



Chinook Cycling Club

Closed Board Meeting Minutes



July 11, 2024 - Closed Club Board Meeting - Round Table Pizza at 1435 George Washington Way 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: VP call to order at 538PM. **Sean and Jen not present** (*Jen called in and was present over the phone, did not participate in motions).

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Tim motioned to approve - Carol seconded. All in favor and minutes approved. (Chad mentioned afterwards to add, "Motion passed" in future in meeting minutes).

Officers, Boards & Standing Committee reports:

- **VP:**

-Report on Century rides : Since the last meeting, we've had Deadmans Pass (June 8) with 6-7 riders who did the 100 miler. Another 16 did the shortened route! Some new riders showed up and it worked well to have a shorter route option.

The Triple Bypass also happened. There were 8 riders and Carol sag wagoned. 12 years since we've done it, traffic has been a concern. Traffic wasn't bad - it helped to have Carol behind with the van. There was a lot of traffic on the final descent but it had a decent shoulder. Rod thinks it would be a great ride to do again.

Julie thinks it's okay to change up the centuries, to make it interesting. Chad said habit is good, keeping the routes the same is OKAY.

Talk about point to point vs loop rides (Anthony Lakes ride), logistically harder for a point to point ride so preference is for loops.

- **Secretary:**

-Jace update (email update he forwarded) :

"We have 89 Chinook Club Zwift riders. Our Zwift organized rides are dormant during the primary "outdoor" riding season. Once the weather/daylight turns in late October then I will turn on the weekly organized Zwift rides again. It would be great to have two organized rides a week during the "indoor" riding season with enough interest. It would also be great to stage some races for

points. I'm thinking big but also optimistic about interest. I'm seeing various Chinook riders staying active with Zwift this summer, in addition to their outdoor riding, so the continued interest in Zwift remains. As a reminder, I still have two \$25 gift cards to give out this fall/winter to Chinook Club members during some organized club Zwift events. "

Old Business:

- Action items:

- > *Survey on Training Camp?* (Rod and Julie) - 14 responses from survey. Did not send it out again before the closed meeting - but responses from the initial survey were a little bit of everything. First week of March was majority preference timing-wise. Southern location voted best spot (not specific). Anywhere close with good riding was preferred. (Walla Walla and Lewiston). AZ and UT got 8 responses. Poor weather is biggest deterrent. Potentially scheduling around the AZ BWR, as several members are already planning to ride it in 2025. Rod wants to pick the discussion back up later in the year.

Chad: 126 members right now, same number as last year.

- > *New weekend ride time announcement on website (Rod) and via email and social media (Carol).* - **Website not updated yet.**

- Request to have Chinook donate \$ to help pump track completion. Was considering request of \$2000 from Chinook's budget surplus (Julie) -One time \$2000 by Chinook? Or support by having info posted at MTB series. Are there levels of acknowledgement for donations? \$1000 would be a big deal for Chinook and it would be nice to know if the community knew that Chinook contributed. Julie pretty sure something like that could be arranged - **Tabled right now.**

New Business:

- **(on behalf of) President:**
 - Talk about website - Want to change anything? Can we improve?

Shane(*present at board meeting)- Board needs to tell him what to do. He will either tell us he can or can't. Century rides have not been updated yet. He has not deleted things yet.

Carol - could she run the website and add things as she wants (change things up as she feels is necessary and she knows what needs to be done). Shane say's it should be possible for her to get admin login.

Chad - He used to run the website, knows it well. Historically there was a disconnect between the webmaster and the public and communication didn't get passed along. The board has not been diligent with communicating with the webmaster. Does Shane want to keep responsibility?

Shane- He's made fixes he wanted to make already (structure of website itself). Shane still wants to see more pictures - syncing with Instagram?

Do we want to have a board member who wants to transfer the info to Shane or Carol (or another board member) take over and go to Shane with questions? Chad has stepped back from the role and is okay with that. Complaints from users have been historically regarding the calendars and the lack of updates to the CRD page.

Rod motion to leave Shane as overseer (webmaster) and add Carol as admin. Carol will be in charge of inputting new info- using Shane as a resource - Tim seconded. Julie suggests making it a standard item on our meeting agenda. All in favor, motion approved.

Shane- He does not have access to google account (Chad's). Chinook Events and Area rides are two calendars he has linked. Shane's suggestion is to de-link and then to use a calendar app within Wix.

Carol - We need a Club google email.

Chad- We already do have an email service but it does not have calendar properties.

Carol Wants one centralized platform - email and calendar.

Chad- There seems to be no way around double authentication for Google account.

Chad likes the domain service that we have currently, it's linked to paypal and bills and it's free. Does not prefer Gmail for communication.

Rod- any downfall for Gmail for calendar only? Downfall is only one person.

Tim- Share calendar function should be possible.

Julie asked Shane to create a Gmail account.

Chad Motion - Shane to create a new Chinook Google calendar account. Carol will be in charge of it. Seconded by Vanessa. All in favor and motion approved.

- **JG (will phone in):**

-**B ride update** - Six weeks of official B ride, one week no official leader but route was posted. 6 - 10 B groupers. 12-18 total show up and then A riders peel off. Still trying to figure out ideal mileage - 25 miles and people wanted more. Around 45 miles seems right. 17-18 is average mileage and seems to be a good job so far! People know what

they're getting into.

*Need new leaders - July 27 and August 3rd.

July 27th Julie may be able to do it.

Chad- Have you started off with A group?

Jen -All headed out together. Jen felt that when the groups started out together and stayed together longer, the average ride pace was too high.

Julie - May help to announce when the two groups will split.

Jen - Agreed and part of her process is figuring out the routes, when the best place for two groups to split apart.

-Jen taking over the clothing situation for Chinook, point of contact for Jackaroo. Chad has all the vector files for Jen if she needs.

- **JN:**

- Update on trails, and discuss if Chinook is interested supporting any trail efforts -**

Talked to second landowner who's generous with use of land for trails. Thousands of acres. Issue is now - how do we build a trail system? Homeowner wants to start small, so it will have to be volunteer built. Julie is learning how to build a trail system. Will organize volunteer info meeting at beginning of August. Wants to start building something in October. Tim recommends talking with Steve Hanson as far as local business help - Steve has a gravel pit. Chad thinks we can get members involved, some momentum - put more money by club if there is more member interest. Let their interest dictate that \$\$ direction. Chinook can hopefully help Julie get volunteers. August 2nd or 9th as meeting date.

- MTB kids races - yes good to go for the In-town kids races.

- **CS:**

- Club email - access etc - *covered in above discussion.*

- **VM:**

- End of season party - Talk to Kurt Regnegel (DeJaun) - Let them lead. September 14th should be an ideal date.

Announcements:

Adjourn: 7:05 adjourned by Rod.