

CBC General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018
Outdoor Chattanooga

* Meeting called to order at 6:13pm

* Presiding: Joe Lodato

Officers present: Joe Lodato, Sharon Russell, Peggy Olson and Ben Keim

Others present: Lou Pape, Shannon Burke, David Johnson, Eric Asboe and Kat Volzer

Agenda Items in Bold

Approval of the October Meeting Minutes- Motion: Joe, seconded: Sharon. Vote: Approved

*It was decided to proceed out of order with the meeting, so that our guests could give their presentations first.

New Business

South Chickamauga Creek Greenway and Tennessee Riverwalk Update

David Johnson, Chattanooga Program Director for the Trust for Public Land and Eric Asboe, Public Engagement and Policy Coordinator for the City of Chattanooga Transportation Department gave a presentation about the current status of the South Chickamauga Greenway and the Riverwalk.

Construction will start this spring on the 3 mile section of the Greenway that will connect the two current sections, making it possible to travel from the Riverwalk all the way to Camp Jordan. It is a 3 Million dollar project that should be finished within 12-18 months. It will be mostly elevated boardwalk, with a short distance in a bike lane on Shallowford Road.

Another project starting this spring is an addition to the Tennessee Riverwalk. It will continue the trail from Middle Street to the Incline Railway. This is a 1.8 Million dollar project that will take approximately 8-9 months to complete.

In planning, but several years off, is the CSX Trail, following the railway from St. Elmo to the Southside Community Park neighborhood and a bicycle route connecting Red Bank to the North Shore.

Also discussed was the slippery condition of the boardwalk areas of the South Chickamauga Greenway. Different options to fix this issue are being considered at this time.

Assistance was requested for any information from the club on bicycling history in Chattanooga. Also, when the new sections of trail are opened, ideas for a celebration are welcome.

New CBC/Velo View Ride

Shannon presented his ideas for a new joint venture ride for the CBC and Velo View Bike Tours. He has been contacting businesses and local authorities in the Sequatchie Valley with a very good response.

They would all welcome an event in that area. Hosting an event in the Sequatchie Valley would be less costly than in Chattanooga and it would be very scenic.

The ride would take place on October 5, 2019 and start at Sequatchie County High School. There would be 20, 30, 60 and 80 miles routes, the 80 mile route having a mountain climb onto the Cumberland

Plateau. It would be more of a festival, including other outdoor activities, (caving, rock climbing, etc.) and an expo. Food could be catered by local businesses. Multiple sponsors are interested in this event. Shannon will be attending meetings with the school board to try to get approval to serve beer on school property. He will also come up with more exact figures and a Memorandum of Understanding before the next CBC meeting.

Collegedale Cycling Festival

Kat Volzer, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator for the City of Collegedale Police Department, presented information about their upcoming event on April 27 and 28, 2019. Their goal is to promote bicycling in the Collegedale community through education and a sense of community, that includes all types of cyclists. They are looking for more activities from local bicycling groups to fill the two day Cycling Festival. There will be rides, classes, races, demos and fun bicycle based family activities. It is preferred that any activity ideas should be submitted for approval by January 31, 2019.

There is a planning meeting for the festival on Monday, November 26th, that all are welcome to attend. It is requested that anyone interested should R.S.V.P.

President- Joe Lodato

Annual Meeting/Party- Joe presented the information for the venue that he found. It was decided that the annual party will be held at Cadence Coffee Company this year. This venue will hold up to 75 people. The rental fee would be \$85 per hour. After discussion, it was decided that Joe will reserve this venue for Saturday, January 19, 2019, for the time frame of 5pm to 9pm, allowing for set up and clean up time. The party will occur between 6pm and 8pm.

Lou will research caterers for the main dish. Club members will be asked to bring either side dishes/appetizers or desserts. Cadence Coffee Company will supply one large pot of coffee.

Vice President- Tim Blaes - Not present - No discussions

Treasurer- Sharon Russell

Bookkeeping Services-

Brought up for discussion, by Sharon, is the need to hire someone to do the bookkeeping for the club. Previously, Gray Fletcher was doing it as a free service for us, but cannot continue this at this time. Gray recommends Janet Kanerva, CPA. Sharon has met with Janet and agrees that Janet would work well for this purpose. Her fee would be \$1,500.00 per year for bookkeeping and \$500 for tax preparation. The board agreed that this is a necessary expense and this will be added into the budget for 2019.

2019 Budget-

Sharon submitted a proposed budget for 2019, which was reviewed by the board. This budget will be voted on at the next board meeting, on December 10, 2018.

Year End Donations-

The board reviewed donations given in previous years and took into consideration the current financial status of the CBC. The following donations will be given for 2018:

Paralyzed Veterans- \$200 (\$55 from donations from club members, \$145 from the CBC)
Friends of White Oak Mountain- \$200
Scenic Byways of Sequatchie Valley- \$200
Chickamauga Library- \$250
Friends of Chickamauga Park- \$500
Friends of Moccasin Bend- \$250
Daughters of the American Revolution (for butterfly garden at Chickamauga Battlefield) \$250, donated earlier in 2018
Bike/Walk Tennessee Summit- \$500, donated earlier in 2018

Secretary- Michelle Anderson - Not present, no discussions

Road Ride Coordinator- Peggy Olson

Peggy gave an update on the ride with the Chatt State students and that there are plans for future rides with them.

She also stated that, since the weather will be getting worse, she will not be trying to fill the calendar. Members are welcome to post rides when they see nice weather in the forecast.

There was also a discussion of having an ongoing coffee shop ride. Joe volunteered to look into that and possibly start posting one.

Membership Director- Matt Mallett - Not present, no discussion

Advocacy Director- Phil Pugliese- Not present, no discussion

Communications Director- Daisy Blanton - Not present, no discussion

Social Media Director(s)- Michael Brown, Mikki Blaes - Not present, no discussion

At Large Position- Ben Keim - nothing brought up for discussion

Old Business-

Jersey Order- Sharon reported that there have been 41 jerseys ordered by club member and 13 pairs of socks. The club will use the statistics from these orders to determine what sizes to order, for the additional 59 jerseys that will be kept in stock for future sales. Additional pairs of socks will be ordered to receive the price break, too.

T-Shirts- It was decided to move forward with T-Shirt sales. Lou said that there is a 10 day turn around once the order is placed. He will add this to the website and it will be advertised so that members can have their T-shirts by Christmas. The price will be "cost + tax."

Nominating Committee- Peggy reported that she has all but a few positions filled for 2019. At the meeting, Ben volunteered for the Vice President position, leaving the At Large position open. He quickly

found a replacement. Barry Matlock agreed to be an At Large member of the board. Peggy hopes to have all of the positions filled by the next board meeting.

Outreach Proposal- Rich Rudner was unable to attend the meeting tonight to give us his proposal. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business-

Ride Leader Reward/Incentive- Lou discussed the reward/incentive system used in the past years and it was agreed that we would continue this. Ride leaders, based on how many rides they lead, will receive free or reduced membership dues and/or CBC Club Bucks.

Motion to adjourn made by Sharon and seconded by Joe. All approved. Meeting ended at 8:20pm.

Next meeting- Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6pm at Outdoor Chattanooga.

Submitted by: Peggy Olson, filling in for Secretary.