

**FIVE BOROUGH BIKE CLUB, INC.**  
**Joint Minutes of the Board and Council**  
**March 13, 2017**

Present

President -- Bill Mastro  
Vice President – Ken Williams  
Patricia Chew – Co- Treasurer  
Andrea Mercado — Secretary  
Howard Hall – Day Trips Co-Coordinator  
Fritz Van Orden – Day Trips Co-Coordinator  
Ed Sobin – Leadership Training  
David Meltzer—Membership Co-Coordinator  
Wendy Frank—Communications Co-Coordinator  
Alan Friedman – Communications Co-Coordinator  
Alfredo Garcia – Communications Co-Coordinator  
Doug Von Hoppe – Weekend Trips Coordinator

Joan Erskine & Mike Moses at the invitation of the Board

There being a quorum Meeting was called to order at or about 6:15PM. The Board tabled the approval of the February 27, 2017 Board Minutes until the April meeting.

Bill discussed succession planning and his intention to decline running for a subsequent term as President. It was agreed that At Large Members would be solicited to help facilitate Board succession transition, generally.

Joan Erskine and Mike Moses made a presentation concerning the Ride with GPS program and proposal that the Club offer it to its members.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved that the Club adopt Ride with GPS as a member benefit.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved, with one abstention, the joining of Ride with GPS and payment of the consequent \$250/year.

It was decided that Bill, Alfredo, Howard, Alan and Andrea a committee would be formed to determine how to implement and gain Member participation in this program.

Ed gave an update on incremental progress to secure a paid administrator to maintain and upgrade the Club website.

Alfredo reported that the Club facebook page had 2189 likes.

A brief discussion was had on the Holiday party. It was agreed that Ken would take the lead on determining and retaining a location once the Board received the results of the Member Survey.

Discussion was had on whether to postpone the Leader Forum on account of predicted snow storm. It was determined that Mel would make the call on the morning of the Leader Forum. It was agreed that the agenda at the Leader Forum would be 1) State of the Club, 2) Leadership training, 3) Weekend Trips, 4) Day Rides/Spring Training Series.

It was agreed that the New Member forum would be held at REI at a date to be determined by the availability of their donated space.

Discussion was had on the position of the Club with respect to electrically assisted bicycles ("Ebikes"). It was reported that the Club insurance carrier's response was vague and ambiguous with respect to how participation of Ebike riders on Club rides would affect the Club's coverage.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, the Board unanimously approved the policy that riders of Ebikes would not be permitted to be trippers on Club rides and that the website and our rider waivers be amended to put current and prospective Club members on notice.

There being no further business, the Meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded, unanimously, adjourned at or about 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea M Mercado.

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Agenda:

1. Secretary's Report, Quorum and Approval of Minutes
2. Preparation for the Leaders Meeting - Mel is primary
3. Website update - Ed is primary
4. Ridewithgps club account discussion - Mike and Joan will be guests for this portion of the meeting
5. Holiday Party
6. Initial preparation for member/ new member focus
7. Other Business
8. As time permits, review and prioritization of working topic items from last meeting.