

Chinook Cycling Club

Closed Board Meeting Minutes

Oct 2, 2024

Round Table Pizza, Leslie/Gage in Richland, WA, 530-730pm

2024 Board Members (with term ending year): Sean Murphy (President, 25), Rodney Scrimsher (VP, 24), Chad Eder (Treasurer, 24), Vanessa Monie (Secretary, 25), Julie Nelson (24), Carol Simmons (24), Jen Gahringer (25), Tim Staloch (25).

Call to Order: President Sean called meeting to order @ 5:54pm.

In attendance: Sean, Rodney, Chad, Julie, Jen, Tim, and Vanesa (via phone).

Excused: Carol Simmons

Approval of previous meetings minutes: Chad motioned to approve- Rod seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Officers, Board, and Standing Committee Reports:

- President Updates:
 - MTB Series- 1st event @ Chamna had 49 riders, several new. Kids race went well. Julie had numbers for kiddos and kept times with hopes that they come back next year. No major issues/injuries/altercations (couple minor accidents).
 - Next event @ Columbia Park/Reach (+BBQ per Eric Jenson). Eric/Greg planning work party this Friday afternoon.
 - Zwift- per convo with Jace, will start soon, end of Oct, likely Thursdays @ 530pm. Possibly weekend ride. He still has gift cards from last season to give out.
 - CRD- no update
 - Van- no update
 - Website- per Carols notes- She is asking to find someone else to take over as primary on the website, and she will be backup. Between her work/travel and already managing email/social media, its too much. The website is difficult, the email button isn't working. Missing forms? Can we find another volunteer?
 - Chad concurs, website is tech forward. We have free version and its clunky.
 - Sean: Would changing website host help (ie google)?
 - Chad: We still need a person to do it regardless of platform. He offered to help teach.
 - Tim: Can we move most things to Facebook so there are less updates needed?
 - Jen: What about paying for a service to manage it?
 - Chad been managing for 5 years. Kept library of previous results. Can Facebook keep "folders" to find stuff easy? Website through Weebly (sp?).
 - Rod: Table for now. Willing to look at it with Chad, but time frame of publishing results might be tight.

- **Sean proposed an Action Item: Ask members if anyone is interested in taking over primary website mgmt. from Carol.**
 - Discussion followed regarding Chad staying on as Webmaster after vacating his board position. Chad voiced unhappiness that he was asked to step down from website mgmt. Sean and Julie mentioned that Chad was already doing so much as Treasurer, and since Shane volunteered to help, the idea was to spread the workload. Chad to take a look at it and will let the board know. Rod gave kudos to Chad for the work he did.
 - Above action item on hold until Chads decision.
- Treasurer:
 - No financial report (done at open meeting in August)
 - Will continue to report at Open Meetings (quarterly) but don't see the value in reporting at both Open & Closed Meetings.
 - **Chad motioned to add Tim Staloch as signature authority to all banking accounts. Julie seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
 - **Tim motioned to add Vanessa Monie as 2nd signature authority on banking accounts. Chad seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
 - Consider adding accountability of Treasurer by sending bank statements to alternate person for random audits.

Old Business:

- Action Items:
 - Social media poll for jersey design (Jen/Tim)
 - Jen created a SurveyMonkey questionnaire. Will work with Tim to get it transferred to Chinook account and send out.
 - Chad brought up discussion regarding clothing options- that we can't offer triathlon clothing due to charter and insurance issues.
 - Member of the year poll announcement email: Per updated minutes- Carol plans to send out this week
 - Chad: Board needs to decide if/who receives award.
 - Tim to spearhead selection process and awards
 - Will be announced early 2025

New Business:

- Sean
 - Next year's calendar-
 - Tim suggests for 2 people to hash out a full year calendar to prevent schedule conflicts like we had in 2024.
 - Rod: everyone submit list of events they would like to do
 - Chad: MTB every 2 weeks. Chainbreaker series.
 - Tim: try to include other bigger events from around the area

- Jen: include Dirt Abides series.
 - Rod: include Ryan from CRD to prevent scheduling conflicts
 - **Action item: Rod & Tim will contact Ryan & work on schedule by early Jan**
 - Rod: discussion regarding continuing century rides?
 - Julie: can we do 3 MTB & 3 gravel events instead of 6 MTB?
 - Tim: likes the idea but probably best in Spring
 - Rod: just need someone to step up and lead it.
 - Chad: probably best to add another series than split up MTB
 - Dues structure- is revenue adequate? Do we need to increase dues?
 - Chad: We have plenty of Cash. Our budget is set for deficit spending, but we don't spend it. Bathroom prices went from 50 to 300\$/month- not realistic. MTB prizes have decreased d/t too large of payouts, it didn't make sense. Doesn't recommend reducing dues.
 - Jen: lets find good things to spend it on
 - Chad: spending more at club meetings for food (salad & beer)
 - Rod: don't need to raise dues
 - Julie: how about more prizes per category (expert/sport/begin) or age group
 - Sean also questions the calendar vs rolling dues schedule.
 - Consensus was leave everything as is.
 - Treasurer for next year
 - Chad will finish term (2024) and not renew.
 - **Sean motioned to transition treasurer position to Tim. Rod seconded. All in favor, motion passed.**
 - Nomination process for open board position
 - Chad to send out official documents (*done 10/3/2024*)
 - Jan 1 @ Chamna
 - Ride + Chili feed planned
- Jen
 - Final plan for B ride- final posted ride will be 10/5. Will post announcement that group will resume in Spring
 - What do to with inventoried clothes? Do we need to order more?
 - A bunch given out @ 1st Chamna
 - Chad: Clothes were for purchase but lets give out and write off
 - Julie: can we give swag at meetings?
 - Jen: what else can we do to get people to club meetings? Make them "social" hour.
 - Chad: Weve always had low turnout. Reflects people's priorities. Improve presentation aspect.
 - Julie: combo board mtg & social event
 - Tim: Consider alternate venue. Ice harbor?
 - Rod: entice people with giveaways
 - Sean: have speaker/presentation @ meetings

- **Action Item: Jen to give remaining shirts/swag @ Columbia Point & Chamna MTB events.**
- Will consider ordering more items depended on survey monkey results.

Announcements:

Adjourn: Tim motioned to adjourn, Sean seconded @ 715pm.