

Prairie Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Zoom host: Sue Jones

Meeting starts

Roll Call (*Secretary*) x- attended

Sue Jones President x	Michael Fuerst Webmaster/online newsletter x	Dan Metz At Large x
Joan Wingo Secretary	Richard Brannon Membership director x	(Blank) At Large
Sue Ellen Finkenbiner Treasurer x	Andrea Stack Activities director x	Guests: Debra Karplus x

Agenda

Motion approved

Minutes [Joan]

Minutes for April, 2021 -Motion Approved

Actions taken since last board meeting

Insurance was reduced from 150 to 100 members coverage

Andrea sent out the PCC Tour question list – reviewed during this meeting.

Rides were held – see notes below.

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

Problems with the bank – credit card has wrong name, checks have wrong address.

Balances are climbing because of membership climbing. We received \$270 insurance refund. Balance is \$3116.07. About our standard balance.

Membership report [Richard]

Insurance was decreased to 100 members. Sue Ellen will check with insurance if we go above 100. Email insurance to make the change. People are showing up for rides despite the weather and numbers for riders will improve with the weather.

96 members as of 5.2.2021

93 members as of 4.30.2021

64 members as of 4.11.2021

560 email addresses

2016 182

2017 176

2018 181

2019 147

2020 85 COVID

2021 64 as of 4.11.2021 COVID

Activities Report [Andrea]

Nothing to add.

Rides (posted on PCC website)

Ride leaders need to announce weekly changes to rides directly to riders. Week to week does not go through the Activities board member.

PCC Pizza Party

Date of Pizza Party – Discussed June or May. Andrea will check on Tuesday, May 18th or 25th

Location – Outside- Jupiters – Held at the Crossings location for several years.

Reason for party – Kick off meeting, membership sign up, welcome.

Food – ½ price pizza at Jupiters

PCC Tour

Ride Date – August 21, 2021

Andrea will send out the to do list from the previous year to the PCC board.

Reserve the LOW

Andrea – reserve for certain number of hours instead of full day. Sue Jones said to ask if we can reserve for the same deal like before. Also have a sponsor if we need finances to pay for the rental. MaryEllen is our contact.

Ask do we need the building (inside?) or only bathrooms.

Past – donation from PCC to Forest Preserve so they do not lose money on giving us the rental.

Sign up

Sign up inside building if it is raining, otherwise sign up outside.

Bathrooms are outdoors.

Andrea has the paper form for the previous tour sign up. Andrea will scan and send to the PCC Board

Food

Do we want to have food at LOW?

Do we want food or other things at the Aid stations?

No Food offered by PCC. Google map food places (Caseys etc) along the way.

Have tables available. Communicate how/where people can get food.

Food trucks – Super expensive pre COVID, per Andrea. May continue to be super expensive, not an option.

Can we bring in Pizza? Timing concerns – how to keep pizza hot?

We can tell people where to go get pizza.

Decide Gibson City is the place for food. Other food people can order their own.

Food at LOW – how will it function?

Richard: What would it cost to get sandwiches from Jimmy Johns? Andrea: JJ's does not want to donate.

Were people who got back from Gibson City hungry? The Rain impacted the last four people did not stay, they left.

Dan – Announce that we will reduce the price. We will not have food. When we announce the ride state this is a strange time and for this one year only, we decided to do it this way. Other rides are doing rides without food, others do regular food. Just settle that we are not doing food this year. People can find their own food.

Aid Stations

Volunteers – Hand sanitizers (Sue Jones has sanitizer in bins), social distance, masks, be courteous. Sue Joes will get notes from GITAP. Even before COVID – how to keep things clean to prevent spread of disease.

Need locations – Need someone's yard for a rest stop. Curt Bobson – need name.

Caseys along the route

Need a SAG wagon – at least one.

Need a cell phone number for people to call. Richard Brannon's cell phone was given out. He was called for ride pickup.

Paper map with cell phone number to call.

Arm band – cell phone number on it so it is right there.

Just one cell phone number, that person gets the calls, then the person goes out to get people.

Insurance

Andrea: Do we charge a fee per person for the tour instead of a donation since we have the Gibson City now? How much do we charge per person?

Sue Ellen: If they are non-members, we need enough to cover their insurance cost. Will need to look up the cost per non-member.

Tour Fees

Sue Jones: Can we say recommended donation – check here?

Andrea: set fee – Non-member, member; Early sign-up lower fee; closer to ride higher fee. This will ensure some income, even if it is a rainy day and day of ride numbers are lower.

Need old sign-up form with the various amounts.

Dan – The closer it gets to the ride the higher the cost.

Example – Springfield Ride Fees -initial charge \$45 non-members, \$35 members, up to \$60 for day of registration. They are giving away a swag bag packet at pickup, bottled water, supported rest stops along the route, bib tracking, event t-shirt, meal – grab & go, 5 route options, waves of 45 people.

Dan – Do we cap the number of riders?

Tour Sign Up Form

Dan – All of the rides I signed up for were online. There is a service that handles the sign ups. Andrea - We have something like that, but we have to figure it out on paper before we submit it online.

Dates/members/non-members, many details

Ride Committee

Do we start a Ride Committee? The PCC Board and invite other people to join, i.e. Frank, to work on the planning for the ride.

Need an agenda of what to cover. Including the form.

Highlight the Gibson City Breakfast stop on the tour form.

What we offer to participants

Any PCC swag? – None

Dan – Stickers are given out by some rides. Hilly Hundred does it. Dan will contact Dean's Printing to ask about sticker costs.

Sue Jones – We have had PCC stickers for windows and helmets. Look at stickers for ride and for club.

Dan - long ago embroidered PCC Century Rides

SAG Wagon

Ownership has changed. Andrea will follow up with Subaru person. It was helpful to have the vehicle to check on people. PCC paid for fuel.

Gibson City Stop

Question for Chris Dangles – Is there a way to get the breakfast food without going inside?

Limit of people who can go inside for the breakfast? Will there be bins outside for trash?

Richard Brannon will send Chris Dangles email to Andrea. Andrea will send a list of questions to Chris D.

Volunteers

start recruiting now

Sign up at May welcome meeting and another volunteer pizza party in June.

Route

Will we use the same route as last time?

Negative thing – the Ride from Gibson City to Mahomet was boring because it was all one direction. The only problem riding in one direction is the wind.

Ask Steve Henkel about the ride route, ask about the Gibson City to Mahomet section.

Broader Bike Community Events

League of American Bicyclists is planning events for May (tho' targeting 'essential workers')

Ride to School – posted on calendar by Cynthia H. – Champaign County Bikes

Ride of Silence May 19th – friends of bike riders ride

May 15th Clean up Kickapoo Rail Trail

Make a link to the Champaign County Bikes on the PCC website, also post Clean up and Ride of Silence.

September 11 is Springfield Ride

August 28 Wabash River Ride

Publicity

PCC Tour- on PCC Website, other places?

Promote the Gibson City Breakfast included in the PCC Tour

Old Business

New Business

Action items by Next Meeting

PCC Tour – Email to discuss the PCC Tour pieces outlined above.

Next Meeting: June 6, 6:30 pm - Tentative

Adjourn 7:30pm

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Prairie Cycle Club Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Zoom host: Sue Jones

Meeting starts 6:34

Roll Call (*Secretary*) X- attended

Sue Jones President x	Michael Fuerst Webmaster/online newsletter x	Dan Metz At Large x
Joan Wingo Secretary x	Richard Brannon Membership director x	(Blank) At Large
Sue Ellen Finkenbiner Treasurer x	Andrea Stack Activities director x	Guests: Rich Furr, Debra Karplus, Chris Dangles, Richard Shurtz

Minutes [Joan]

Minutes for February and March, 2021 Andrea, Sue Ellen, Approved.

Actions taken since last board meeting

Richard – emailed PCC email list 3/24/2021 - Invited and lead a “Get Re-acquainted Ride”- Met at Rigg's Brewery at 1:00 PM High winds, no riding.

Andrea - put the rides in order of Day/Time, Location and give the ride list to Michael. – Done.

Michael - posted the ride list on PCC website Calendar. Done

Sue – Sent publicity items and PCC survey to Steve. Sent PCC Board PCC promo flyer.

Sue – Sent out PCC cycling interest survey to PCC email list

Sue – Hosted PCC Zoom Social with "choose your breakout rooms" March 28, 2021

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

Membership increased our balance. See Treasurer report.

Q: Do we want to decrease our insurance? Currently at 150 members.

A: Move insurance coverage down to 100 people, this will reduce the cost of the insurance.

Budget for March and April submit for approval May 2 meeting.

Insurance question from PCC Board meeting on March 7, 2021:

Will our insurance cover a ride that we publicized or co-sponsored?

A: 3/13/2021 Our insurance does cover any ride we sponsor

where no participation fee is charged. If we charge a fee we need their special event coverage, as we do for the CU Across the Prairie Ride.

We're also allowed to have fund raisers. So, if we wanted to sponsor a

Pie Ride we'd need to ask for donations- not charge a participation fee.

That might be another good way to drum up membership. Sue Ellen attached the insurance (policy pdf) for anyone who wants to read it.

Membership report [Richard]

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Activities Report [Andrea]

Rides (posted on PCC website)

Rides start Saturday 4/17/2021

Monday Moderate Rides – 6:00 pm Meadowbrook Park (Race St parking lot) Urbana.

Leaders: Anne Robin (arobin@uiuc.edu) for the slower ride, and Nina Chanlin (sweatyninabikes@gmail.com) for the faster ride.

Monday Evening Mahomet Ride - 6:00pm from the [bike trail parking lot at Buffalo Trace on the west side of Illinois 47, aka County Rd 350E](#) (across the road from the Botanical Gardens and about 700 ft south of the entrance to the Museum of the Grand Prairie). This is a social ride. We are not really serious about the pace line. Come enjoy curvy, hilly roads! *Leader:* Ellen Hedrick (ellenh1965@gmail.com)

Tuesday Morning Ride - 9:00am from [Porter Park on Rising Road](#). *Leader:* Ed Bondurant (bonduran@illinois.edu)

Tuesday Night Women's Ride – 6:00pm, from from [Sun Singer Wine and Spirits shop](#), 1115 W Windsor Rd, Champaign. *Leaders:* Brenda Mehnert, Annette Stumpf, Christine Williams and Nancy Yeagle

Wednesday no one offered to lead rides on Wednesday

Thursday Night Ride - 6:15 Zahn Park, Rich Furr offered to start rides in a few weeks. Rich has spoken to John Prince, Richard McCleary to ask if they were interested, but Rich has not heard back from them. Richard Brannon will ask John Prince and Richard McCleary if they are interested in leading the Thursday ride with Rich Furr. Rich asked Nancy Parker and Terri Stoerger – neither are interested. (John Prince wanted to move to Jupiters, no easy way to go to Duncan or Windsor). Discussed holding Show and go on Thursdays, however it is best to have a scheduled ride, per Rich Furr.

Saturday Morning Pedaling for Pleasure – Name needs to be changed to Saturday Saunter for Seriously Social Riders from [Meadowbrook Park](#), (Race St parking lot) Urbana 9:00 *Ride Leader(s):* Sue Jones (siouxgeonz@gmail.com)

Need update on the PCC Website for Peddling for pleasure – Day/time/leader, etc similar information as the other rides.

PCC Pizza Party

Status of Planning outdoor pizza party w/ pickup for pre-registered members? Eat at Meadowbrook?

Andrea spoke with health department – food division. Andrea asked many questions about COVID, but did not receive many answers. Andrea did learn that if we hold a members only event, no permit is needed. If we

invite non-members, then we will need a permit.

One option: Order in pizza, pickup or deliver. Need to look at all options.

Dan Metz offered his house as a place to hold the pizza party. He and his wife have hosted large gatherings in the past for the Illinois Opera Enthusiast. Dan's house is near Clark Park. Ride to Dan's house for pizza a party.

PCC Tour

Sketch out inexpensive version of PCC Tour?

Andrea suggested:

Donut ride instead of stealing the Pie ride idea. Looked into options for individually packaged donuts.

Schnucks – cannot individually package donuts.

Cookie ride – Donation. Reuse maps from the previous PCC tour. Set up a stopping spot to pick up something from the table and go on.

2021 GIBSON CITY SESQUICENTENNIAL: A Year-Long Celebration of Gibson City's 150th Birthday

May 2, 2021 - Community Family event at the GC North Park, 1:00PM - 4:00 PM. The Time Capsule that was buried in 1971 will be opened, along with having food, icecream, games for kids, and live music. 50 years since the capsule was buried.

Chris Dangles offered Gibson City Hospital and the anniversary in the park as a stopping point for a Show and Go Ride. Put some maps out and maps online. Make links for the maps and have options out there (at the event).

Chris Dangles, Gibson City Hospital will host the PCC Tour again.

Do the ride with donations, no ride fees. This will be our annual ride. We can use the hospital as a guest stop.

Tour Idea Discussions

Sue –Asked PCC Board to look at how others are running their rides – how do they do it. Do they run their ride like a regular ride? Think of budgetary things. Basically the goal is to have people come out to ride. Food is not the most important part of the ride. If the hospital is the breakfast stop, how can we do food reasonably at another location, so we don't waste food, i.e. rain out.

Andrea – Do a more typical tour, but know that hospital can do the breakfast thing. That is a huge bonus and would make it easier for us to plan. Lake of the woods pavilion might need to be cut out.

Rich Furr – Need to figure out the start point. Use the hospital. We need to think about all of the riders. Not many people can ride 25 miles to get the breakfast food.

Andrea - Maybe two different starting points for people. Two starting points limits the number of people who gather at one place. Another option, stager start is best during COVID. Keep people spaced out.

Andrea - to send a list of questions so the board can find answers. i.e., do we want to include Allerton? Make a spreadsheet to figure out the stops and ideas.

Sue – having something smaller might be a good idea. Make it 30 miles and figure a way to manage it. Rides with loops are called Daisys.

Publicity

(Items to submit to Steve for the newsletter and to Michael for the PCC website)

Weekly rides

Public rides on the PCC website. Everyone on the PCC Board look them over and let Andrea know if things need to change.

Sue will talk with Steve Hinkle about what to put in the newsletter

May 9, 2021 Mother's Day Ride 2:30 pm

May 17 Ride of Silence

May 23 – Cynthia Hoyle's Ride

Champaign County Bikes – will not have a booth at Market Place

Farmers Market is great destination for the Saturday Saunter Ride

Old Business

1. How can we plan for safe cycling?

a. Recognize things are getting better.

We discussed about everyone staying away from one another

b. Connect w/ride leaders again to see how they're thinking/feeling?

See rides above.

2. Broader Bike Community Events

a. League of American Bicyclists is planning events for May (tho' targeting 'essential workers')

May 9 Mother's Day Ride 2:30 pm

May 17 Ride of Silence – Sue would be glad to be a "leader" and share maps and post emails.

Sue has led the ride itself several times. CCB has a better handle on things like publicity -- and other organizational aspects.

May 23 – Cynthia Hoyle Ride

b. Andrea – What is the status of our Paypal Dongle? Paypal is planning to do away with the dongles. We can use the dongle to sign up members.

b.i. Sue Ellen – We can still use the Paypal dongle. The program is on Sue Ellen's phone.

c. All PCC Board members and other members should consider wearing PCC Bike Jerseys at rides. Encourage people we meet to sign up to be PCC members. Keep the PCC website handy on our

phones and encourage people we meet to sign up on their phones.

d. Sue - Rick Langlois of Champaign County Bikes... they've got a youtube channel... He says: CNBC had an interesting piece on the global bike shortage and the opportunity for "transportation upheaval".

[Why Covid-19 Caused A Bike Boom 11:32 min.](#)

This video starts by talking about the massive increase in bike sales in cities around the world and the bike shortage that has followed.

It quickly shifts gears and talks about infrastructure for bikes and pedestrians in cities all over the world.

Champaign County Bike folks!

If you find a **Youtube video** on the topic of bicycling or walking, etc. that you want to share there are a couple of ways.

1. Use the SHARE button on Youtube to email the link to **this list** - CCBDiscuss@googlegroups.com
2. Send the link to **CCB** and we can share it. info@champaigncountybikes.org

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO THE CCB YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

If you "Like" videos that watch and like we will know if we are sharing what the CCB community wants to see.

USE the CCB Discuss Forum.

New Business

none

Action items by Next Meeting

Review the rides on the PCC website. Give changes to Andrea.

Send ideas for May 2nd ride to Gibson City, PCC Tour, and other possible rides via email to the PCC Board.

PCC Board members – go to rides and promote signing up as PCC members, use online website to sign up.

Sue Ellen – Will contact the insurance to reduce the number for coverage from 150 to 100.

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Adjourn 7:30pm

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Annual Membership Meeting – December

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March 7, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Zoom host: Sue Jones

Roll Call (Secretary)

Sue Jones President	Michael Fuerst Webmaster/online newsletter	Dan Metz At Large
Joan Wingo Secretary	Richard Brannon Membership director	(Blank) At Large
Sue Ellen Finkenbiner Treasurer - Out	Andrea Stack Activities director	Bob Morris Guests

Minutes [Joan]

Minutes for February and March, 2021 will be submitted for approval April 2021.

Actions taken since last board meeting

Andrea – Contacted past ride leaders and created a list of leaders, rides, dates, times, locations.

Sue - PCC Zoom Social with "choose your breakout rooms" Planned for later in March.

Dan - send Sue links to info about indoor riding options – listed in March agenda.

Sue - contact CCB and others to see what's happening for spring promotion of bicycling in the community – See Rides below.

All PCC Board Members will be pondering options for a ride leaving from Campus (or I-Hotel). Email PCC members an interest survey? Start monthly, will need a ride leader, low commitment.

Space Rental for gathering – PCC is not for profit, will that reduce the cost? Liability insurance?

Budget report [Sue Ellen]

Budget for March will be submitted for approval April 2021.

Membership report [Richard]

48 members as of 3.7.2021

Encouraging people to ride and renew membership.

Invite everyone to a pre-mid April "Get Re-acquainted Ride" and renew membership or join as a new member. This will not be a PCC Ride in March.

PCC Board Members need to renew their membership.

Activities Report [Andrea]

Rides

Rides traditionally start the first Saturday after Tax Day, April 15.

Ellen Hendrick gave Andrea the ride leaders list from 2019. Andrea sent a request to potential ride leaders for the following:

Ride Leaders Names, Day of Ride, Time, Speed, Location from each leader.

Andrea to put the rides in order of Day/Time, Location.

Michael to post on PCC website Calendar, other PCC Social Media.

People can choose the ride that fits their speed. PCC will need to be flexible. Since COVID, people may need time to increase their speed.

Ride leaders – Have a number of ride leaders for each ride to allow flexibility for ride leaders.

Insurance covers PCC for the year. The insurance will cover the pre-PCC ride hosted by Richard.

Plan for safe rides: People will show if they are comfortable with riding.
CDC guidelines and USA Cycling guidelines links on PCC website. Insurance company – safety link, for safety check list, pdf posted to PCC website. Andrea to refer ride leaders to PCC website.

Ride ideas:

Goal: promote PCC by expanding rides.

Rides to include children. (suggested by:Cynthia Hoyle) Currently rides are on roads. Need a route on bike paths or other safe areas for children to ride. Currently we do not have ride leaders or rides for children.

Rides to encourage young people to join. Start rides in town on or near campus. State Farm Center or iHotel for parking. iHotel for parking and gather for food after the ride. (attendees pay for their own food)

Broader Bike Community Events (Sue Jones):

Goal: How can we communicate even better with/about the diverse cycling community?

When PCC Board members speak with any of these groups, update the Board via email.

Cynthia Hoyle – two rides, decide if we sponsor.

League of American Bicyclists – May

Champaign County Bikes (CCB) – Zoom events

CU-Cycle Newsletter – Follow the newsletter for updates

Ride Illinois (and League of American Bicyclists)

Wildcard (racing)

Kickapoo Mountain Bike Club

Illini Cycling

Other assorted little groups who ride together

Bike Project

PCC Pizza Party

Goal: social meet and greet, welcome back. May or not have a ride, so non-riders can join in too.

Pizza Party will be planned for later in the summer. Possibly Jupiter's, outdoors, waiting for COVID state requirements. Or Meadowbrook, bring your own pizza.

Publicity

(Items to submit to Steve for the newsletter and to Michael for the PCC website)

Thank you to Michael for website maintenance.

Cynthia Hoyle – two rides, decide if we sponsor, or only post.

Sue Jones – PCC Bike Survey (google doc) link in email to PCC email list. 550 PCC emails.

Bike Survey sent out to the general public to learn public's interest in and ideas for biking in CU.

CU-Cycle Newsletter – Watch the PCC club email for Pre-season go and show rides, membership sign up, ask for volunteers for PCC Ride in August.

Old Business

1. Zoom meetings with break out rooms. Sue can set up Zoom & break out rooms. Date TBD.
2. Host a Welcome day (as in the past). Leave from State Farm Center or iHotel, both have parking. Invite people to bring money and meet at the iHotel to eat after the ride. (People pay for their own food)

New Business

PCC Tour – CU across the prairie tour – Need to build membership to afford to run this ride.

2021 PCC Tour – base on Pie Tour? Best time to hold a gathering based on COVID? This year hold the pizza party outside at a pavilion – Ride out, return to pavilion for food, gathering, and membership sign up. This enables people not riding that day to participate. Set up link online for people to pay online. Space Rental for gathering – PCC is not for profit; will that reduce the cost? Liability insurance?

Action items by Next Meeting

Richard – Invite and lead a “Get Re-acquainted Ride”

Andrea - put the rides in order of Day/Time, Location and give the ride list to Michael.

Michael - post the ride list on PCC website Calendar.

Sue – Send publicity items and PCC survey to Steve

Sue – Set date for and host - PCC Zoom Social with "choose your breakout rooms"

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Feb. 7, 2021 4:00 p.m

Zoom host: Sue Jones

Link:

<https://parkland.zoom.us/j/83366710579>

Call to order 4:10 pm

Attendance:

President Sue Jones,

Secretary Joan Wingo,

Treasurer Sue Ellen Finkenbiner

Webmaster/online newsletter: Michael Fuerst

Membership director: Richard Brannon

Activities Director: Andrea Stack

At Large: Dan Metz

At Large:

Guest: Clifford Jones

Approval of minutes from previous meeting –

Joan Wingo will email to PCC Board:

October/November 2020 email discussions

December 2020/January 2021 email discussions to PCC Board

February 2021 Minutes to be submitted at March 2021 meeting

Public Input/ Discussion

New Business

- **Welcome back board members** ☐ ☐

- **Membership Report (Richard)**

42 members for 2021

Discuss bringing in new members for the new season in March or April.

- **Activities Report (Andrea) –**

- Posts to PCC website:

Link to the CDC website.

Link to USA Cycling “bicycling safely” page: [https://s3.amazonaws.com/usac-craft-upload-s-production/documents/COVID-19-Event-](https://s3.amazonaws.com/usac-craft-upload-s-production/documents/COVID-19-Event-Resources/Group_Ride_Recommendations_061220.pdf)

[Resources/Group_Ride_Recommendations_061220.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/usac-craft-upload-s-production/documents/COVID-19-Event-Resources/Group_Ride_Recommendations_061220.pdf)

- People decide their comfort level with regard to the rides. People want rides this year but ride safely.
- Stick to the facts. If you ride with us, we are following CDC recommendations.
- Need wording for the website.

Additional Discussion:

Insurance Company

Sue Ellen to contact PCC’s insurance company regarding the following:

How to protect PCC board and protect others.

How to plan for safe cycling, and group cycling.

Rides

Rides traditionally start after April 15 (regular Tax Day).

Concern – We have nothing going on currently.

Suggested ride type: Similar to a race time trial – people head out one at a time. Stop at a location and wear masks.

Ride Goals: Build comradery, Team effort, Be a part of a community. Get people together. Base rides on who wants to be together, by ride type, people in a group.

Ride Leaders

Andrea will contact past leaders (Ellen Hedrick, others) and recommended leaders to find out what type of ride they want to lead.

- Will leaders commit? How many rides will they commit to?
- Leaders responsible for: planning, meeting, riding.
- Ground rules: If no one shows up to a ride, cancel the ride?
- Discuss: Riders who do not play by the rules – mask, social distancing, etc. Is that at the rider leader level or board meeting level?
- Gather ride leaders to discuss possible situations.
- Michael Fuerst: USA Cycling, Group Ride Recommendations: https://s3.amazonaws.com/us-ac-craft-uploads-production/documents/COVID-19-Event-Resources/Group_Ride_Recommendations_061220.pdf

Pizza party and social events

Learn about the State's next phase to decide.

Summer may have different requirements in place.

- **Publicity:** What do we want to share with Steve for the preseason social media?
- **Treasurer's Report – (Sue Ellen)** 1st Andrea, 2nd Dan, approved.

Starting 2021 about \$1000 less than 2020. Many bills paid in January 2021.

Insurance renewal: at level based on 150 people. Current cost at \$800.00. Question by board members: How is the insurance rate is determined? Answer: Coverage based on type of biking and a long list to determine how they (insurance company) determine the risk. Question: What else does the insurance cover? Answer: Insurance covers lots of costs including attorneys, etc. Medical payments too. Question: is there another rate? What is involved with obtaining another rate? Sue Ellen to follow up with the insurance company.

- **How can we plan for safe cycling?**
 - Options for safe cycling. See Ride recommendations.
 - Zoom meetings with break out rooms. Sue can set up Zoom & break out rooms.
 - Zwift videos to discuss (Richard Clery will supply Sue with links)
 - Form groups to ride online.
 - Offer a list of urls for rides online (i.e. Full Gas, Zwift, Strava) – Dan to send Sue urls
 - What other bike clubs are doing? Virtual with other groups? (Richard has contacts for a large group who may want to join virtual rides)
 - Other topics for break our rooms?

- **Broader Bike Community Events**

- League of American Bicyclists is planning events for May
- We'll explore different options for zoom meetings in March.
- CU Cycle and other riding groups (See 8b) – how to coordinate rides with these groups.
- Ways to keep the club riding and surviving. Focus on building membership.
 - How to bring younger people to PCC? Maybe a community of people of own their likeness will bring in younger people. Also bridging the gap between older (PCC members) and younger people.
 - Where are the younger people? Why don't the rides leave from campus?
 - Suggestions: where to meet and ride
 - State farm center, confirm parking (free or cost); iHotel – parking for a group.
 - Host a Welcome day (as in the past). Leave from State Farm Center or iHotel, both have parking. Invite people to bring money and meet at the iHotel to eat after the ride. (People pay for their own food)
 - Urbana locations? Lincoln Square or Philo road? Parking & Food.
 - Email, Social Media, how best to reach current, past and future members? 588 people are on the PCC email list (not all members) Most of the emails are good.
 - Pizza Gathering: will people become paying members? 42 current paid members (February 2021). Best time to hold a gathering based on COVID? This year hold the pizza party outside at a pavilion – Ride out, return to pavilion for food, gathering, and membership sign up. This enables people not riding that day to participate. Set up link on-line for people to pay online. Richard will check to see how many people signed up at the last pizza gathering.

- **How can we communicate even better** with/about the diverse cycling community?

- CU-Cycle is awesome (the newsletter)
- What are the organizations ?
 - Ride Illinois (and League of American Bicyclists)
 - Wildcard (racing)
 - Kickapoo Mountain Bike Club
 - Illini Cycling
 - Other assorted little groups who ride together
 - Champaign County Bikes
 - Bike Project
- **Can we have communication about rides somewhere in common?**
 - Alternatives email: Slack? WhatsApp? Rollout? Discord?
 - Are others already doing some of this? (maybe we should ask ☐ ☐)

Action Items:

Andrea – contact past ride leaders, will they lead rides this summer?

Sue - PCC Zoom Social with "choose your breakout rooms"

Dan - send Sue links to info about indoor riding options

Sue - contact CCB and others to see what's happening for spring promotion of bicycling in the community

All PCC Board Members will be pondering options for a ride leaving from Campus (or I-Hotel). Email PCC members an interest survey? Start monthly, will need a ride leader, low commitment.

Space Rental for gathering – PCC is not for profit, will that reduce the cost? Liability insurance?

Next Meeting March 7 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned 5:09 pm

2021 Meeting Schedule

Board Meetings - First Sunday of the Month 6:30 pm (may change due to events)

Jan 3 - Feb 7 - Mar 7 - Apr 11 - May 2 - Jun 6 - Jul 4 - Aug 1 - Sep 5 - Oct 3 - Nov 7 - Dec 5

Annual Membership Meeting – December

Prairie Cycle Club Board Email discussions December 2020 and January 2021 PCC Vote

Discussed by email the following:

December discussions: Michael, Sue, Frank, Joan, Ellen.

January discussions: Michael, Sue, Joan, Sue Ellen, Richard, Andrea

Minutes:

12/7/2020 Michael Fuerst

- Review of ARTICLE V – Membership Meetings –
- Section 1. Annual Meeting of Membership

Our by-laws allow the following simple election process:

We put out a form that is yes/no for the whole slate or yes/no for the individual positions. Members have a week or two to vote. Then we count votes. We will regroup in the event of any no vote

According to our by-laws, members are people who joined/renewed at any time from Aug 2019 until the election.

- Section 2. Special Meetings of Membership – Can host online membership meeting. This is necessary this year due to COVID.
- Section 3. Voting Presence – Each vote must be cast by a unique person. Only persons physically present at the Annual Meeting or at a non-online Special Meeting may vote, A person cannot authorize any other person to cast a vote that member's behalf by proxy or other method. Voting online due to COVID.

12/19/2020 Number of members who could votes was determined to be 85 plus.

12/28/2020 Information on rides shared by Ellen Hedrick

Jan Seeley requested information about Fritz, Peter, and the White Heath Ride to plan a run.

Ride to the Depot – Fritz & Peter started the ride in approx. 1993, ended running the White Heath approx. 12 years later. Peter: route related things, mapping, marking, food locations, sag, and registration. Fritz: start/finish location, the food at White Heath, and food at the snack stops.

Fritz died Jan. 1, 2007. Peter decided to do a Fritz Miericke Memorial Tour Fall 2007

Went back to using the Ride to Depot Peter Davis and Alex ran the Ride to the Depot until 2020 when COVID hit.

Peter Davis – For history of PCC and *Pie Rides*

History: Peter and Fritz organized Champaign Touring Society with Claudia Washburn to develop out of the area weekend tours.

Ellen suggested a history section on the PCC website

Peter and Fritz - *Georgetown Chicken Century* and the B,I,K.E. two day on road/off road event.

Ellen suggested resurrect this gravel ride and add non gravel roads.

Peter: We are hoping to begin producing the various events we did in 2019; the three Pie Rides, the Depot Tour, and the Community Used Bike Sale. All dependent on the pandemic situation.

Ellen Suggested: Brewery Ride, August Tour

Ellen volunteered to be a ride leader

12/30/2020 Last chance to nominate people to run for the PCC Board positions sent by Sue Jones via email.

Date: PCC Board positions were uncontested.

1/7/2021 Google Vote For PCC Board members emailed to the 85 plus PCC members for vote of yes or no

1/25/2021 Sue Jones, emailed the PCC Board to confirm that there were no write in ballots.

The PCC Board is:

President; Sue Jones

Activities director: Andrea Stack

Secretary: Joan Wingo

Webmaster/online newsletter: Michael Fuerst

Treasurer: Sue Ellen Finkenbiner

Membership director: Richard Brannon

Dan Metz – At Large

Ideas discussed:

Dan – Local cemetery ride to Philo, Block, other to find the oldest grave stone. Person who finds the oldest grave stone wins a prize, PCC jersey or pizza.

Andrea – How to ride safely in groups.

Next Meeting February 7, 4:00 pm (due to Super Bowl at 5:30 pm).