

ROLLING WHEELS

SUFFOLK BIKE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 2020

Constitutional Change to Allow Electronic Voting Proposed

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SUFFOLK BICYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION IS PUT FORTH FOR DELIBERATION AND VOTING.

CURRENT ARTICLE IV:

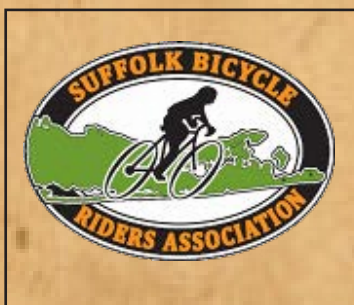
ARTICLE IV OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION
SECTION 2: THE MEMBERS SHALL ELECT ALL OFFICERS AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING. A MAJORITY OF A QUORUM SHALL BE NECESSARY TO CONSTITUTE THE ELECTION OF AN OFFICER. EACH OFFICER SHALL SERVE THE TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE V OF THIS CONSTITUTION. AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM, ANY OFFICER MAY BE RE-ELECTED. NO MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME. IN THE EVENT THAT A TIE WOULD RESULT FROM THE VOTING OF ANY OFFICE, A NEW ELECTION SHALL BE HELD AT THE SAME MEETING, UPON AN ENTIRELY NEW BALLOT, IN AN ENDEAVOR TO DISSOLVE THE TIE.

AMENDED ARTICLE IV

SECTION 2: THE MEMBERS SHALL ELECT ALL OFFICERS IN THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER MEETING BY AN ONLINE ELECTRONIC VOTE. ELECTRONIC BALLOTS SHALL BE SENT OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP LISTING ALL POSITIONS AND NOMINEES. VOTES SHALL BE ACCEPTED FOR COUNT FROM THE END OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING UP TO MIDNIGHT OF 6 DAYS HENCE (WEDNESDAY IF THE MEETING IS HELD ON A THURSDAY). THERE SHALL BE NO WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ACCEPTED. A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES RECEIVED WILL ELECT EACH OFFICER. EACH OFFICER SHALL SERVE THE TERM OF ONE (1) YEAR, OR UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED, EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE V OF THIS CONSTITUTION. AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM, ANY OFFICER MAY BE REELECTED.

NO MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME. IN THE EVENT THAT A TIE WOULD RESULT FROM THE VOTING OF ANY OFFICE, A NEW ELECTRONIC BALLOT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE TIED POSITION(S) SHALL BE SENT OUT TO THE MEMBERSHIP WITH A ONE WEEK EXPIRATION FOR ACCEPTED VOTES IN AN ENDEAVOR TO RESOLVE THE TIE(S).

NORMAN SAMUELS
JOANNA PASCUCCI
BRUCE REDLIEN



Message from the President

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?



It is hard to believe that Summer is almost over, but our best riding is just beginning. Our Summer into Fall has, for me, always been the best time to ride. The mornings are not so hot, and you can feel the energy transitioning into another change in seasons.

As you might have heard, Gregory Wirth passed away this Summer. Laura and Donna have put

together a ride in his honor on September 12th. Those of you that knew him should try to get a ride posted to honor one of our members who was passionate about riding in the club. Greg's spirit is sure to be at that ride, and this is an excellent way to let him know that SBRA does not forget those that are gone but have touched our lives.

This past month our 2021 budget was passed by those who attended the Zoom General Meeting. Thank you all for going along with a budget that is in the best interest of the club. We have had to scale back on somethings, but those things are not in our control at this point. Due to the uncertainty of Covid, some of our larger gatherings such as the Holiday Party and the Halloween Party could not be planned this year. However, Norm suggested that we still have the Halloween ride like we always do minus the indoor party. We will announce a date for that ride at the next meeting.

We will be taking a vote at the next General Meeting for a constitution change in the way we vote for our Board Members. It was presented at the last General Meeting, and it proposed Electronic Voting. We do not know when we will be able to have face to face meetings again, so this is something that we need to do, especially this year. We will be voting on this at the September 3rd meeting.

Mask up, be safe, and enjoy the ride!

Joanna

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ROLLING WHEELS

I hope you will notice that this month's issue of Rolling Wheels' content is a bit "thin" and the "look" visually lacking. I recently learned that to approve the constitutional amendment on page one, members must receive a copy of the amendment ten days before voting on it. So there just wasn't time to produce the newsletter the way I think it has been in the past.

Let me also take this opportunity to invite you to participate in its production. I am always looking for copy, photos, and cycling news. Remember, if it interests you, it will interest other club members.

Bernie Scherer

Safety Tips

Watch Out for the RIGHT CROSS

BY MANNY ROSENKRANTZ

Education & Safety Director



The most common type of collision is known as the Right Cross. This happens when a car is pulling out of a side street, parking lot or driveway to your right. You can avoid this collision in several ways.

1. Try to make eye contact and, if you can't, wave your arm to get the driver's attention. You can also start yelling "hey" to get the driver's attention.
2. Slow down if you can't make eye contact, so much that you are able to stop quickly and completely if you have to.
3. Ride farther left. Most of us are used to riding close to the curb (see my article in last month's Rolling Wheels where I said this is not always the best way to place ourselves on the road) because we are afraid of being hit from the rear. But research has shown that when drivers are looking down the road for oncoming traffic, they aren't looking in a bike lane or areas close to a curb. The further left you are, the more likely the driver will see you. Being further to the left gives you one more option- you may be able to move even further left and speed up to avoid the collision.

GREG WIRTH MEMORIAL RIDE



SATURDAY, 9/12

(RAINDATE: SUNDAY, 9/13).

RIDE START: EASTPORT

TIME: 9-12

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

RIDE LEADERS NEEDED

RIDE COORDINATORS:

LAURA CACCAVALE &

DONNA LEAHY

Important Dates



VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3



GREG WORTH MEMORIAL RIDE

SEPTEMBER 12

RAIN DATE: SEPTEMBER 13

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ROLLING WHEELS

September 20

Send submissions to

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Ask The Cycologist

The Cycologist - a monthly column with "advice" for riders

**THE Cycologist is ON
vacation
OFFice Hours Will ResUME
IN October**

September Birthdays:



Gary Bass,	David Koyles	Edward Mullins
Laura Caccavale	Chris Joinnides	Lori Neste
John Caccavale	Brian LeDonne	Mitchell Newmark
Rose Cummings	Jason Lee	Gerald O'Meara
Michelle Dittmar	Dawn Lee	Glenn Olszewski
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Maria Henry	John Martin	Brian Toole
Daniel Herrera	Kerri McCarthy	Richard Travis
Arthur Johnsen	Fred McKenna	Helen Turner
Llewellyn Johnson	Michael McLaughlin	StacyLynne Twohig
Evangelia	Bob Miller	Kenneth Vrana
Karakatsanis	Michael Minutello	Kathleen Wells
Lee Kirsch	Ken Moreira	Tony Winters
		Christopher Wood

New Members:

Steve Haller	Edward Sanabria
Aaron Miller	David Terry
Maria Nonemaker	Dave Wu
Daniel Reinhart	



Rolling Wheels

NEEDS

Pictures

Snap a few on your next
ride

and send them to

Norm Samuels

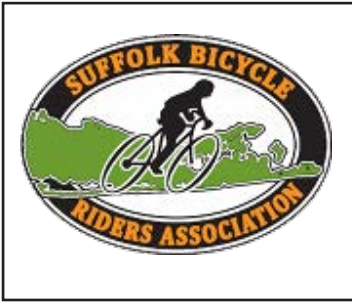
or

Bernie Scherer

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General Meeting Minutes



August 13, 2020

Call to order – President Joanna Pascucci called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Zoom General Meeting, Brenda Meyer was Zoom Host. Approximately 35 members and guests were in attendance.

Acceptance of Minutes – The July 2020 General Meeting minutes were accepted, seconded and approved by Tricia Brandt and Bernie Scherer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Safety Director – (Manny Rosenkranz) – Please read my article in Rolling wheels.

Ride Director – (Joanna for Tom Miceli) we have new ride leaders Gwen Ferry, Marc Reiser and Susan Sears.

Statistician (Tricia Brandt)

The SBRA ride calendar reopened on July 3, 2020 with new COVID-19 guidelines in place. Total mileage for the month of July was 19,403 ridden by 162 different riders. Rides were led by 22 different ride leaders in the month.

Mileage leaders for July

Dennis Desmond	716
Susan Sears	587
Ann Mitromaras	578

Ride Leader Credits for July

Bill Gravitz	17
Tom Pfisterer	15
Jeff Meyer	14
Susan Sears	14

Sweep Credits for July

Dennis Desmond	22
John Bambach	9
Ann Mitromaras	8

Membership – (Ronnie Levy) – 643 new members and 10 bike shops. 18 new members in July There were 35 renewals in July.

Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget

(Joe Matzelle) – A full report including the current balance in the SBRA bank account is available to any member by contacting Joe.

Joe went over last years budget and presented the proposed coming years budget. The coming years budget is attached below. This past years budget was planned to be a break-even budget. The budget depended on income from BBB and dues from 800

members. We could not run BBB and only got 600 members so our income was much less than budgeted. At the end of our fiscal year, July 31, we ended up about \$5000 less in the bank than we prefer to have. We need a balance in the bank account in order to pay for our necessary expenses and permits to run next years BBB. We are not running out of money but we are very close to not having the cash to run BBB unless we cut some of our discretionary expenses such as party subsidies and awards. The proposed budget is a break-even or better budget without any income from BBB. The budget plans on having 700 paid members. Several expense lines are TBD because we are not sure the expenses will occur. We don't plan on having a holiday party this year. We are not sure when we can have in-person meetings again. We have not decided if there will be a subsidy for the 2021 picnic.

Joe answered questions on the proposed budget. The Secretary (Bruce Redlien) asked the meeting members that if a member objected to the budget they should enter their objection on the chat. There were no objections therefore the budget for 2020 – 2021 passed.

Constitutional Amendment – Electronic Voting (Bruce Redlien) Norm reminded us at an executive board meeting that our constitution requires in-person voting for officers and we probably will not have an in-person meeting in November. Norm submitted an amendment instituting electronic voting for officers to the executive committee and the attached amendment is the result. Bruce read the amendment to the meeting. It needs to be published in Rolling Wheels at least 10 days before the September meeting for us to vote on it at the September meeting.

Sunshine Report –

(Norm Samuels for Bruce Presner) – Jim Drago had an accident a few weeks ago and suffered a hip injury. Bruce Presner sent him a get well card.

SBRA Masks

A request for SBRA logo masks was made. Christine will get some for the store. Members will be able to buy them with pay pal and they will be mailed to them.

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General Meeting Minutes

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Number of Rides – (Bill Gravitz)

Can we sustain our membership with so few rides on the calendar? Joanna is concerned also and encourages ride leaders to post rides if they are comfortable with leading a ride with the virus restrictions.

Member News – (Dick Cunningham) -

Dick Reed just celebrated his 96th birthday and is still riding.

Rolling Wheels – (Bernie Scherer) Bernie needs more articles for Rolling Wheels. Member articles makes Rolling Wheels more interesting.

Presidents Report (Joanna) We need speakers for our meetings.

I see that Neil from Campus Bikes is online very frequently – He is checking in order to give the 10% discount on bikes and equipment.

Mountain Bike rides need participants to sign in for each ride.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Redlien, Secretary

Suffolk Bicycle Riders Association 2020/21 Budget (8/1/2020 – 7/31/2021)

Income	
Membership Dues	21000
Total Income	21000
Mandatory Expenses	
Website	3650
Insurance	6000
Storage Unit	2200
Club Membership - LAB	125
PayPal Fees	1300
Miscellaneous	1200
Discretionary Expenses	
Awards/Ride Leader Incentive	1000
Holiday/Awards Party	TBD
Meetings	TBD
Picnic	TBD
Advocacy	750
Executive Board	0
Education & Safety	750
Membership Committee	0
Sunshine Committee	100
Total Expenses	17075
Net Income (Excluding BBB)	3925
Bike-Boat-Bike Profit	TBD
Total Net Income	TBD

PARTING SHOT



Bill Gravitz is totally prepared as he takes a break at his favorite rest stop.



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