

# Siskiyou Velo Board Minutes

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**Monday, November 20, 2023**  
**Medford Library, Adams Room**

## Attendance:

Present: Harlan Bittner, Lisa Brill, Dennis Cramer, Robin Dressler, John Fries, Richard Handler, Frank Hoeper, Warren Kahn, Rich LaVoy, Jeff Roberts, Ann Smith  
Phil Kolczynski, member

## To-Do List:

- Jeff to finalize the ballot and send an email to active membership with the link to the ballot. It needs to stay open for 2 weeks. We agreed in Oct to remove any mention of "write in" candidates.
- Jeff to remove the e-bike language from the Agreements associated with the on-line RoL, and other locations on the webpage.
- Harlan to convene a small working group to review the existing e-bike knowledge and devise an updated policy, as per the motion passed on 11/20. It can be in Dec or Jan. I am willing to be in the workgroup.
- Rich LaVoy will consolidate info from a number of emails from Phil to document our conversation re e-bikes for the minutes. This can also serve as a jumping off point for the workgroup the Harlan will convene.
- Frank to re-do the proposed 2024 budget
- Lisa and Frank to meet with Stuart Okorofsky at KeyBank aon 12/5 to review the Treasurer responsibilities, a little history, proposed 2024 budget and grant him access to the account.

## Minutes:

1. Welcome – Meeting called to order by Lisa Brill at 4:30 PM
2. Business items
  - a) Approval of October minutes – approved
  - b) Treasurer's report: Dues income \$286.00, misc. income \$2.00. Expenses: Adobe \$20.00, Holiday Party deposit \$50.00, Bikes and Brews expense \$8.00. Cash on hand \$3986.00. Frank submitted to the Board for discussion a proposed budget for 2024. Treasurer's report approved.
  - c) Frank announced his resignation from the Board. The Board thanked Frank for his long-standing service as Treasurer of Siskiyou Velo and noted that Stuart Okorofsky has volunteered to accept the position of Treasurer.
  - d) Motion made and seconded: Lisa, Frank, and prospective Treasurer Stuart Okorofsky to arrange a meeting at Key Bank for the purpose of account turnover to the oncoming Treasurer Motion passed.
3. Holiday Party (Robin): Holiday Party is set and there will be a small charge for RSVP via the web. Robin will resend the invite announcement as apparently some members did not receive the first email.
4. BOD Elections for 2024 (Jeff). Jeff will consolidate the members who are standing for the BOD and email the ballots so they are in the field for two weeks. BOD election results to be announced at the Holiday Party.
5. Website maintenance (Jeff).
  - a) Motion made and seconded: Remove the domain name "Mountain Lake Challenge" from the website. Motion passed.

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- b) Motion made and seconded: Remove the “Up and Down Ride” from the website. Motion passed.
- c) Jeff briefed the board on alternatives he is considering for recommendation to the BOD for management of redesigned website and will present his recommendation at a later date.
- d) Motion made and seconded: Approve \$69.00 expense to Bike Buzz Theme in order to develop the overall theme and appearance of redesigned website. Motion passed.

## 6. E-Bikes (Harlan).

- a) Discussion ensued regarding the current Siskiyou Velo E-Bike policy. During the discussion the BOD received input from a member at large who is considering the purchase of an E-Bike. The member researched Siskiyou Velo’s current E-Bike policy language and believes it to be incorrect. A summary of the member’s remarks are as follows:

“I am a long-standing member and frequent ride leader in the SVC. I believe that the Club made mistakes and prematurely announced an e-bike rule that is being replaced. E-bikes are a new factor in bike club membership. The Club has no clear up-to-date guidance from the LAB. With good intentions, the Club issued its first-ever e-bike rule. As a Ride Leader, I recognize that the use of e-bikes on club group rides is increasing; and it will be growing. Now is the time for a better rule.

This year, I observed management’s supervision of the creation of a new and better Release of Liability. The Club performed a major remodel of the Club membership & renewal process. Importantly the officers and directors updated and developed better safety suggestions for members. These improvements have been overdue for 15 years. From my viewpoint, all these remodeling improvements are excellent but were very time-consuming. This overshadowed thorough consideration for an e-bike rule. I am pleased that the Directors are deliberating on how to replace the first-ever e-bike rule with a better one.”

Motion made and seconded: Strike current language regarding E-bike rules from the Siskiyou Velo website and the Board will deliberate as to what changes to E-bike policy are necessary and by what means the membership will be informed. Motion passed.

Suggested language to incorporate into an email to members:

The Velo Board has retracted the first E-Bike rule that was in existence for for a few months in 2023. On Nov 20, 2023, the Board retracted the first E-bike rule because it was a mistake to state that there is no insurance coverage for Class III bikes without sufficient analysis. The E-bike rule should also correct the bike lane mistake and acknowledge that all cyclists in Oregon according to Oregon law, including those riding Class III E-bikes on public roads with designated Bike Lanes, must cycle in the designated bike lanes.

## 7. Miscellaneous: Lisa had intended present the two updates below (but forgot):

- a) Update on jerseys: Heather, Lisa K and Lisa B reviewed 4 proofs for a variety of styles. I sent an email to Champion outlining changes to the proofs. I have not heard back. We asked again whether Champion could send a few sample jerseys or fabrics to us (we found a webpage saying this was a possibility).
- b) Lisa queried the EZ Rider leaders about whether or not to have EZ rides in Dec & Jan. We've had to cancel a few times due to weather or lack of interest. Heather and Steve Nickel responded and agreed there isn't much interest given the holidays and weather. I

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am not going to coordinate EZ rides for December. I have already coordinated December Velo Melo rides.

8. Next meeting December
  - a. December – Holiday Party Dec 19, 2023
  - b. January 23, 2024, 4:30 to 6:00 PM location TBD
9. Meeting Adjourned 6:20 PM