



Chinook Cycling Club

Open Club Meeting Minutes



August 21, 2024 - Open Club Board Meeting - Round Table Pizza on Leslie & Gage in Richland, WA (5:30pm - 7:00pm)

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: 5:44 call to order (Rodney not present).

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Chad motion to approve, Tim second - all approved, motion passed.

Officers, Boards & Standing Committee reports:

- **Sean** - Jace update: 90 Chinook riders on Zwift. Great to have 2 organized rides a week during the colder season and offer Zwift races.

Order is switched up for the MTB series from previous years. Will be advertised.

CRD update - Planning for a 3 day gravel camp this fall. Chinook Devo kit redesign for 2025. Winter strength training is planned for Tuesday/Thursday pending Aaron approval for location.

- **Treasurer:** Financial Report - Income through July: received 83% of income for the year. Doing fine financially. Expense wise-were doing well, expenses tend to go up in the second half of the season. Insurance will stay low, it's much less than in previous years. We're 3700 "in the good" in total expenses and we've only spent 34% of the budget so far. As of July 31st we were 2 members ahead at that point last year.
- Craig Groendyke- time trial series update - participation is down a little bit. And participation tends to wane as the season progresses. Time trial awards are going to be part of the awards budget.

Old Business:

- Tasks:
 - Google calendar creation for Chinook Cycling Club - Carol - did not happen. Carol will do it soon.
 - Julie volunteer meeting for MTB project - Had a meeting. At least 45 people showed up and quite a few people came forward to volunteer. A big success. This is an informal agreement for the trails, still agreed that they want quality trails and want to hire a consultant for a design. Soonest starting for the project will be late fall 2024.

New Business:

- **Jen - B Ride continuation through fall / winter?** - B group rides are going well. Average 40ish miles, some have been over 50. Anywhere from 6-12 people show up. Not sure that the pace advertised is what's happening. Jen wants feedback from participants. Sometimes A group pulls and B group tries to go, and it tends to be faster. Jen does not plan on organizing something official through winter, she will not be able to commit. She envisions a spring-to-fall organized B group.

Discussion:

John Burke feedback - Loved the advertising, enjoyed explicitly joining the B rides. Talked with new club members, and it was great to have the ability to offer two choices for them.

Julie - Really pleased with how the B rides are going so far, pretty darn inclusive.

Eric Jensen - Most important part is having the route out there and having it organized.

Trina - There is a demand for C group too. But organization is needed. All of it is good, it's helping grow the community.

Tim - Consider a routine route as a safety so people feel comfortable without an official ride leader.

Chad - Once we start something, we should keep it up - commit to figuring it out, as a club- and continue to offer it.

Carol - Feels it will pick right back up next year if we decide to put a pause on official B group organization over the fall/winter.

- **Jen - New kit design?** - CRD is planning to update theirs, does Chinook want to update ours? Last year was a design redo just with new sponsors. Jen wanted to see if anyone was interested and whether they wanted new product offerings.

Discussion:

Sean - before Christmas is when the store should be open for bulk discount orders.

Chad - because we've been offering "as needed", the "bulk offerings" has been very low, so that threshold has been hard to meet. Last big design change was around 11 - 12 years ago.

Jen- Jackroo offers one free design with two minor modifications. Jen feels it's time for a change but does not want to be the one to start the motion, she wants more interest.

Trina - Feels that too many changes and you lose that solidarity feel with your teammates if not everyone buys a new jersey. So maybe hold off on a major redesign. ***Action item - put it out on social media, get a poll from members.**

- **Carol - Club elections in November** - Elections coming up in November. Rod, Chad, Carol, Julie up for election.
- **Carol - Website/Email admin user issues** - Info@ and Chinook@ are the two emails, Action item - Chad will find out who will get the emails.
- **Carol - Member of the year** - ***Action Item - Carol will put out an email and social media posts about nominations.**
- **Vanessa - Chinook Party details** - Snack run at Costco- Carol will do Costco run for snacks. - Chad is in charge of sponsor beverages. Carol will be there for setup as well as Tim and Vanessa. Julie and Sean volunteer for takedown.
- **John B - Volunteers for MTB series** - Time to start thinking about what's next: Let's see if we can get someone to champion (help set up) each event. Need to recruit event leaders who will think about the course, help mow etc, set up. John will continue with the "day of" responsibilities. Chad is keeping the volunteer mastersheet.
Tim thinks he can champion a race later in the season.
Sean is taking on Chamna and Columbia Park
Jared is Walla Walla
Mark Sturgis for Chamna 2
John B taking on Mercer and Echo.
- **Time trial party September 24th - Craig Groendyke.**

Announcements: Next open meeting November 20th

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tim, Carol seconds at 6:47pm.