

FIVE BOROUGH BIKE CLUB, INC.
Minutes of the Board
March 14, 2016

Present

Shawn Carney—President
Andrea Casertano - Vice President
Bill Mastro – Day Trips Coordinator
Eliz Peters— Treasurer
Andrea Mercado—Secretary
Allen Friedman – Communications Co-Coordinator (by invitation)
David Meltzer—Membership Co-Coordinator
Ed Sobin – Leadership Training Coordinator

There being a quorum, the President brought the Meeting to order on or about 6:10PM.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the February Meeting of the Board were approved unanimously.

At the invitation of the Board, Allan was invited to participate in the discussion on the status of the proposed membership forum.

The Board excused Allan with its thanks. Discussion was had on encouraging Club leaders to participate in Bike New York Bike Path Cruise Rides and on the need to develop more Quick Spin rides and Leaders.

Discussions were had on the forthcoming Leader Forum to be held at REI and a rough program established.

The Board discussed and determined that, in order to help guide Leaders in the conduct of their rides and to manage expectations of 5BBC trippers. Upon motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously agreed that Andrea M and Bill would draft a policy consistent with those discussions concerning the use and promotion of alcohol in the context leading and advertising Club rides.

The statement below was approved by unanimous email vote of the Board subsequent to this Meeting and published to the Members by the President:

5BBC Guidelines Regarding Alcohol

It is imperative that 5BBC rides be safe and fun for all involved. As part of the ride introduction, safety should be stressed in all aspects and trippers reminded that it is their responsibility to look out for themselves and their fellow riders when they ride with a 5BBC group. Likewise, where appropriate, we want to encourage trippers to be independently mindful about whether and how much they drink. And, in the unlikely event that we notice a tripper who has consumed an excess of alcohol, we want to discourage impaired trippers from riding. To further these objectives and help our leaders manage tripper expectations, the Board has devised the following guidelines on the use and promotion of alcoholic beverages on 5BBC rides.

- 1) Should a Leader, in the judgment of the second Leader on the ride, appear to be impaired – whether for alcohol or any other reason -- on a ride, it is expected that the second Leader will encourage the impaired Leader to relinquish their role on and leave, the ride. The second Leader may enlist whatever assistance he or she thinks necessary in order to conclude the ride safely. Any assistance should be sought firstly from any riders on the ride who happen to be 5BBC Leaders and, absent that, from other 5BBC riders.

- 2) Trippers and leaders alike, who are adults over 21, have had and continue to have the option to consume alcoholic beverages at lunch or other stops on many of our rides. Leaders are expected to and must drink and behave responsibly and not encourage, verbally or by their actions, that trippers drink.
- 3) It has and continues to be acceptable for a ride to end at brewery or other location that sells alcoholic beverages. In these instances, the ride must end when you reach the destination and a leader should identify nearby public transportation during his or her trip welcoming remarks, at the time of arrival at the location and in the ride descriptions posted to the 5BBC website or used on other sites or in any other manner. Leaders should not under any circumstances indicate that there is or may be an “unofficial” ride home afterwards.
- 4) It is always the Leader’s prerogative to cycle home from any 5BBC Club ride. In the above circumstance, any riders who wish to ride home with the Leader must be instructed that the 5BBC ride is concluded. The Leader’s role is to direct them to mass transit or suggest other ways to get home. If they are still insist on riding home with the Leader, he or she must notify rider that they do so at their own risk.
- 5) The primary purpose of a 5BBC ride may not be for the consumption of alcoholic beverages. Bar crawls or the like are strictly prohibited. However, nothing prohibits using a place that dispenses alcoholic beverages as a food stop, scenic stop (e.g. a winery), historical stop or the like.
- 6) If a leader in his or her judgment decides that a tripper appears impaired—whether by alcohol or for any other reason-- it is expected that he or she will tell the tripper that he or she is off of the ride and to identify and encourage the tripper to take an alternate means of transportation home.
- 7) The Day Trips Coordinator will edit ride descriptions and promotions on the 5BBC site to assure consistency with the above.
- 8) Leaders are strictly prohibited from leading any portion of a ride if they are impaired.
- 9) The 5BBC Club will not sell or provide alcoholic beverages at 5BBC Club events without first obtaining the requisite additional insurance rider.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the Meeting was adjourned on or about 7PM.

Respectfully submitted

Andrea Mercado
Secretary