



Working Bikes General Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2020

1. Call to order – 7:15 PM
Trevor Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:24PM via videoconference.
 - a. Introductions/In attendance
Trevor Clarke, Devon Snyder, Anna Henschel, Dave Gorman, Mike Santomauro, Josh Korby, Anna Henschel, Frank Svestka, Ruth Rosas, Phil Kaplan, Xail Hernandez, Ellen Gibbon, Angela Taylor, Haddon Pearson, Jerry Cohen, and Regina Murphy
2. Approval of April 8, 2020 minutes
The minutes were approved as presented and originally emailed. (Josh–1, Anna–2, unanimous)
3. Community Partnerships – 2wheelgods
Ruth discussed this “collective” that started in 2017 to organize Wednesday night rides on the South and West Sides for riders of color. The rides are on hold due to Covid-19, but ten members, with the help of Xail and also Blackstone Bikes, will learn basic mechanics skills via Zoom. Ellen offered to help by providing maps for safe routes and Haddon tentatively offered to post the instructional videos on our website for future, public viewing. The group mostly communicates through Instagram @2wheelgods .
4. COVID - 19 Response 2.0 Status
 - a. Safety Measures
Trevor explained that all are following CDC and Illinois guidance with masks, gloves, six-foot separation, wiping down, and quarantining bikes.
 - b. Webstore
Josh reported that a record number of bikes were sold in May. Currently offering no test rides, doing curbside exchanges, providing online fitting guidance, and a 30-day return guarantee. Had been staffed 7 days a week for curbside service but now returning to our 5-day Wednesday-Sunday hours.
 - c. Service Department
Xail said no on-spot repairs are being done, and the focus for turn-around is on essential workers first. Referring other customers that want quicker service to other bike shops in Pilsen, Little Village, and community shops closer to customer’s homes, which is working out well.
 - d. Volunteers
Anna said that no volunteer groups are yet allowed in the shop but a spreadsheet is available for volunteers to sign up for shifts. Only a few volunteers are allowed per shift.
 - e. Collections
Collections of donated bikes have resumed on Saturdays at the doors on 24th Place.

5. Volunteering Discussion

Anna welcomes comments on the new sign-up sheet, which includes safety requirements and some new positions.

- a. What do we need to do in order to make the Volunteer Program safe and comfortable for those in the shop?
- b. How would people like to be involved in the shop?
- c. What does volunteering look like from home?

6. Storefront / Staffing update

- a. Virtual Workshops with 2wheelgods and Blackstone Bicycle Works
- b. Interns coming through Enlace and Brighton Park Neighborhood Council BPNC
They will work remotely due to COVID-19 precautions, when the city enters Phase 4 they may be physically present.
- c. Used parts sales
Not yet able to safely open the shop for this but goal is to have parts shopping opportunities to keep neighborhood mechanics cranking out bikes.

7. International Donation Updates

- a. Sierra Leone Shipment over Memorial Day Weekend
*Our first container since instituting the Covid-19 precautions went well. Chipego shipment upcoming
Our next shipment will be at the end of June for this women-owned partner shop in Zambia.*
- b. International partner status
*We're looking forward to Stylish's presentation at our August meeting about his program in Sierra Leone.
Dave shared that Lesotho's bike shop owners are very aware of the challenges in our nation and city, and they are wishing us well.*

8. Cycle of Power/Peace

- a. Group donations to neighborhood partners
 - i. Esperanza Health Centers, Gage Park Latinx Council, Latinos Progresando, Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Enlace Chicago's Violence Prevention Program
Upcoming events that we're supporting are include a North Lawndale Ride on 6/12 and the 63rd & Halsted Ride on 6/19. All are welcome.
- b. Covid-19 emergency transportation donations –*Donations are being made outside of our usual partner-mediated method to get more folks in need on bikes.*

9. Brandon's & Kitchen Crew Updates

10. Founders Facilities Fund

- a. Tuck-pointing
Started yesterday and will last a couple weeks.
- b. Roof improvement & solar installation

11. Other Committee Updates

12. Additional Business

Phil mentioned that the Board has been meeting on a monthly rather than the typical bi-monthly basis to keep up with the evolving crises and to keep a close eye on our financial resilience.

Our thoughts are with Jim Lindsay on the loss of his father and with Chef Paul following the loss of his wife.

Next General meeting will be August 5th at 7:15 PM.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04. (Anna-1, Haddon-2)