vi. Communication – Open. Jeff Roberts is willing to fill in until a new chair is identified. Duties: Communicate with members and outside organizations, agencies, etc., in collaboration with the president and other committee chairs as appropriate. Communication is often about club and outside events, local issues, updates re laws, regulations, recommendations etc. that affect the club specifically or cycling in general, etc. Jeff is currently the webmaster, a great skill and much appreciated. The communication committee chair doesn't have to have webmaster skills. Jeff has offered to continue as the webmaster.

4. Business items

- a. **Minutes** of the October BOD meeting were approved unanimously.
- b. **Treasurer's Report.** Frank presented the 2020 income/expense report and proposed 2021 budget. We have \$5,645 cash on hand. Frank budgeted 2021 as if we return to normal with regard to social events and sponsored rides. The big expenditure, our club insurance policy, will be paid within the next week or two. Last year it was \$1,402, and it should be similar in 2021. Last year, club member dues were \$3,254, down from projected most likely because some members drifted away due to Covid, and suspension of group rides and social activities.
 - i. The Up and Down Ride will likely not happen in 2021. ML moved out of state and she was a major driver in organizing the event. Plus, we don't know whether Covid will still be an issue when the U&D Ride is usually scheduled.
 - ii. Frank will look into whether the insurance might be less given the fact that the club is not sponsoring rides in the foreseeable future.
 - iii. The Zoom fee is \$149/year for unlimited hours. Jeff has a personal account that he can share with the club. Frank will send him a check for \$75.00 for half the annual fee. Two Zoom events cannot occur simultaneously. So when anyone schedules a club event using Zoom, please coordinate with Jeff so there is no overlap c/ his personal use.
 - iv. The 2021 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

5. Proposed modification to bylaws (Jeff)

- a. Discussion regarding proposed changes *Article 4, Section VII: Voting* to add the following language:

“2. For the purpose of Voting, online meetings such as Zoom will be considered “face to face” meetings, while voting over email will not be considered “face to face” meetings.”
- b. Discussed that the original intention of only allowing voting in “face to face” meetings was to avoid voting via email, which can result in decreased participation. Bylaws did not state “in person”, and the technology for video conferencing was not easily accessible when the bylaws were first written. Zoom meetings still enable the group to interact in ‘real-time’, see each other’s reactions to discussion points, etc., and are a workable alternative to in-person meetings.
- c. Voting was unanimous to update the bylaws as per the text above.

6. Ashland City proposal to reduce speed limit

- a. Ashland is considering decreasing the speed limit to 20 mph on a number of streets to “make our community a better place to live and visit.” The executive summary of a

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- report on the benefits of this proposed change were discussed. Benefits pertinent to cycling include: “Improve safety – especially for people walking and bicycling”, “increase mode share of bicycling and walking”, and “Improve human health.”
- b. Voting was unanimous to ask the president to write a letter to the Ashland City Council supporting this change to the motor-vehicle speed limits. Mike V and Harlan will write the letter. Since it needs to be received by the City Council by Thursday, January 14, everyone agreed that it does not need to be reviewed by the full board.
- 7. Club-sponsored group rides**
- a. Although everyone would love to begin group rides again in order to enjoy one another’s company, it was agreed that the club will not sponsor group rides for the time being. The Covid positive test rate now is higher than in the spring when rides were suspended. Jackson County is still in the “extreme risk” category through at least Jan 25, and masking is still required while outside throughout the state.
<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>
- 8. Committee reports.** None submitted.
- 9. Miscellaneous.** Jeff set up a Google group for BOD members. The address is siskiyouveloboard@googlegroups.com. It will function like the club bike ride list – you can post to the group and an email will be sent to all BOD members. Please limit the “thank you” responses so we don’t clutter it up.
- 10. Next meeting:** Zoom meetings will be held the fourth Monday of the month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Next mtg. is Monday, February 22.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Brill, Secretary
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