

Minutes for the board meeting of August 19, 2019

In attendance:

Allan Friedman-President
Maureen Gafney- Membership Coordinator (Via Zoom)
Bill Mastro- Day Trips co-coordinator (Via Zoom)
M. Daniel Bach- Secretary
Chris DeMeo- Leadership Coordinator (Via Zoom)
Corie LaRocca (Staten Island Bike Association)

1. Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM
2. Approval of July 22, 2019 minutes
3. Membership Committee- Presented by Maureen- Discussed member complaints and negative feedback in general. In general a lack of rides is a major source of discontent. She has requested complaints to be in writing. Slight increase in membership from 579 to 593. Once again the same subject is always discussed, how to get the leaders to lead more rides. In short, various strategies discussed, but nothing was decided upon.
4. Treasurer report: None as Steve was not present.
5. Holiday party, to be on December 8, 2019
6. While in previous meetings there was discussion as to picnic rides in the different boroughs, but due to the timing the idea has been shelved for next year when the club can have more time to plan them. Further, there will be no more beach bum rides due to the end of the summer season.
7. Discussion as to the September social, no exact date or location was chosen.

8. Day Trips- Bill reported basically this year is on par with last year in terms of the number of rides. But the biggest problem is only a small percent of leaders list a majority of rides. Discussion as to listing the rides earlier.
9. Weekend rides- question of the amount of independence the leaders should have, general consensus they should be able to make their own decisions as much as possible.
10. How to create a better leader incentive program is a major issue. Bill believes we need to encourage more rides. One idea is to have a pilot program to streamline the leadership course. Perhaps a one day course for a small select riders and then have them on a provisional system. This would only be for day rides, not weekend trips.
11. It was decided a committee would be form to evaluate the proposed pilot program. Chris advocated the establishment of the pilot program.
12. Motion was made and approved to grant Bill and Chris to start an ad hoc committee to implement the pilot program. Allan indicated he would like to have input in the program as well.
13. Nominating committed for future board members. 3 persons are required.
14. Motion made to approve a budget of \$200 to gie socks for the Summer Street volunteers.

Meeting concluded at 8:40PM