



Chinook Cycling Club

Open Club Meeting Minutes



February 22, 2022 - Open Club Board Meeting - Round Table Pizza on Leslie & Gage in Richland, WA (5:30pm - 7:30pm)

2023 Board Members (with term ending year): John Limbaugh (President, 24), Rod Scrimsher (VP, 24), Chad Eder (Treasurer, 23), Mike Bensussen (Secretary, 24), John Burke (23), Eric Jensen (23), Carol Simmons (24), Julie Nelson (24).

Call To Order: meeting called to order by Pres. @5:40pm.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: motion to approve (Sec.), 2nd (JB). November open meeting minutes approved as published.

Officers, Boards & Standing Committees:

- **Treasurer: Financial Report & Budget Review: (via telecon)** - Discussion focused on review of budget items related to continued financing of "Porta Potties" service provided by Chinook for two park/trailheads in the Richland area. Due to rising costs and loyalty pricing expiration, a suggestion was made by the membership to consider letting this support lapse in lieu of the \$3000/yr. expense. Comment was made that this equals 1/3rd of club income. A vote was motioned, 2nd, with unanimous approval after discussion. Also up for discussion was the Chinook Racing Development team sponsorship; a commitment equaling \$2000/year. A member suggested in light of the declining membership (from ~215 down to ~150) a review of "full annual sponsorship" was in order. The Secretary inquired as to why budget numbers for CRD were different than in the past and unaccompanied by a presentation; membership commented that a \$2000 sponsorship for CRD constitutes essentially a ~\$12/person stake in the development team, even if they don't race. Further discussion was had RE: the board responsibility to shed light and be transparent with club funds, remarking additionally that CRD must be maintained under an Officer's report during official board meetings; officially identified as VP. A motion to approve CRD \$2000 sponsorship was delayed until further budget/plan details were illuminated to understand the membership's stake in the team (VP/Tres. forwarded CRD Budget Details within 24hrs). A vote to approve via email is pending. It was also recommended that Event Sponsorship budget be reduced by half, and D. Cooley's MTB development team should receive \$100 goodwill sponsorship.

- **Secretary:** Sponsorship discussion: Sec. discussed sponsorship messaging that was disbursed the beginning of February (slightly later than normal) but that 4 out of 5 club sponsors have responded in the affirmative, and sent funds accordingly. Also brought a point of order comment regarding Officers Reports and agenda items. Process should be followed to minimize New Business agenda items that really belong in standing reports and also should be accompanied with proposals, plans, and votes to retain board energy and stewardship.
- **VP:** Update on Lewiston Spring Training Camp (Mar.29 - Apr.1): There are still spots available and rooms need to start being paid for by the individuals who are signed up and want to stay at the host hotel. The camp is planned with last year's logistics, but minus one SAG driver (at the moment). More SAG may be sought if necessary for the group, but right now CS is committed to SAG drive the Chinook Van the whole week! Further discussion around logistics and costs ~ \$175 + Room for the camp. Spring Road Race Series - potential dates & formats: all dates in April tentatively the 8th, 15th, & 22nd. Consecutive weekends where few races are scheduled throughout the region. Same format as in the past, despite some heartburn voiced by membership. There were suggestions to move events to during the week, perhaps where there are fewer weekend conflicts for racing. This could kick off other group ride series like the Thursday Night Throwdown or something else. Will maintain the final social gathering for the completion of the series.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Racing Development Team & Chinook: This agenda item related to discussion above for Treasurer and Secretary. VP agreed that it is his responsibility in the future for Officer's reporting on this subject and will entertain discussion on CRD during his standing board report going forward. The membership suggested that someone from the CRD "advisory board" should be present or submit a report through the VP for all public board meetings.
2. Upcoming series events:
 - TT Series - proposed schedule & changes: 1st event - Mar. 28th 5mile TT. 40K start time moved from 9AM to 8AM. July 4th is a TT date (8AM - 11AM window). Air quality policy will be relaxed to apply better discretion at the Race Director's disposal.
 - MTB Series Discussion - Sean Murphy presentation/committee chair. Will work with JB to report of this item going forward. Anticipate same structure as last year, and efforts are underway to maintain relationships and improve event execution.
 - Chinook partnering with City of Kennewick/Shrub Steppe Trail & IMBA: there was additional discussion from JN re: additional board members of Shrub Steppe and support was voiced for her efforts in Trail Advocacy and stewardship. Will undertake a Board report for TA.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned @7:40PM