

DC Randonneurs General Membership Meeting

When: 3:30pm Saturday January 24th, 2009

Where: Glen Echo Town Hall

Attending Members: (Count 46 of 97 members)

Bill Arcieri
Stephen Ashurst
Ben Bassett
Bill Beck
Carol Bell
Dave Berning
Crista Borrás
Tyler Bronder
Nick Bull
Ashby Chamberlain
Heather Chen-Mayer
Bill Clayton
Paul Donaldson
Ed Felker
Dean Furbish
Mary Gersema
Lane Giardina
David Goodwin
Rudy Hewitt
Bernd Kral
Lynn Kristianson
Keith Krombel
Jeff Lesperance
James Levitt
Jeff Magnuson
Andrea Matney
Maxine Mead
Chris Mento
Gordon Meuse
Russell Morris
Maile Neel
Chip Peake
Tom Reeder
Michael Rowny
Alejandro Sanchez
Sheldon Shealer
Bob Sheldon
Kelly Smith
Don Strachan
Leslie Tierstien
Tom Tosh
George Winkert
Chuck Wood
Ping Xiang
Ken Zabielski
John Zenter

AGENDA:

1. President's report on 2008
2. Treasurer report on 2008
3. Brevet schedule for 2009
4. Volunteer coordinator report on 2008 and recruitment of volunteers for 2009 ride schedule
5. Approve budget for 2009.
6. Member discussion and vote on proposed bylaw amendments.
7. Website report.
8. Elect Board members.
9. Recognition of members
10. Adjourn

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING:

1. Meeting began at 3:45pm and quorum confirmed with about 46 of about 97 current members attending.
2. Reviewed the agenda
3. Nick Bull had two comments for his President's Report, reciting the main goal of the club
 - to put on brevets
 - The board's job is to try to govern the club in such a way that the RBA can put on brevets without too much administrative overhead. (Bill agreed that this is working well for him.)
 - What happened over the past year --
 - Add Mary and George to the board
 - Voted on logo twice
 - Voted to keep dues constant (but w/o quorum) and decided that dues didn't need to be voted on since there was no change. Dues will stay the same.
 - Voted on jerseys
 - Voted swap meet
 - Voted on bylaws
 - Voted on budget
4. George Winkert gave his Treasurer report on 2008 (+2:45)
 - Reviewing 2008 Finances
 - Note that we did not have an ACP series last year, but instead hosted 5 RUSA events.
 - For the year we had a positive bottom line as opposed to the 2008 budget which proposed a small deficit.
 - Question from the floor asking what happened with Matt Settle's account balance
 - Matt supplied expense receipts, mileage, and medal money. This accounted for all but about \$100 which was written off.
5. Bill Beck reviewed the 2009 Brevet schedule (+8:12)
 - Bill thanked everyone, all the volunteers for their help and asked that members please offer any comments to him.
 - The calendar is on the website. 3 -200, 2 300, 400 and 600. Bill is still searching for some volunteers to see if they will help out with some of these.
 - Question from the floor about the fleche from Crista Borrás:
 - Where is it going to end?
 - Tentative location for the finish could be Gordon and Lynn's house.
 - What about the starting/ending rule (that rules out ending in the same city as you started)?
 - Bill will need to follow-up with details on this rule.
 - The rule might just require a different name for the locations within Arlington.
 - Ed Felker asked what we will be doing after the Brevet series finishes:
 - Every other month or every month?
 - About half the members favored monthly, the other half favored every other month.

- In between brevet months, we could use more permanents to fill gaps -- riders can post they are riding permanents and others can join.
 - We could also use permanent routes as brevets too, we would just need to get the route approved as a brevet.
 - From the floor it was suggested that we have more brevets that start in VA.
6. Mary Gersema recognized our 2008 volunteers (+16:16)
- Andrea Matney and Steve "Bones" Matney - helping us to use the Glen Echo Town Hall
 - Chuck Wood and Crista Borrás - Organized 10th anniversary ride and of course the weekend rides
 - Ed Felker - Warrenton 200K
 - Mark Vinette - January (Mason Dixon Brevet)
 - Lynn Kristianson - Organizing "The Other Mother"
 - Bill Beck - Organizing our rides as our RBA
 - Board - Nick Bull, Chris Mento, Bill Beck, Stephen Ashurst, George Winkert, Mary Gersema, Bill Clayton, and Paul Donaldson
 - Jeff Magnuson - Registering us at the December brevet
 - Maile Neel - Running secret control
 - Carl Wakefield and his wife Missie - Registration at a couple brevets
 - Bill Arcieri - Registration
 - Lou Lamaroux - Registration
 - For the logo ideas: Bill Beck, Nick Bull, Branson Kimbel, David Choat, Randy Mouri
 - Michael Scholten for coordinating the jersey order
 - Who did their first Brevet this past year? (Show of hands)
 - First Randonneur series? (Show of hands)
 - R-12 achievements and R-lifetime
 - R-5000 awards (show of hands)
 - 1000K riders
 - 1200K riders
7. 2009 Budget reviewed by George Winkert (+29:00)
- Some Notes about the proposed budget:
 - Brevets in total should pay for themselves
 - Other expenses should be covered by dues
 - SR and ACP discounts
 - We will keep medals on hand (everything we purchase this year will not be sold)
 - Discussion on using brochures as advertisement about DC Randonneurs
 - People did not find out about it from brochures but usually from an ad in Pedal Patter
 - Put an ad in magazines
 - Lynn Kristianson volunteered to help with this.
 - Should we add \$100 for advertising to the budget
 - Webmaster expenses discussion
 - Should we add \$100 for misc software
 - Proposal by Nick Bull to amended the budget, adding \$100 to advertising/marketing and changing the website expenses to \$225
 - Second by Ed Felker
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
 - Vote on budget as amended:
 - Vote: Unanimously approved
8. Member discussion and vote on proposed bylaw amendments (+40:05)
- The proposed bylaws have been slightly changed from what was on the website:
 - The board voted to remove IV - 1 - A - C
 - This originally stated that the Treasurer and Secretary were appointed by the board. Removing this allows them to be elected by the membership.
 - Highlights of proposed changes:
 - Explanation of CBA from Nick Bull

- CBA eliminates the problem that our bylaws required someone appointed by another organization (RBA appointed by RUSA) to be on our Board -- of course, we cannot force any RBA to be on our Board.
 - By having a CBA, we can always designate a member to fill this role, even if we do not have an RBA who is willing to work with us -- the CBA would be expected to apply to become an RBA with RUSA
 - This section describes the relationship the club has with an RBA who is willing to serve as our CBA, and the description in the bylaws mirrors how we currently work with Bill. This will allow any future relationship with an RBA to understand how we would like this relationship to work.
 - Amended bylaws from last year
 - When we added the President, we didn't eliminate any other board positions, leaving us with an 8-person board.
 - It seems to make sense that we change the number of board members to seven. Going to a nine member board seems too large.
 - Other changed items:
 - The Board members (except the CBA) will serve 2 year terms that are staggered with a limit of 3 consecutive terms.
 - The CBA is not term-limited, but will be up for an approval vote every 2 years
 - Longer terms allow continuity, and staggering allows new people to come in every two years.
 - Old bylaws stated that only the President could call a meeting and only one meeting needed to take place each year.
 - New bylaws allow the membership to call a general membership meeting, and the board will be allowed to call board meetings.
 - Sometimes it might be necessary to vote on things at a membership level, but general meetings are costly, so we've added procedures for electronic voting at the board and general membership level.
 - Questions and other discussion:
 - Ed Felker wanted to know how we intend to address minutes:
 - Nick stated that bylaws generally do not define how minutes are recorded, but a resolution could be proposed--there was general agreement that bylaws do not typically define minutes.
 - Some sunshine rules state that anytime 3 of us communicate together, that constitutes a meeting--this seems overly onerous.
 - The Board thinks that it would be good for us to have an "after the ACP series" in person, should this be announced?
 - Ed would like to see some sort of minutes from electronic meetings
 - Mary suggested we identify when e-mail correspondence becomes a meeting
 - Bill suggested that a summary of the votes should be published, not the complete conversation. Is that the right level?
 - Nick asked the members whether anyone would like to come to board meetings? It appears that few or none have any desire to do so.
 - It was noted that the board doesn't have the authority to do anything that would change our foundation without calling a general meeting
 - Vote on proposed bylaws: Passed unanimously
9. Website Report (+53:47)
- We have two new webmasters who will help to accomplish the following tasks:

- Allowing officers to publish content
 - Iron out navigation and clean up the site
 - The content on the website
 - FAQ
 - Info about Randonneuring
 - Stories members write
 - Electronic payments
 - Bill Arcieri and Jeff Lesperance are our new webmasters
 - Transition will begin in the next few weeks
 - Also thanks to those for filling out the lengthy questionnaire on the website
 - We will also need to think about our longer term project: new functionality, interface, and the general look and feel.
 - Mary thanked Steve for his time working on the website.
10. Election of Board members (+57:50)
- President, Treasurer, Secretary, CBA, and 3 at large board members
 - Mary has indicated that she will retire from the board.
 - Description of how we would like to go about voting:
 - Nominations will be taken for each position: Nick Bull nominated all the current board for their current positions except for himself.
 - Bill Beck - Club Brevet Administrator
 - George Winkert - Treasurer
 - Steve Ashurst - Secretary
 - Chris Mento - At Large Member
 - Bill Clayton - At Large Member
 - Paul Donaldson - At Large Member
 - Others members can nominate themselves or others.
 - If there is more than one nomination for a board position, it might be best to talk a bit about what they want to do as a board member
 - Nick had prepared ballots for when we get to the voting stage
 - Final step is to add up the ballots
 - If there are no contested seats, it was suggested that we just take up the vote by acclamation
 - Everyone seemed fine with this process.
 - Bill Beck nominated Nick Bull to the position of President
 - Ed Felker moved that the current nominees be elected by acclamation
 - Vote to elect the nominees: Passed unanimously
 - Discuss who is serving 1 and 2 year terms:
 - George Winkert as Treasurer will serve 1-year term
 - Nick Bull as President will serve a 1-year term
 - Stephen Ashurst as Secretary will serve a 2-year term
 - At large members that have served the longest will serve 1-year terms, others will serve a 2-year term
 - Chris Mento will serve a 1-year term
 - Bill Clayton and Paul Donaldson will serve 2-year terms
11. Recognition of Members (+64:04)
- Lynn Kristianson would like to recognize the DC Randonneurs "Magnificent Seven" for bringing home the [PBP trophy](#) for Most Women to Finish the epic PBP 2007, not only on our planet, but also in our Solar System! Hubble hasn't found anything that even comes close.
 1. Carol Bell
 2. Mary Crawley
 3. Linda Gaudette
 4. Nancy Guth
 5. Lynn Ho
 6. Maile Neel
 7. Clare Zecher
12. The cup will rotate among the seven women before coming back to DCR (around the time of the next PBP).
13. Nick moved to Adjourn (+66:24)
- This was quickly seconded and unanimously approved.

Recorded by:
Steve Ashurst

