



Chinook Cycling Club

Open Club Meeting Minutes



May 22, 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: 5:47pm meeting commenced by Rod Scrimsher. NOT present: Chad Eder and Sean Murphy.

Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Julie motion, Tim seconded. All approved.

Officers, Boards & Standing Committee reports:

- **VP:** IEC and Deadman's Pass update:

20 attended IEC. \$70 to do the Century, majority had yellow armband. Hosts were grateful, looked good for the club. Average pace of 20 mph for the group!

Deadman's pass in two weeks from this Saturday (8th of June)- push will be for 20 plus Chinook riders to show up. Places for support and snacks along route but the ride will be unsupported. Goal for group to stay together, regroup at top of climb. Possibly send the faster group on for an additional 5 miles to allow others to catch up. Will take Chinook Van. ByPass will be the final about 4-5 weeks out.

- **Treasurer:** Tim fielding questions in Chad's place.

Tim asked about membership - whether we were on track: We're a few behind from last year. Anticipate a bigger push for MTB races. So far BELOW budget, as a non-profit we should aim to utilize more of the budget!

Old Business: Action items review - ***ACKNOWLEDGED, no comment by group.**

- Jace has not sent in a notice for reimbursement - action item to remind him. - ****Jace turned in a receipt and has been reimbursed*
- Two deposits need to be refunded from the club and Chad will look into it. ****One was actually a payment for CRD. The other was returned.*

- Rod will get the ball rolling by creating some questions and submit to the Google chat, Julie will help with the question creation as well. ****completed*
- Secretary will check in with Ryan to see if he'll move dates so they don't compete.- ****completed*
- Action item to create a Chinook Club policy on event protocol. ****in motion.*
- Julie will make up descriptions for group ride on website. Sean and Vanessa will craft an email for B ride volunteers. ****completed*
- Carol will ask Jon Burke for help with updating the banner. - ****resolved*

New Business:

- **Rod:** Spring training survey discussion

Not much participation in training camp, survey was sent out. Some people replied - still waiting on more responses to come in. Will use it to make a decision for next year. ***Action item to put out a reminder to complete survey before next meeting. (So around first of July - Julie).**

- **Jen and Julie:** B Group Debut

If we want events to happen, we need a wide base and to be more inclusive. B Ride essential and public has been asking. June 1st is debut. Routes need to be put together on Strava (or pick from the ones already listed on Chinook website). Goal: more encouraging and emphasis on regrouping.

Sean, Jen, Julie and possibly Chad (NEED 4). No volunteers piped up from email. Julie and Jen are the official head for the B ride.

8 am start is the new start time as well - ***ACTION ITEM, Carol announcing the new start time. * Rod will contact Shane to change the time on the website.**

- **Julie: Ride definitions (*refer to printout)**

Wants to give to Greenies and Bike Tri Cities to post and advertise as well. Julie will update Sunday to "route and pace determined by how Sunday went".

Trails Update:

Talked to land owner and have permission to build trails behind Jump off Joe. 4,000 acres and someone is surveying. Another landowner giving partial permission in same area. Exciting possibility for new trails to be built (will be

volunteer built). Think about putting club resources towards more professional trail build and maintenance. Or at least professional design.

Julie wants to ask if Chinook wants to grant some money towards a Kennewick pump track. Looking to raise around 200k. Julie was thinking around \$2000 from our surplus. **Tim motioned to table until we have further information - wants more info from City of Kennewick and other members are present. Julie will forward the club plans and budget before next meeting. Rod seconds to table.**

- **Carol: Wednesday social ride update**

Has been successful! Lots of new riders every week. Split up into different groups since there are so many people present - all go back and regroup afterwards at sponsor - Ice Harbor. People seeing the ride advertised on FB. Some not even members of the club. Hoping to get new members from the ride as well.

- **John Burke:**

Reaching out to venues about fall MTB series - Columbia Park said they're full. No more events. Official rules no event permit needed with under 100 people and no food venues. Should not officially need a permit - down side is we would not have the city clearing people, no trash service. Could still hold a BBQ or picnic. Can't bring port-o-potty where it usually is, maybe won't be as convenient.

One possibility for alternate location is Badger or timed up McBee. Another thought is LaGrande - problem is it's farther. OR, double up location. Ancient Lakes in Quincy is another option.

Rod and Tim said they'd push to try for local, see how it goes without permit. John will talk more with Sean - not looking for a resolution tonight.

Bennington has a running race the same date. Will seek to just swap the date with Columbia Park. Won't want to advertise until things are more finalized.

Announcements: Next open meeting August 21st

Adjourn: Tim motion to adjourn at 6:41pm, Vanessa seconds.