

FINGER LAKES CYCLING CLUB
Annual Meeting
March 30, 2014

1. Call to Order

Following a lively social hour at Kelly's Dock-Side Café, President Steven Powell called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM with 24 members in attendance. The current officers were introduced. Drew Noden was asked to serve as secretary pro-tem for this meeting.

2. Nominations and Elections

Slate of Candidates

President	Steve Powell
Treasurer	Mary Bouchard
Secretary	Wayne Gottlieb
VP Saturday Rides	Robert Ferguson (lead), Doug Dylla, Kyra Stephanoff
VP Sunday Rides	Bill Shang
VP Overnight Touring	Bill Webster
VP Family Touring	Sara Barker, Armin Heurich
VP Racing	Dave Heck
VP Mountain Biking	Don Fitterer
VP Cyclo-cross Racing	Bill Erickson
Race Committee	William Erickson, Don Fitterer, Mark Rishniw, Glenn Swann, Sara Barker
Members-at-Large	Sara Barker, Mark Rishniw, David Ruppert, Rob Ferguson, Andrejs Ozolins
Advocacy Committee	Steven Powell, Andrejs Ozolins, Wayne Gottlieb
Webmasters	Andrejs Ozolins, Rebecca Younes
Coaching	Armin Heurich

No nominees were slated for Publicity, Social Activities, or Community Outreach VP.

President Powell drew attention to the revitalization of the Ithaca High School Cycling Club that Armin Heurich has led the past year and offered the FLCC's resources if useful.

Noting that the very popular weekly women's ride was not represented among the list of officers, it was MOVED that this position be created and Cynthia Schnedeker be nominated to serve as VP. The motion was seconded and APPROVED.

Considerable discussion focused on expanding the roles of the Advocacy Committee. One concern was the lack of organized follow-up when accidents are reported. For example, were tickets issued, and are there possible roadway design features that with minor modifications could provide better safety. There was also the suggestion that, especially

given the number of cyclists who may be short-term residents of Ithaca and often visitors to the U.S.A., the FLCC might want to reach out and offer whatever assistance could be useful related to both health and legal matters.

This discussion broadened to the changing tableau of organized and ad hoc cycling advocacy in the region. The City Bicycle – Pedestrian Advocacy Committee has been somewhat inactive, while the Bike-Walk Tompkins has recently received project funding from the Park Foundation. These plus ongoing concerns about safety on campuses illustrate the benefits as well as pitfalls of having many different groups with each serving a different geographical domain.

With the charge we should explore opportunities to coordinate and perhaps unify the several cycling advocacy groups operating within the county, it was decided to expand the Advocacy Committee with the addition of Kyra Stephanoff and John Dennis.

Hearing no additional nominations, President Powell MOVED that the modified slate of officers for 2014-15 be confirmed. The motion was seconded and APPROVED.

FLCC Merchandise

President Powell showed the FLCC cycling jerseys, jackets and caps available for sale. Presently there is a substantial inventory. He also thanked Don and Sandy Fitterer for maintaining supervision of these items.

Andrejs Ozolins proposed ordering new-design helmet-mirrors with the FLCC logo. Members familiar with this item attested to the cleverness of its design. It was MOVED to order 50 helmet mirrors; the motion was APPROVED.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mary Bouchard summarized and explained the 2013 budget, hard copies of which were available. The available balance has fallen from \$5,823 to \$2,490. This difference is largely due to (1) purchase of FLCC cycling shirts and jackets and (2) subsidizing the young persons summer tour. The former will be made up as these items are purchased. The tour subsidy was approved last year to get the event started, with the expectation that this will become either self-supporting or subsidized by other sources.

4. FLCC Events

WEEKLY RIDES

Saturday rides continue to be very popular. Lively discussions concerning how best accommodate riders of different abilities ensued. Some of the "high end" participants look forward to increasingly longer and more challenging outings, while there are often some new or less experienced riders with different expectations. Several members pointed out the availability of turn-around shorter loops in most areas, and offered advice on how to easily prepare maps for these. Another suggestion was to occasionally promote "destination rides" on which some learning or alternate exercise opportunity would be programmed.

Also discussed was the need to promote awareness that FLCC is not just about elite cycling and racers, and cyclists at all levels are welcome. Robert reminded all of the need to have more members volunteer to lead these rides.

Sara Barker summarized the success of both the weekly Monday family rides and the biking safety and cyclo-cross training events held at Glenn Swann's home. The latter draws very young children who are just beginning to ride.

The enthusiastic participation in the Wednesday women's ride was shared by group leader Cynthia Schnedeker. Depending on the attendance, women with two and sometimes three levels of skill participate.

Don's Thursday slower rides have had uneven participation, and ideas for getting greater attention to these were discussed.

The Tuesday, higher performance rides remain popular. It was emphasized that these are not FLCC sponsored events, and that individuals who organize them are acting independent of FLCC sanction.

RACING EVENTS

Dave Heck previewed the upcoming (May 4th) annual Hollenbeck's Race, including the goal of having 200 riders (up from ~160 in 2013). Volunteers are needed for all aspects of this logistically challenging event – non-racers are especially invited to assist.

The growing enthusiasms for the annual fall cyclo-cross at Glenn Swann's and also the Cascadilla Hill Climb "survival" ride were described.

TOURING EVENTS

Bill Webster summarized the planned weekend and week tours. An introduction to cycling-camping will be held May 15-16 with a ride to Filmore Glen State Park. A longer trip, likely to the Appalachian Mountains, will be scheduled in July.

Steve Powell invited all to participate in this year's Young Persons Ride, which will be on the Pine Creek Trail starting at Wellsboro on June 21-24. This is becoming a very popular entre into bike touring/camping for families.

Andrejs reported that the Memorial Day Ride will be to Niagara, with overnight in a hostel. A fall informal tour might also be scheduled.

4. **Additional Business**

Glen Swann MOVED that FLCC pay the \$75 fee to support the NYBC – New York Bicycling Coalition, which acts as an advocacy/lobbying group in Albany and also does outreach to local communities. The motion was APPROVED.

5. **Other Announcements**

President Powell reminded all to also look at the Southern Tier Bicycle Club website; some of their members participate in FLCC events.

Drew Noden invited all to participate as street riders in the Ithaca Festival Parade on Thursday, May 29. In addition to helping reduce the risk that onlookers – especially children

- could be injured by running onto the streets, this is an opportunity to raise awareness of the FLCC in front of an audience that usually numbers about 8,000.

After reminding all to examine (and purchase) the available FLCC merchandise, President Powell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.