

North County Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes March 2018

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Call to order by NCCC President – Peggy Demery at 7:00 pm

Location: San Marcos Brewery – San Marcos, CA

NCCC 2017/2018 – Board Officers and Members at Large

Peg Demery–President

Dan Crane–VP

Michelle Saint-Germain – Secretary

Dolores Wells – Treasurer

Robert Abraham – Member at Large

Terry Delaney – Member at Large

Tom Hicks – Member at Large

Karla Johnson – Member at Large

Patty Knudsen – Member at Large

Maria Serrato – Member at Large

Club Volunteers

Karl Rudnick - Membership

Karl Rudnick - Website

Dale Delaney - Kit Coordinator

Attendance for Today's meeting:

Robert Abraham

Dan Crane

Dale Delaney

Terry Delaney

Peg Demery

Patty Knudsen

Ken Okamura

Karl Rudnick

Michelle Saint-Germain

Second FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING - 2018

President's Report –

Old business:

Peg gave an update on membership, now at 172. Peg will prepare a report on the number of new members who have joined from January 2017 – January 2018.

New Memberships as of 3-13-18 for each month

January 2017 = 10
February 2017 = 2
March 2017 = 3
April 2017 = 1
May 2017 = 1
June 2017 = 3
July 2017 = 3
August 2017 = 2

September 2017 = 4
October 2017 = 1
November 2017 = 3
December 2017 = 3
January 2018 = 5
February 2018 = 7
March 2018 = 6

New Membership Roster will be sent out June 1, 2018

New business:

Approval of last meeting minutes from Holiday Party December 2017. A note was made that any actions taken by the Board, e.g., voted on by e-mail, between the September meeting and the March meeting should be reflected in the minutes.

Peg thanked everyone who participated in organizing and setting up the Holiday Party. A few issues were noted that some people arrived at the event without pre-paying and hence there were not enough tables and chairs set up. This also caused some problems with the self-serve buffet. For the next Holiday Party, people must pre-pay to be admitted to the event and there will be wait staff to serve dinners instead of self-service. Peg will arrange the date at the same venue.

Note: There was mention about expenses for the "Raffle" goodies at the Holiday Party. With the exception of the Table Raffle (basket with beer), all others goodies were donated and some hand painted by Peg ☺

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME RENEWAL

The North County Cycle Club name was successfully renewed for another three years from 2017 to 2020 at a cost of 47.00 plus additional \$50.00 for the listing. The name was duly filed, recorded, and announced in the local paper as required. NOTE: The Paper has the club start date wrong 4-18-88 should have been 4-18-86. I have called to report the error three times and yet to have anybody call me back. I will have to drive to the place to get the records straightened out.

CLUB INSURANCE RENEWAL

Club insurance was renewed for another year for \$950.62. There was a slight increase of \$110 in the fee to cover off-road riders. Also \$100 for LAB Membership.

RIDE WITH GPS ACCOUNT RENEWAL

The NCCC membership in Ride with GPS was renewed for another year at a cost of \$250.00. About 40 club members are active users. However, all the approved ride leaders are Route Managers, which allows for route planning and organization for all club members. There is also a Club Route Library and the ability to tag routes specific to the various ride groups. For access, please go to this link:
<https://ridewithgps.com/organizations/381-nccc>

CLUB POLICY on E-BIKES

Until now NCCC has not had any formal policy on e-bike riders. Given the increasing presence of e-bikes there is interest in creating a formal policy. The State of California classifies e-bikes into three categories: Class 1 and Class 3, both of which require the rider to be actively pedaling for the electronic assist to engage. Class 1 e-assist cuts out at 20 miles per hour, and Class 3 e-assist cuts out at 28 mph. Class 2 bikes do not require active pedaling and do not have a maximum e-assist cut-off speed.

Only Class 1 e-bikes are allowed on all routes, including separated bike paths such as the San Luis Rey bike trail. Class 3 e-bikes are NOT allowed, by law, on separated bike paths.

Note that both CA Class 1 and Class 3 e-bikes are allowed on rides per our NCCC accident insurance (\$10,000 per accident secondary insurance), because their technical specs are within those specified by the US Consumer Products Safety Commission. This was specially clarified with our insurance carrier.

The proposed NCCC policy is to allow on E-bikes on official NCCC rides providing the following:

1. The E-bike rider must have approval prior to the ride by the ride leader.
2. The e-cyclist must have completed the League of American Bicyclists Smart Cycling class and demonstrated not only safe riding with traffic but also integrating with other cyclists safely.
3. Only Class 1 or Class 3 e-bikes are allowed on official club rides. California Class 2 e-bikes are specifically prohibited on NCCC rides since they can run by hand throttle alone without pedaling.
4. Since Class 3 e-bikes are not allowed on any portion of official NCCC rides that travel on separated bike paths, ride leaders will need to provide alternative routes in those cases.

5. No e-bike motor pacing the front of a pace line.
6. The e-cyclist should integrate with the group ride without changing the group dynamic by riding too fast or inappropriately accelerating or having poor control of their bike. In that context, we emphasize two things a ride leader always has at their disposal for riding any type of bicycle:
 - a. The ride leader reserves the right to ask the cyclist to stay at the rear until the group is comfortable the e-bike can safely be integrated in (already often done for new riders).
 - b. The ride leader reserves the right to ask the e-cyclist to leave the group if the e-bike is not safely under control (same as for any unsafe cyclist).
 - c. Ride leaders may post the rides on which E-bikes are allowed providing they have met club requirements.

The Board proposed to adopt the policy on a 3-month trial basis, starting with the first instance of an E-bike rider joining a club ride. The proposed policy, along with references to California traffic statutes and several commentaries, is available on the NCCC Forum. Please bring up any concerns with any NCCC ride leader and/or Board member. This policy will be revisited at the June 2018 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The web page has been upgraded to provide for easier enrollment for family memberships, which can include one primary member and up to three sub-users (subsidiary members). The annual cost for a family membership is \$25.00. Anyone experiencing difficulty with obtaining a family membership on the Club web site should let Karl know.

REVIEW OF 2017 – 2018 BUDGET

The list of expenditures for 2017 was reviewed. It was commented that the NCCC does not have a formal budget, and interest was expressed in working toward that end. At present the club's income (principally from dues) and expenditures are balanced. However, there was some discussion of what the NCCC should be spending on various items. For example, should the Club expenditures on the 4th of July party be curtailed and the funds directed at other uses, e.g., subsidizing the cost of official kit.

A motion was approved to hold a 4th of July party but not provide food. 4th of July rides will be scheduled as usual. Those riders who attend the party after the ride can bring their own food and beverages. Peg will explore a suitable site for the party, and the Club will pay the cost of the rental for the site, which should be modest. After July, the Board can revisit the issue of Club financial support for the 4th of July event.

DUES INCREASE

It was agreed that there is no compelling reason to increase dues at the present time.

MEMBER SURVEY

The Board will review a proposed member survey and provide comments in the next few weeks. When approved, the survey will be distributed to members via the Club's web site.

PERFORMANCE OCEANSIDE

The Oceanside branch of Performance Bike offered to host events for the Club. They now offer a 10% discount on purchases to NCCC members. However, no specific events have been planned.

RIDE LEADERS

Peg reiterated that all ride leaders must be approved by the President and Board. Ride Leaders should be nominated by NCCC members and/or current ride leaders. Ride leaders should represent the Club in a positive way to current and potential members. For information on approved ride leaders, please consult the NCCC web page.

It was announced that Paul Nevins is stepping down as the Saturday ride leader for the Cruisers. The Board reiterated the position that Mr. Nevins is restricted from running for any board position; from serving as a ride leader for any NCCC group; and from Route Manager privileges on the NCCC ride with GPS membership. A new ride leader is needed for official club rides for the Saturday Cruisers. Anyone interested should contact Peg or other ride leaders for information.

Note that there is a place on the Forum to announce rides that are not officially sanctioned club rides. Non-official rides should not be posted on the Forum announcement space for official rides.

KIT COMMITTEE - DALE DELANEY

Dale Delaney announced that there would be one more opportunity to order official club kit before October, which is the end of the model year. The opening will be announced in advance, no later than the first of August, to give members sufficient time to place their orders.

A discussion was held about the desirability of wearing NCCC kit on club rides. Some board members and/or members at large felt quite strongly that all participants on club rides be encouraged to wear NCCC kit. Ride leaders are encouraged to hold a discussion with their group to either wear NCCC kit or neutral jerseys, i.e., not wear jerseys from other (competing) riding clubs. This can encourage club visibility on the road, make it easier to help fellow members who need assistance, and attract new riders. Perhaps some information from the member survey may shed some light on choice of ride attire. Also announcing well in advance the opportunity to order new kit pieces could help (see above).

SUNDAY LONG RIDERS

Karl will continue to be the ride leader for the Sunday long riders group.

BICYCLE TRAFFIC SKILLS COURSE - TS 101 FOR 2018

This course continues to be free in Oceanside but costs \$25 in Chula Vista and Mira Mesa. Ride leaders must complete the course and should encourage riders to complete it. New E-riders must also complete it.

DINNER RIDE

Official Thursday dinner rides will resume later in Spring or Summer, led by Dale & Terry Delaney. Watch for announcements on the Forum.

MISC Items

CABO membership renewed 3-30-18 for one year for \$300.

NEXT MEETINGS

Next meeting planned for Tuesday June 12, 2018. Note that the new start time is 5:30 pm for dinner and 6:30 pm for the meeting to be called to order. The third quarterly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 11, 2018.

Motion to adjourn at: 8:20 pm.

Notes submitted by Michelle Saint-Germain