

THE BATON ROUGE BIKE CLUB
Executive Board Minutes
MINUTES of Baton Rouge Bike Club; September 9, 2023

Call to order:

An executive board meeting of the Baton Rouge Bike Club was held at Istrouma Brewing. The meeting convened at 1:16 PM, president, Cody Armand and secretary, Faith McCorkle, presiding.

Cody declared a quorum and Lynn seconded.

Board Members in attendance:

Cody Armand
Faith McCorkle
Chris Floyd
Craig Brouillette
Janos Ingerle
Lynn Johnson
Tony Boudreau

Board Members not in attendance:

Bruce Wickert
Denise Amoroso

Previous minutes:

Cody motioned and Janos seconded to approve the minutes.

Ride leader report:

Craig thanked the board for the 9/11 ride. The only complaint Lynn heard was about the route change. People loved the route. The only complaint Janos heard was there were no paper maps. Lynn said there were three flats and we didn't have the SAG phone number posted. Lynn forgot the signs at the SAG stop and said she will go back to get them. The sheriff station didn't have open restrooms. We discussed painted marks versus signs. Cody recommended painting arrows on signs instead of the roads due to confusion. Several have been riding the Tour du Café. We need to have our ride leader meeting.

Mail update:

Lynn gave Cody the road closure mail. Lynn gave Janos a key for the post office. The previous check for the post office fee was never received/lost in the mail so Lynn wrote another check.

Treasurer update:

Nothing has changed. We are still in the hole \$1,244 for the year. We have \$5,487.67 in the checking account and \$1,143.99 in PayPal.

Membership report:

We currently have 114 members. We will start the 2024 membership in October and list the benefits of membership. Members will receive water bottles. We will have fully supported member-only rides and member-discount honor rides.

501c3 & Bylaws

We debated whether or not we will have to phase out the Baton Rouge Bike Club and phase in BEARS because we are concerned if we can legally have one organization fund another organization. Lynn will ask her CPA about the legality of a 501c3 umbrella under a 501c4. We don't want to see BRBC go away. Craig will take over correcting the grammar for the bylaws.

Fall Ride

We plan to test out the routes on Saturday. Janos is in conversations with Jason Juban about the design shirt. We can go ahead and add shirts as an option to the registration for \$20. Lynn said we shouldn't

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have to pay more than \$10 per shirt. We decided on red cotton shirts with white letters. There was one person who paid to PayPal instead of Eventbrite. Lynn will correct the registration and refund the person. David Aguillard asked how many volunteers we need, and we decided on 12-15. Lynn will have a meeting and coordinate SAG. We can write the SAG phone number on a board for people to take pictures. We can set up a Google phone number and keep it for rides. Cody has a spare phone we can use if needed. We will wait until the October 1 meeting to assign duties. We need to go ahead and start on port-o-let preparations. Cody will cook. Craig will check on parking. No board members will ride. Chris won't be there.

Promotional Items

We need a vector image for the bottles. Lynn will talk to her guy to see if he can convert it to a vector image. Once we have that, we can continue with the bottles.

Gravel Rides

We plan to move forward with gravel rides and look forward to working with BRAMBA. We hope to recruit riders and set up rides.

MS 150 Club Team

We hope to start setting up team rides, starting with 15 or 20-mile rides. Lynn brought information to build up to rides. We need to encourage people to ride together. We are wanting to get together with businesses for donations. Lynn recommended doing t-shirts with fundraisers. Lynn would like to offer BRBC memberships to raffle.

Board members

Lynn stated we need to find someone to get all of the online passwords and information from Herb to run our social media and run our web page, including Zapier. Craig offered to help with Eventbrite. We need some non-riders who are board members to provide new ideas and get volunteers. Denise wants to be more involved. Faith recommended Denise be the volunteer chair. Craig mentioned we could have 5K walks while we ride to include more people. Mischa and David Aguillard are some possible future board members.

New Business

We will have the photo opportunity for the YMCA CB Pennington on Monday at 10:00. Wear BRBC shirts.

Date of next scheduled meeting: October 1, 2023 at EBR Main Library at 5:00 p.m.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Lynn to adjourn and Faith seconded. Motion carried at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Faith McCorkle September 27, 2023