

**CROSS CREEK CYCLING CLUB**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Aug 6, 2018, 7:00 PM

**Club Officer Attendees:**

Mike Thomas, President  
Mike Koba, Vice President  
Bob Miarer, Treasurer  
Nina Pope, Secretary

**Membership Attendees:**

Aldo Palacios  
James Brown  
Josh McKay  
Terry Slack  
Julie Biddix  
Victor Medina  
Byron Barnes

**CALL TO ORDER** –Mike Thomas, President  
Meeting called to order at: 7:00 PM

**ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Mike Thomas  
The minutes were posted from the July meeting and are on the website for review. Mike Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike Koba seconded the motion. The members approved the motion present.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Bob Miarer

Bob presented the treasurer's report for July 2018. As of July 31, there was \$14,772.85 available in the general fund, \$10,000 earmarked for the CCF Endowment fund, \$1,000 in the HBWRT fund, for a total of \$25,772.85.

During July, the club received \$1500 in donations for the CCF Endowment fund and \$250 donated for Purple Heart Dinner. Additionally, there was \$173.88 in credits from membership renewals and clothing sales.

Bob Miarer reported that Mark Hawley stated they will donate to the HBWRT and didn't specify the amount. Terry Slack talked about how reimbursement and sponsorship works for the race team. Mike Thomas made a motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report, Mike Koba seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

**1. Club Items** – Robert Havens

- a. Club membership cards. Everyone needs to pick up their membership cards at Hawley's.
- b. Mike Thomas reviewed the current inventory of available clothing. Inventory consists of all sizes of clothing. We discussed various options available for moving the inventory. Mike Thomas proposed offering a 1-year club membership with the purchase of 2 clothing items. Nina made a motion to adopt that strategy, Mike Koba seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership.

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**2. Membership – Robert Havens**

- a. Club Clothing Special – It is posted on the website that if you buy 2 items you will receive a one-year membership extension. Mike Thomas reminded everyone that you must register on the website to see all club information.
- b. Current membership is 83 as of August 1.
- c. Membership and Face Book access – Mike Thomas reviewed how members will have a 30-day grace period after their membership expires before their Face Book access is deleted. Members will also receive an automated membership renewal notice at 14 and 7 days from the website if they are registered on the website.

**NEW BUSINESS & UPDATES**

**1. Committee Reports**

- a. Competition Committee – Chris Herring
  - i. Josh McKay gave a race report of his July racing. Congrats to Josh for braving the heat and humidity!
    - MOAR XC Cat2- 8th
    - MOAR STXC Cat2- 6th
    - The Southern Classic Series “Sizzler” Cat3- P5
  - ii. The Carolina Gravel Series at Poinsettia State Park, SC is Aug 25 and the schedule is posted.
  - iii. Mike Thomas talked about the club possibly sponsoring a race/ time trial next year.
- b. **COMMUNITY – Mike Thomas**
  - i. Upcoming Charity Rides:
    - Tour de Moore (Sep 3) – The club will donate \$100 to Habitat for Humanity, the charity of the Tour de Moore.
    - 50 Ride (Aug 19) – Police Benefit Ride in Raleigh
    - Grape Escape Ride (Aug 26) – Scholarship for Bladen Community College
    - Cumberland County Special Olympics Ride (Oct 6) – Formerly known as the Mayor’s Metric. Mike Koba made a motion to donate \$250, Terry Slack seconded the motion, and it was approved by the membership present.
  - ii. Moses Mathis Bicycle Man Project –
    - Need one more day of clean up before the warehouse fully gears up preparing for the December bike give-away. Bob talked to Ann Mathis and set a date for Sep 15.
    - James suggested that we have C4 stickers made to place on the bikes that the Bicycle Man Project will be giving away.
  - iii. C4 Endowment
    - Status – On August 2, the board met with CCF and created the \$10,000 endowment in the name of Cross Creek Cycling Club. Mike Thomas created a press release.
    - Establishment of guidelines for managing distributions – Mike Koba
      - Mike Koba put together a proposal and options for managing future distributions from the endowment fund.
        - Discussion Points:
          - When to take distributions:

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- Now, as the occur or later?
- Set thresholds for taking distributions?
- o How should the money be spent?
  - Should we define how the distributions are to be spent now, or if it should be left open.
- Decisions:
  - o Bob Miarer motioned that we defer taking distributions until June 2019, before the July disbursement, to see how everything works. Nina seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership present.
  - o Mike Koba proposed that we use distributions for charitable donations and follow the current process for determining which charities the club will support. Terry made a motion in support of the proposal, Al seconded the motion, and it was approved by the membership present.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Mike Thomas

Veteran's Day Ride – George Hatcher will lead his annual Veteran's Day ride on Sunday, Nov 11 from Gaston Brewing Co.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Mike Thomas

- A. **Membership Appreciation Ride & Eat** – Previous discussions for a ride and catered event had been priced about \$1,000 and determined to be more than we thought should be spent. Mike Thomas was able to renegotiate more reasonable terms with Gates 4 with a minimum obligation of \$300. The day will start with a club ride that morning (various pace groups), that will finish about noon at Gates 4 followed by burgers, hot dogs, and various sides. Cost for C4 members will be free and \$10 for guests. There will be a cash bar. Mike will make the final arrangements and post the date once finalized. Tentatively sometime in September. Terry made a motion in favor of the club ride and picnic. Aldo seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership present.
- B. **Better Communication with Membership** – James Brown stated that many members had heartburn about the lack of clear communication in the club and felt that the conversation around the Club's commitment to the CCF had not effectively reached the general membership. James suggested that we could better communicate by sending the agenda and meeting minutes via email to the general membership. He stated he has seen this work well in other clubs like the Tri Warriors.

Everyone agreed this could be a simple solution and would benefit the club. Mike Thomas will speak with Robert Havens to see what technology we have available through the website to send automated emails to the membership.

- C. **Group Rides** – James Brown stated that he noticed a trend that he is seeing less younger riders and women in the group rides. He said the rides had been very welcoming with distinctive riding groups to accommodate various riding levels, but is now seeing rides without a C or D group, leaving newer riders behind.

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James suggests we standardize the pre-ride brief with pre-printed and laminated cards and that there is always a last, no-drop group. He also thought that keeping each group smaller may be better, leave the parking lot on time, and ensure there is always a warm-up at the beginning of each ride. Mike Thomas reviewed meeting minutes from the previous year that indicated the same basic issues with the group rides in the past and acknowledged that it is an ongoing struggle to manage.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 PM. A motion was made by Mike Thomas and seconded by Bob Miarer to adjourn.

Due to Labor Day on September 3, the next meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn on Sycamore Dairy Road in Fayetteville.