

**Chesapeake Spokes**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

May 4, 2020

Via Zoom 6:00 P.M.

**Attendees**

Jon Olney, Acting President/Vice President  
Jeff Dove, Treasurer  
Brenda McCarthy, Secretary  
Kim Burch, Member at Large

James Pou, Member at Large  
Keith Munski, Member at Large  
Ken Paduch, Member at Large  
Andrea Cross, Member at Large - Absent

**1. Welcome new board members:**

A warm welcome to Keith, Ken, and Andrea. Thank you for taking an interest in the club!

**2. Club President:**

- A. Succession: The untimely death of our dear friend Chuck de Melker has left an empty spot in our hearts as well as this club he loved so much. Big shoes to fill for sure. Jon has assumed the role of acting President until a special election can be held. Motion for Jon to become acting President was agreed upon.
- B. Election to fill vacant slot: Per the CSO By-laws a special election must be held to fill this position. James and Kim agreed to be the nominating committee. An election will take place at a more appropriate time.

**3. Memorial for Chuck:**

- A. Donation: There was discussion of making a donation to one of the charities that Chuck supported such as JAMSQUAD or Cycle for Heroes.
- B. Jersey: Kim will reach out to Sandy about reopening the store to allow members to purchase a jersey memorializing Chuck. The board will decide on a different color for this purpose. That way members that already bought a jersey may be more inclined to buy another in a different color to honor Chuck.
- C. Memorial Ride: Jon will contact Mike Layman/Cycle for Heroes and ask if there is any way to make the ride in September a Memorial ride for Chuck. When riding season starts there is a possibility of having one of Thursdays rides a Ride & La Tolteca night to honor Chuck.

**4. Membership Policy/Email list:**

In light of the COVID19 pandemic, members will not be removed from the email list for non-payment of dues for the 2020 season. When the ride season resumes members will be given 30 days to pay dues before removal.

**5. Resuming the Riding Season:**

Maryland has not reached Phase I of reopening due to the Pandemic. Therefore, club rides are on hold until further notice. This decision will be revisited when Phase I is in effect.

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Keeping in mind there will still be restrictions such as a 10-person limit on rides, wearing a mask and social distancing. Until then only Pickup rides should be announced on Google Groups. Jon will send a memo giving CSO members this information.

**6. Finances:**

The club is still in a good financial position. There is \$900 left from last years dues and \$1,440 left if sponsorship monies. An unanticipated expense was incurred in the amount of \$200 for website/Google Groups maintenance.

Allison is willing to perform small fixes on the website in exchange for free membership and a free jersey. The board agrees.

**7. Other:**

Evie de Melker sent in this request- 1. Highlight the importance for all riders to have Road ID and/or medical condition bracelets. 2. How can the club bring awareness to first responders to check injured cyclist ID's for possible medical conditions?