

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors of**

### **The Freewheelers of Spartanburg and Freewheelers Cycling Association October 7, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Freewheelers of Spartanburg and the Freewheelers Cycling Association was held on October 7, 2024, in Room 209 of the downtown campus of Spartanburg Community College. Present at the meeting: Karl Johnson, President; Mike Bonner, Vice President; Marshall Walsh, Secretary; and Member at Large, Kelly Verdell. Also present were Ken Watts, Steve Verdell, Pablo Pena, Cheryl Miller, Paul LeFrancois, and Jennifer Weaver. Karl Johnson acted as chairman and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September meeting were forwarded to the membership along with the notice of the meeting. The President reviewed the minutes and after discussion the minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Freewheelers Cycling Association**

The Freewheelers Cycling Association routes were damaged by Helena. The routes will have to be local. Lollapalooza routes will be considered.

#### **Miles for Mamograms**

Jennifer Weaver reported that the Miles for Mamograms ride was a great success and raised approximately \$8,000.00

#### **Upcoming Rides**

Karl Johnson reported on several upcoming rides. Due to Helene, many routes have been damaged and several rides had to be canceled. The Hincapie Gran Fono is still scheduled for October 19, but the routes will be consensed to a 19 mile loop. The Club's Tour de Paws fundraiser will be held October 26. The routes appear to be in good condition with the exception of the portion through Converse Heights. Karl will monitor that situation in case route changes become necessary.

#### **Safety**

Karl Johnson indicated that he is working on a future presentation by Bike Law. A review of posted ride rules will be held during the November meeting.

#### **Club T-Shirts**

The T-Shirt order is in production. Once they are ready, Karl Johnson will pick up and will arrange distribution.

### **New Meeting Location**

It was agreed to move future meetings to RJ Rockers if their meeting room is available. Since Rockers is closed on Mondays, the meeting date will have to be moved to Tuesday. Spartanburg Community College is still an option, but may not be available on November 5th because that is election day.

### **Christmas Party**

The Club's Christmas Party will be held on December 12 at Holiday Brewery at 6:30 PM. The dinner will be Dutch Treat, but the Club will provide each member who has renewed a beer ticket. Those attending will need to RSVP and will be asked to bring an unwrapped toy.

### **Membership Drive**

The membership drive for calendar year 2026 begins in October. Karl Johnson will start sending out emails to current members.

### **Officer Reports**

Paul LeFrancois reported on efforts to clean up bike trails.

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Marshall T. Walsh, Secretary