



Chinook Cycling Club

Annual Retreat Meeting Minutes



December 20, 2019

5:30pm, Chad Eder's house

2019 Board Members (with term ending year): **John Burke** (President, 21), **John Limbaugh** (VP, 20), **Chad Eder** (Treasurer, 21), **Melanie Hanson** (Secretary, 20), Greg Turpen (20), **Rod Scrimsher** (20), **Eric Jensen** (21), **Jeff Segwick** (21).

1. Budget for 2020. New spending ideas:

- Giveaways for monthly Mega Ride. Food at the start and finish, beer, wine, etc.
- Rattlesnake TT when appropriate.
- Gravel fondos.

2. Discontinue USA Cycling membership?

- Go for one more year due to needing to shop around for new insurance. Remind Chad in the fall to start shopping around.

3. Spring road series: **Rod** will organize it again.

- Enduro format - regrouping after segments.
- Three or four events.
- Increase promotion of the rides.

4. Open Club Meeting location, dates: **Jeff** will inquire about Country Gentleman.

- Other option: Twigs.

5. MTB series coordinator: Need a point of contact as the lead person. Possibly **Greg**.

- Could form a committee with **Eric**, Steve, Ian, **Burke**, **Limbaugh**, **Chad**, Roy, Jeff, Sean Murphy.

6. MTB series participation increase: Badger has the lowest participation and is the most difficult to organize. Conflicts with hikers is a problem. Mass start is worse than the TT.

- Maybe do a gravel ride instead. Eric is interested in organizing it.
- Skills clinic - Darin from Greenies hosted the last one. Maybe Damion Miller.

Participants were lured by the large money prizes in the past, especially 2016.
Kids race - before some of the events. Reach out to the lady who asked about it.

7. Potential century rides: **Rod** - wants to do Deadman's Pass or Anthony Lakes or something similar.

Join other club rides, eg. Pendleton

8. New Years Ride - coordination needed ASAP. Anyone want to step up to organize this one? Roughly an hour long ride at Chamna. Start time? **Greg** will organize this one again.

9. Vision for next year - what are your goals for the club for the coming year? I'd like everyone to come to the meeting with some thoughts on items they would like to pursue or see the club take on.

Bring back "Court Club" style group rides, maybe 1 Saturday a month. The Mega Ride. Goal is to get large numbers (50-100) and numerous groups formed. It allows more people to experience group rides. Announce the route ahead of time. See if Mike Robinson will speak at the beginning.

Participate with the Walla Walla club on some rides.

Trail maintenance and trail building - get better at it. Only a few ever show up. It is better to send individual requests than a mass request.

New mtb trail on Badger? Rattlesnake trails? Tripple Vista?

Make the local lighted boat parade and the Walla Walla lighted bike parade annual events.

Look into switching memberships from annual to a 12-month period from the time of signing up. **ACTION: Chad** ask Webscorer if they can do that or try to find a provider that can.

BBQ at Columbia Park after the mtb event - social event.

10. Saturday Ride Host - we have lived without this one for a while. What are your thoughts on this? Ok? Get someone to take on the role? Send a 'weekend Ride' email instead of targeting just Sunday? Same idea, no route predetermined.

Have some set routes. **Limbaugh** will ask Dennis and Chuck if they are interested.

Other: Chinook Strava list - can some people be removed?

Is it time to sell the club wheel? 10-speed, old, and doesn't fit a lot of frames.

Limbaugh will do some research on pricing. Try to sell it on Facebook site first.

City of Richland permit was more expensive this year. Craig negotiated for a lower fee in the past.

Bike Tri-Cities: work with them more.

Contact JackRoo about sales. Stay with them in the future?

Local cyclocross training - **Limbaugh** will bring it back to Columbia Park.

Race team - Markee is probably taking over.

Items for the next agenda:

Van - do we need to keep it?

Wednesday Night Worlds Ride Leaders? Julie Nelson to lead the women?