



Greenville Spinners Board Meeting
May 15, 2016, 6:30 PM - Velo Valets
Next Meeting: June 12, 2016

In attendance:

Sarah Franco, Mike Pennington, Nancy Wolfe, Chris Nordmeyer

Absent:

Don Hudson, Steve Baker, Sam Smith, Karen Bailey, Londa Jones, Dan McNamara, Frank Masbach, Rip Major, James Cato

Agenda:

1. Intro Sarah
2. Guest Bud Griffin

I. Cross State Tour report

The Cross State Tour was well organized by Rae Harrison, but has had a drop in numbers over the last few years, and that is likely because it has not been well promoted. A large contributory factor is that the dates are not set, and frequently have not been set until relatively late. This year, it looks like there will be a shortfall, and the Spinners will take a loss on the ride, rather than breaking even or making money.

Suggestions: 1) Set dates earlier, or permanently, and promote early.

2) Set a break-even number of participants. If the number isn't reached, be prepared to pull the plug, or ask participants to pay extra.

3) Promote the ride as proceeds going to the Safety Foundation -- that might promote more participation.

Action item: 1) Sarah Franco will meet with Rae Harrison when Rae is available to discuss the tour, promotion, setting dates, and anything she may like to discuss. More to follow later.

3. President Report Sarah

I. Insurance stuff

i. Potential club consequences of racing out at SCTAC -- photos of "winners" on Facebook will stop (Thank you, Dan)

Our insurance clearly and unequivocally states that racing is not covered. Also, non-members are only covered for one ride as invited guests. How we deal with the issues that this raises may have to be tabled until this riding season is over and we are at (or near) full "staffing."

Action item: Sarah Franco will email Dan McNamara about suggestions to improve safety: Break up large groups, with suggestion of a 16+ group and an 18+ group. Also separating groups by five minutes. (Nancy told SF 5/19/2016 that DM would try to send off riders in groups of 25, and

have them at 3-minute intervals.) The email led to a meeting that was informative and outlined many of the challenges. This is clearly a long-term project.

ii. Waiver issues -- The Spinners have been using a waiver that lacked important information, and according to our insurance company, protected no one.

Action item: SF will request vote from board about implementing approved waiver from insurance company ASAP

Action item: SF will meet with a lawyer that Don Hudson recommends to answer questions about the waiver and about SCTAC, if possible.

A. On website with new/update membership -- One challenge with the waiver is tying a "signed" waiver to each member. This is especially a challenge with family membership. The insurance company suggests tying the waiver to a credit card purchase (the obvious being membership renewal)

B. For rides -- who (ride leaders, etc.) needs it? Chris N. for membership. What about the Hagood ride leaders? Any other leaders?

Action item: SF needs to find out if anyone else who needs the new waiver

iii. Every Woman's team members (and others?) -- What is the requirement for insurance purposes? Is family member enough? (The team tells new team members they must become Spinners members.) Do we need to do away with family membership option? Suggestion: Yes -- see waiver issues (tabled pending appt with lawyer)

II. Corporate membership? **(tabled)**

i. How does a bike shop know if a person is a Spinners' member?

A. There is a plugin for a printable membership from the website

ii. If bike shops, etc. are able to email yahoo group and have us post on events calendar, shouldn't we get something more than a \$25 membership? Why don't we?

iii. With that in mind, should we have parts of the website that are only visible to members once they log in?

III. Who is allowed/should be allowed post on to FB page? **(tabled)**

IV. Who built the FB Greenville Spinners page and how do we get in touch with this person? -- If we have this, we could have posts from web page go directly to FB page

Steve Baker or Sam Smith may have this information. Alternatively, if we can find out how to connect the web page with our FB page without this information, that would be great ... **Anyone have contacts that can help?**

V. Yahoo group may be as high as 60 percent nonmembers, but may be difficult to confirm -- At least a few board members have multiple email addresses. If the only point of information we have on Yahoo group members is their email address, it's risky to assume that someone isn't a Spinners member just because their yahoo address doesn't match anyone on the Spinners website.

VI. Paris Mountain incident? **(tabled)**

VII. Performance online training for ride leaders **(tabled)**

VIII. iPad **(tabled)**

4. ~~Vice President Report~~ _____ Sarah

5. Upcoming Rides/Touring **(tabled)**

James/Dan

- I. SAG kit
- II. Silver Comet ride
- III. How did Cyclebration go? Anything we can learn for next time?

- 6. Racing Rip
- 7. SCTAC Dan

- I. Review format for Tuesday at SCTAC -- suggestions from Dan
 - i. Any thoughts on B and C perimeter rides on Tuesday nights? -- member request

The present board members felt that this wouldn't be in high demand. In addition, the member also posted her idea on the Greenville Spins FB group. She received four likes -- three from board members.

Action item: SF will contact member and let her know that the idea doesn't appear to have wide support. However, Bud Griffin offered to help train a group, should she be able to get one together. Email has been sent. No further word as of this time.

- 8. Treasurer Karen

- I. P&L -- in email
- II. Balance in checking account -- \$12,383.16
- III. Safety Foundation donation reports February to present -- issues with PayPal reports

(tabled)

- 9. Membership Londa/Chris

- I. Spinners merchandise? -- Londa **(tabled)**

- 10. Advocacy Frank

- I. Public meeting at city hall on bike master plan
- II. Protected bike lane demo
- III. Ride of Silence support on behalf of Spinners and Bike Walk Greenville

Action item: Nancy contacted Gregg Alley and Frank to find out if this was necessary/wanted. F/U: They were not interested in having a table/food at the event. It doesn't fit the theme/intent of the Ride of Silence.

- 11. PR Steve

- 12. Safety Foundation Nancy

The Safety Foundation has about 200 helmets on hand, but expects to give away many of those at the helmet fitting in conjunction with the protected bike lane demonstration planned for May 28.

The foundation is also donating \$2,000 to the Palmetto Cycling Coalition and is also planning to donate to the Village Wrench to help fund lights and locks.

Nancy is finishing up the details with Greenville Rec's Ty Houck to get safety signs placed on the Swamp Rabbit Trail. The final word should come soon, and the finish line is in sight.

Action item: Nancy will continue to work on this issue.

- 13. Secretary Mike

- I. SCTAC C group issues

Mike discussed that the C groups out at SCTAC continue to push the pace of each ride, so that the C16 ride at 19+ mph, and the C18 are close to 20 mph. (Note: It appears there's a definition issue here -- I've heard experienced riders talk about 16 groups as supposed to try to average 16 mph, and others

who suggest that 16 means a range of between 16 to 18 mph.) Also, groups are large, and one crash had occurred involved at least four people, but apparently no broken bones. See action item under "insurance stuff.") Other possibilities to increase safety include repainting the arrows on the C routes so they're easier to see and creating/increasing the loops to give groups different options so they're not all on the same route(s). There's also some complaints about the portapotties. Apparently some people are wondering if there can be another one placed out there or if they can be cleaned more often.

II. SCTAC picnic table donation

Mike has made contact with someone who would like to donate two picnic tables to the Spinners to put out at SCTAC.

Action item: Mike will continue to pursue this, including ways to secure the tables.

14. Website

Don/Wendy

Old Business

1. Tagline -- Mike? Join the Club? -- This will be tabled indefinitely, unless someone has something to add or something they would like to pursue.
- 2.

Random notes

1. Minutes must be reviewed and then approved, possibly at each meeting to avoid errors
- 2.

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