Present

David “Mel” Meltzer – President
Andrea Mercado – Secretary
Shawn Carney—Vice President
Bill Mastro – Day Trips Coordinator
Elizabeth “Eliz” Peters— Treasurer
Ed Sobin—Leadership Training Co-Coordinator
Manny Sanudo – Leadership Training Co-Coordinator
Mark Guralnick—Membership Coordinator
Allan Friedman – Communications Co-Coordinator (at 6:20)
Alfredo Garcia – Communications Co-Coordinator
Amy Niebel –Website Coordinator
Mimi Middleton – Informal assistant to the Website Coordinator.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at about 6:10 PM.
By motion made by Mel and seconded by Shawn, the Board approved the June Board minutes with one abstention and one naye vote

Amy reported on migration of website to new host, aiso.net. Wishlist@5bbc.Org for requests for new functionality for the website.

Discussion was had on how to enhance rider safety.

Alfredo reported 1591 likes, with growth of about 10 new/week on Facebook.
Mark reported that we had 605 members with 384 renewals since Jan 1. Discussion was had on progress address in technical issues surrounding, among other things accounting for household members.

Manny and Ed reported on the successful graduates of the 2015 Leadership Training Class. The new leaders and co-leaders are as follows:

Amy Niebel –Leader
Abe Greene-- Leader
Doug Von Hoppe -- Leader
Joseph Shraibman --Co-leader
Jimmy Rivera -- Leader
Elyssa Respaut -- Leader
Mimi Middleton --Co-leader
Bob Moleti --Leader

Eliz reported that the Club’s new Directors and Officers Insurance coverage was now through LAB and with same renewal dates as other policies. With the fact that the Club no longer rented storage facilities, she is in process of compiling a list of Club assets currently being stored by Club Members individually. She reported that the Club was now current in it’s NYS charity/non-profit tax and corporate filings.
Discussion was had on the inadvertent loss of cash payment by leadership training class members to the Club in the amount of $200. In order to prevent a recurrence of this incident, the Board agreed that the Club would no longer accept cash payments for dues, fees or merchandise.

Bill agreed to help Shawn in her outreach efforts to historic partners BikeNewYork and Transportation Alternatives. Discussion was had on identifying, recruiting, and recognizing bike shops which Club members favor, and which are supportive to the Club.

Discussion was had on enhanced functionality to the Website and the objectives and means of upgrading discussion forums on the website for leaders and for Club members. Mimi, Alfredo and Mel agreed to collectively examine and reach agreement on priorities. With respect to web site “bug” fixes and maintenance it was agreed that any material enhancements would be brought to the Board for its approval.

Brief discussion was had on the Holiday party at a TBD date and location and the time frame for nominations and elections for the 2016 Board. The Board was reminded that nominations were to be opened in September, closed in October, with the general meeting of the Club, and with voting and election results by the November 2015 general meeting of the Club.

It was agreed that the Board members would make their desire to serve on the 2016 Board by August meeting.

It being agreed that the Board and Coordinators desired to continue discussion on various matters, the Secretary left the Meeting at 8:45PM after which time she understood that no votes of the Board were taken except with respect to adjournment hereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea M Mercado,  
Secretary