

5BBC Executive Board Meeting Minutes for March 18, 2019:

Location: Via Zoom

A. Attendance

Chris DeMeo, Ed Sobin, Allan Friedman, M. Daniel Bach, Steve Lyon, Bill Mastro, Becky Rogoff, Cory LaRocca (from Staten Island)

B. Call to Order

President Allan Friedman called the meeting of the executive board of the 5BBC to order at 6:00 PM.

C. Discussion of the passing of David Schlichting

He was a long time member of the club and a super captain of the Five Borough Bike Tour Manhattan North. It was decided that Steve Vaccaro and Ed Sobin will contact the family and coordinate an appropriate response on behalf of the club

D. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes, was approved unanimously.

E. Treasury report

Steve Lyon reported that income was reported was \$3, 887.00, weekend trips \$2,792, leadership \$30 and membership \$1,065. Expenses included insurance, Quick Books and reimbursement for expenses by members. Then \$700 was approved for an upcoming weekend trip (Harlem Valley Ride) led by the leaders who personally guaranteed the funds if there were not enough participants. The benefit to the club is to take advantage of the early bird discounts by registering early.

F. Ad Hoc Committee

Discussion of an ad hoc committee for planning of weekend trips.

G. Membership

Allan reported currently there are 593 members. The idea of borough leaders is still progressing, we have at least one for all the boroughs except for Queens.

H. Leadership

Ed Sobin gave an update- 3 people have registered and one more said that were interested. Dates of the class will be posted on the website.

I. Day Trips

Bill Mastro noted that a constant problem that not enough leaders are listing rides. While more rides are listed this year than last year, it is only a few leaders who list a majority of the rides. In short, what the club needs is more leaders to list more rides and participate in them of course. In addition was further discussion as to the Perimeter Series which will be the signature event of the year.

J. President's report

Allan led a discussion as to the relationships with Bike New York and Transportation Alternatives. His focus is to improve our relationships with both groups and promotions that will increase membership of the club. As to the branding project that Allan is leading it is still a work in progress. He also believes we should forge better relations with other bike clubs such as SIBA,

K. IT Committee

Ed Sobin reported that the update project was finished by the previously retained consultants. There was a fee of \$450 but that is good for the year. A friend of Wendy Frank was requested to volunteer his services, but so far he has not responded to the request. He could help correct a few remaining bugs .

L. New Business

Discussion led by Becky concerning using a system called SLACK to help improve communication between board members. It could help reduce unnecessary emails as all correspondence would be filed and shared in one location. There would be no cost at the present time to use the service. One could decide what is public and what is private and there can be direct messages sent to individual members. It will allow the sharing of documents, images or links. One can set up reminders as to what is needed to be done and one can tag other people to join relevant conversations. It could be used on both mobile devices, desktops and laptops.

Meeting was concluded at 8:05 PM