

## **Minutes of the BCI Board Meeting. February 1, 2024**

Present: Marc Urias, Bill Sellin, Pete Van Nuys, Mike Alvarez, Bev Plass, Ed Rubenstein, Richard Brock, Lynda Randall, Aaron Sher, and Jerry Chen (guest)

**President:** Marc Urias called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Based on Treasurer Ed Rubenstein's recommendation, Marc suggested that we hold off on a discussion of spending priorities. The board agreed to table a discussion of how to expend BCI funds until we have secured the non-profit status. At a future meeting, the board will discuss how much money the club should retain in reserves, and how we might invest in enhancements that will benefit our members.

**Vice-President:** Pete Van Nuys

Pete identified a potential speaker as a sales representative from Wahoo. There was a discussion of the possibility of purchasing a \$150 Wahoo chest strap to be raffled. Further discussion explored the possibility of splitting the cost with Wahoo or asking them to donate the item. The consensus was that we should not purchase the item at retail. Marc suggested Pete advise Wahoo in advance of the features we want to learn about. Pete agreed to investigate some features in advance and make suggestions to the presenter. Bill suggested one feature to explore might be how the Wahoo training tools interface with Ride with GPS.

Lynda Randall suggested we give the presenter a time limit, and Bill noted that we should conduct announcements prior to the presentation.

For the March meeting, Bill will ask Starbucks to donate some coffee, and we will order more pizza and add salad to the menu.

**Ride Coordinator:** Bill Sellin

The Solvang Ride is planned for March 8-9. Pete has booked some hotel rooms, and Bill has redone routes to leave from the hotel.

The Tour de Palm Springs will take place on February 10, and Mike Alvarez is coordinating sign-up of BCI riders.

**Taiwan Guests:** Jerry Chen

Seventeen riders from Taiwan will be visiting at the end of February. There will be several planned rides. These riders are from a non-profit group, and most of the riders are disabled. The riders have a goal of helping others to overcome limitations and extending friendship and good will. The bicycle is a sign of freedom, and the riders want to share this with

others. Most of the riders use hand cycles (all are electric), and the planned rides will be gentle.

In 2022, 50 riders cycled 1000 km around Taiwan and established an Official Guinness World Record. Jerry will plan a goodbye dinner, Bill has prepared certificates to present, and the club will present a signed BCI jersey.

Richard Brock suggested we spend some money and get a police escort, and even ask them to control the lights. Bill offered that we could ask the mayor to come out and welcome the group, and see if she can provide these services without cost to BCI.

Pete will contact the Blind Stokers Club and a hand-cycling group in Sacramento.

Marc will reach out to the OC Register. Lynda Randall suggested we issue a press release to local media.

Jerry Chen has prepared a PA system.

Board members should forward any additional ideas to Jerry.

Schedule for Taiwan Guests:

- Feb. 21: Arrival (Staying at Extended Stay America, Newport Beach)
- Feb. 22: Rest Day
- February 23: Ride Safety Instruction and Welcome Ride
- Saturday: February 24: The group will ride from Carl's junior to Deerfield Park to join BCI riders for an optional add-on.
- March 4: Farewell Party at the Duck Club and Signing Ceremony (inviting BCI members).

**Treasurer:** Ed Rubinstein

| Bank Accounts Overview<br>Data through Jan. 31, 2024 |   |             |
|--|---|-------------|
|  | Savings Account (including \$.18 interest)  | \$4443.22   |
|  | Current Values of CDs (\$16,500 transferred to 3 CDs of \$5500 for 7, all, and 13 months) | \$16,560.75 |
|  | Checking  | \$4380.26   |

Total Dollars:

\$23,648.18 (31 January 2023)

\$25,384.23 (31 January 2024)

| Revenue Sources                  | Expenses  |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 17 member dues payments received | \$49.99 Ride with GPS annual fee                      |
| 1 \$35 jersey sale               | \$124.71 monthly general meeting excluding gift cards |
| \$100 for two new sponsors       | \$200 in \$20 gift cards                              |
|                                  | Post Office \$15.47                                   |
|                                  | Dues refund check issued to Zhang negotiated*         |

\*Bill clarified that Alex Zhang will ride with his mother, so the membership was not cancelled.

Regarding the non-profit status, Ed shared that the resubmitted Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of incorporation has been received by and is pending with the Secretary of State, and he verified that status with a phone call on January 31, 2024. The submission was accompanied by a letter indicating that we had already received the implied consent from the Attorney General's Office, and that the Franchise Tax Board has accepted his reasoning and argument. The matter is still pending.

**Membership:** Lynda Randall

Our membership as of 2/1/24 stood at 261 active members, 31 lifetime members, and 20 sponsors for a total of 312.

Three new members joined in January, six in December,

The Board discussed ways to get input from members in designing a new jersey. It was decided that Lynda would invite Bill Sellin, Mike Alvarez, Bev Plass, Tommie Kozlov, and Jan McQueen to serve as the committee. She will work to convene the committee very soon via Zoom. There are several designs under development, and the committee will select the final design. The goal is to keep the jerseys at the \$50-\$60 price point, and we will probably not order shorts or bibs. We might, however, design a wind vest and sleeves to coordinate with the selected design.

**Communications:** (Bill reported for Kim Gerrard)

Our annual barbecue will take place on June 22. The group decided that Bev Plass will book the venue as an Irvine resident, and Bill will assist. Bev will sign in and out. We do have liability insurance that covers employees and volunteers. Our business license has been renewed, and we have a certificate of insurance.

The next membership meeting will take place on March 21.

The annual meeting is scheduled for October 26, and the holiday party will be on December 7. Bob McHenry can reserve Woodbridge for the holiday party.

Dec 7 Holiday Party - Bob McHenry can reserve Woodbridge Center for the Holiday party, but not until 6 months before the date of the event.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 7.

Marc Urias adjourned the meeting at 7:51.

Minutes submitted by Lynda Randall, 2/2/2024.