

Fresno Cycling Club

Fresno Cycling Club August Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2018

Board Members Present:

Dennis Ball Diana Millhollin Henry Pretzer Lori Cherry Joe Cassinerio II Patricia Dailey Angelo Quitorio Elida Gonzalez

Bill Reddington

Visitors Present:

Debbie Lowe Cody Hill
Ken Herrington Dave Becker
Scott Hays Vicki Stuart

Tim Millhollin

Meeting Opened: 6:44 PM, called to order by President Dennis Ball

August Board Meeting Minutes: Read and motion to approve with two minor changes to time on the BLDC to 12 a.m., not 12 p.m. and time not strictly enforced; under New Business, trail name is changed to Sierra Cascade route. Motion approved with changes.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Advocacy Report: No report.

Time Trials: Dennis: OTH Time Trial: Saturday 9/5 at 9 a.m. starting at the base of Old Tollhouse (OTH). 7 miles of uphill climbing. The last time trial of the series will be a Belmont Time Trial on 9/12. Awards will be presented at the end of the TT.

Grizzly Century: Dennis: Dennis met with the North Fork group last Thursday. He continues to work on getting the permits and the locations secured. North Fork will get most of the volunteers. He will need a few volunteers, such as shopping for food. There will be a festival at the ride start area put on by the North Fork Historical Society. The Lions' Club will be doing the breakfast and the Forestry Service Employees' Association will be serving the after ride meal at the Town Hall across

from the school. So far there are 100 or so riders. Unfortunately, the ride date conflicts with Levi's Granfondo. Jerseys are available on line.

BLDC: Angelo Q.: The volunteer ride is set for September 29, but he only has one person signed up, so it may cancel. Roehl Caragao did his own volunteer ride that counted as a double as well. He has special awards for 19 participants to include awards for 10 or more lifetime BLDC's completed and for 5 consecutive BLDC's completed. He plans to make the awards an annual event.

Ads in Newsletters: Dennis: Dennis was approached by a member who has a small business who asked about putting ads in the on line newsletter. Elida advised this would not affect our non-profit status as we consider it as being a "sponsorship". Possible rates were discussed and this will be tabled for a future meeting, as Bill wants to check prevailing rates. Lori suggested a committee be formed for sponsorship parameters and rates.

Rider Safety & Positional Awareness: Dennis: Smaller vs larger groups and the group mentality. Dennis brought up the Facebook posts and discussion about the groups of riders congregating at Hwy 168 and Old Millerton Road. Phoenix, AZ has a good program in place; "Look, Save a Life" campaign to raise driver/rider awareness. Lori opined the larger groups are a bigger problem. We need to be more aware. Not only while on the road, but in parking lots, while stopping in the road and while standing while stopped. Riders need to get off the pavement when stopped. It was suggested ride leaders remind riders before the ride of basic rules as needed. Diana M. suggested a safety-related general meeting be scheduled soon. Dennis suggested perhaps a Safety Committee. Ken brought up PSA's in the past about rider safety. Diana M. has recently started separating out large group leadouts by category...D riders first, then C, etc. She indicated a trend of fast riders failing to communicate while passing as being a big issue.

Christmas Party: Diana M.: She is looking for a hall. Three dates were brought up; Dec. 8, Dec. 15 and Dec. 22. Dec. 22 was ruled out as being too close to Christmas. After discussion, it was decided Dec. 8 will be the first choice, depending on hall availability. She wants to start at 6 pm with doors opening at 5:30. Suggested charge \$10.00, but will depend on costs of hall and catering. She has asked John Marquez to act as DJ and wants there to be dancing. She will have a raffle, but more minimal than in the past.

Elections of Officers: Dennis: Dennis asked if anyone on the board wants to leave their current positions. No one at the meeting did. Nominations will be in October.

Ride Coordinators: Henry: AB/DC ride coordinator job description has changed with technology. Henry suggested perhaps changing the definition. Ride leaders now have the capability of adding rides and do not need to go through himself or Devin to add rides to the FB page. Not everyone knows how to add to the internet ride calendar and only certain people have access to add to the internet calendar. He suggested renaming the position to "Ride Calendar Coordinator" without specifying AB/CD designations. That way, either he or Devin can do it. If an approved FCC ride leader posts a ride on FB but not on the website, the club

insurance still covers the ride. Waivers for non-members are available for printing on the FCC website.

New Business: Dennis proposed a donation of \$500 to the Fresno Fire Department for purchasing bicycle helmets for kids. The fire department had a recent fundraiser just for that purpose. Motion to approve by Elida; 2nd by Diana M. Motion passed. Elida suggested photocopying the check and blowing it up and getting photographs when it is hand-delivered for positive PR purposes.

Share the Road Signs: Lori C. does not believe the signs work. In fact, the one sign near Humphries Station keeps getting knocked down (vandalism). Discussion about pros and cons of signs and which ones seem to help; which seem to anger motorists. It was suggested to discuss this further with Nick P. and Tina S. and circle back for a future meeting.

Dennis advised there is a community meeting at the Cressman's Barn. Nathan Magsig will be there. He is a cyclist and member of FCC and on the Fresno County Board of Supervisors. He is asking people to attend if they would like the opportunity to bring issues to his attention in his district. (No date was provided).

Ken H. brought up a ride in Bakersfield that is listed in the Extra section of the Maddy Report talking up how the event brings in money to the community. Perhaps we should look into that for our events to show a positive side. Ken brought up perhaps calling a news conference before big rides as well.

Ken also brought up the fact that Cal Trans will look into road clean up prior to an organized ride if they are called ahead of time. Dennis provided the number to call for debris in the roadway for Fresno County: (559) 600-4240. Fresno County will schedule a street sweep. Bill R. will add this to the website.

C2K cycling souvenirs: Ken is having one made up as a sample. Something like this could be for sale at C2K as a souvenir.

Meeting Adjourned: (no time provided on audiotape) Respectfully submitted by Janet Lucido, FCC Secretary via audiotape