**BIKE LEICHHARDT**

**COMMITTEE** MEETING

AGENDA

**Tuesday 15 Nov 2022**

**Location : Royal Hotel**

**Meeting**

**Present : Bob Dunn, Jamie Honan, Laura Cunningham, David Halloran, Heather Manning, Bob Moore, Mark Irish, Norman Bradshaw (observer)**

**Apologies : Neil Tonkin, John McNeil both from IWBC**

1. **Previous Meeting 8 Aug 22**
2. **Business arising: BL Website- JH advised it was being used and BM is continuing to update maps to RwithGPS, no need for David Farrel to do more work**
3. **Treasurers Report:. LC – report attached, Lime paid $2,000, current balance $7255**
4. **Presidents Report: BD Hazard Incidents: none on BL rides, BD advised**

**Currently 15 ride leaders indicates healthy state of BL, thanks to JH as Chief ride Leader**

**861 rider.days this year, 68 rides, 15 different ride leaders**

**No show issue discussed, decided ‘3 strikes you’re out’, BD to discuss at AGM on 29 Nov**

**BD is happy to put together the Newsletter with help from Norman, accepted by Committee unanimously & duly appointed**

**Committee thanked BD for 8 years of contribution as President as this chairing this meeting would his last of BL President.**

1. **Advocacy BM NT - Report attached from NT summarises activities, IWBC submitted Draft Cycling Strategy now with IWC, everyone can ‘Have your Say’ on the IWC website**
2. **LIME \_ $2,000 paid, for community liaison purposes, Bastian Wallace used to work for BNSW but now with Lime suggested giving the $$ back to the BUGs**
3. **Website Design & update – Continue to update the current BL website**
4. **Multi day Ride Co-ordinator – BD wants to take this responsibility, not to meddle in a ride itself but to schedule dates & make rides don’t clash**
5. **AGM – 29 Nov / Committee positions – mailerlite email has gone out advising positions are open have received nominations from BM President, NB Secretary, Laura C Treasurer, JH MI as committee members . DH HM still to nominate as committee members**
6. **President position- BM nominated for President position**
7. **Covid 19 issues – continue with basic restrictions, common sense to apply, up to each ride leaders**
8. **Safety - Incidents none reported, but committee thought numerous potholes in the roads is potentially very dangerous**
9. **Fixed Meeting dates - 2nd Tues Feb, May, Aug, Nov**
10. **New business LC – BNSW fee for Ride leaders – BNSW gives 50% discount to ride leaders but BL gives 80% refund of BNSW fee, decided to stick with 50% discount whilst it applies**

**Wendy Jannings – New chat function in Meetup was discussed, MI to investigate and report back**

**Mike McD raised issue of charity ride & donating to a charity in Central West Area, committee resolved it was a good idea but came up with a clear policy for ride leaders, see email from JH 15 Nov, copy attached at end of these minutes.**

**Meeting closed 8.00 pm**

**Treasurer’s Report for Committee Meeting**

**15th November 2022**

Bank balance as at 15/11/22 Cash Reserve A/c $ 7153.12 \*

Plus deposits to be banked $ - $

Bank balance as at 31/10/22 Solutions One a/c $ 102.20

**TOTAL** **$ 7255.32**

\*Balance includes payment of $2000 for our invoice No. 002 to LIME Network.

**Accounts paid - to be approved (included in totals above)**

Bike Marrickville (as auspicer for FOICC - donation) $200.00

Reimburse bowling fees pd $ 60.00

reimburse BNSW subs :

Natalie Cleary $ 55.00

Dave Halloran $ 55.00

Ellen Kennedy $ 65.00

Mike McDonald $ 55.00

Reimburse Heather Manning – Room Hire AGM $140.00

**Accounts paid - to be approved (not included in**

**totals above) Nil**

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**in totals above)**

Bob Moore -Microsoft email hosting 36.83

Heather Manning – gifts 59.00

**Membership**

***Number of members:*** Currently we have 186 members, including 3 Honorary members.

24 current members are still to renew.

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**Bike Counts**

Bicycle Network Super Sunday bike count has been deferred to Sunday 20th November. We have 2 counters as far as I am aware (Ellen Kennedy and John Diller) which will earn Bike Leichhardt $220.

**BUDGET**

Attached

**Friends of Iron Cove Creek (FOICC)**

Neil Tonkin advised that FOICC decided not to set up their own bank account; $200 was therefore donated to them via Bike Marrickville Inc. as their auspicer. Receipt has been acknowledged.

Laura Cunningham

Treasurer

**Treasurer’s for Budget Committee Meeting**

**8th August 2022**

Bank balance as at 8/08/22 Cash Reserve A/c $ 5,582.95 \*

Plus deposits to be banked $ - $ 5,582.95

Bank balance as at 8/08/22 Solutions One a/c $ 102.20

**TOTAL** **$** 5,685.15

\*This includes a $5 transaction fee charged by Westpac. They could not provide a reason for the fee and will reverse the charge in the next few days. Westpac confirmed there should be no fees charged for the Community Solutions Cash Reserve Account.

**Accounts paid - to be approved (included in totals above)**

Marrickville Bowling Club - Catering $1,755.00

Drink vouchers $ 198.50

Refund pre-paid Bowling fees $ 240.00

Heather Manning – reimburse Social event $ 43.00

MeetUp subs – reimburse B Moore $ 161.29

Big Bike Film Night tickets – reimburse L Cunningham $ 196.00

**Accounts paid - to be approved (not included in**

**totals above) Nil**

**Accounts unpaid - to be approved (not included**

**in totals above) NIL**

**Membership**

***Number of members:*** Currently we have 174 members, including 3 Honorary members.

25 current members are still to renew. New members Andy Salmons and Peter Jervis paid subs twice; I have applied these overpayments to their 2023 membership.

**Bike Counts**

We received $660 for the Super Tuesday Bike Counts in March. A fine effort by all involved. Thanks to John Diller, Bob Dunn, John McNeil, Dave Halloran, Lyn Milne and Edward Re.

**Mid-Year Social event**

Held on 20th July at Marrickville Bowling Club. 44 members RSVP’d. Bike Leichhardt subsidised the event $29 for members and $19 for their guest, up to a total of $2,000.

Catering totalled $1755.00 as the Club charged for 45 people. Members contributed $490.

9 members and a guest did not come on the night, but we still had to pay $280 for them. (9x $29 and 1 x $19)

As bowling was cancelled due to rain, pre-paid bowling fees of $195 were refunded on the night in cash to 13 members, with remaining $45 cash withdrawn from bank used by Treasurer to directly refund the three pre-paid members who were unable to attend.

A drink voucher was provided for each member and guest. The total bar bill was $198.50 which I paid by personal credit card and was reimbursed by BL.

Unused funds allocated to this function were retained in the Club’s account.

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| SUBSIDY budgeted |  | $2,000.00 |
| Members’ contribution |  | $ 490.00 |
| total to spend |  | $2,490.00 |
| 45 people x $39 | $1,755.00 |  |
| Drinks | 198.50 |  |
| Chocolates, tablecloths | 43.00 |  |
|  | $1996.50 |  |
| Funds retained | ($493.50) |  |

Many thanks to Heather Manning for all her organising to make this a successful event.

**Lime Network Grant to BUGs**

BL was approached by Bastien Wallace from Lime seeking our views on the areas in our municipality that we consider eScooters are appropriate. A payment of $2000 for our advice was proposed. Advice could include positive or negative opinions on the use of scooters, potential conditions of approval, including speed rating, safety devices attached to them and areas they should be excluded from. This advice will be called upon from time to time during the trial of the scooters in approved councils from 1 July 2022 for 6 months.

They are not seeking our endorsement. We are free to give advice to opposition eScooter rental companies if it is sought and we are free to apply the $2,000 grant to any purpose we choose.

An email vote was sought from the committee. It was agreed that we would provide advice. An invoice was raised for $2000 on 17th June 2022 to Lime Bikes, and further details subsequently provided to the parent company. I have emailed LIME to enquire as to time frame for payment but to date we have not received funds.

**Friends of Iron Cove Creek (FOICC)**

The Committee voted at the February 2022 meeting to donate $200 to Friends of Iron Cove Creek towards their project *Iron Cove Creek Walk and Cycleway* if the latter’s grant application to Inner West Council was successful. The donation would help fund publicity leaflets.

We have now received advice that the grant has been approved.  Neil Tonkin has contacted Marrickville BUG as auspicer for Friends of Iron Cove Creek. It was resolved by Marrickville BUG that it is best if the money is forwarded directly to FOICC who are in the process of setting up a bank account. When details of the account are to hand, we will forward the $200 donation.

Laura Cunningham

Treasurer

Inner West Bicycle Coalition

Presentation to Bike Leichhardt Committee meeting Mon 8 August 2022:

Summary of activities from 10 May 2022 to 8 August 2022

1. 25 May 2022, Neil Tonkin, Bob Moore and John McNeil met with Brigid Kelly, IWC Senior transport Planner to review our input to the mapping component of the IWC Cycling Strategy and Action Plan. We presented a series of 10 trunk routes, N-S, E-W recommending treatments that could improve cycling mobility across the municipality with links to adjoining council bike facilities. Some protected cycleway, some reduced speed zones, all measures that would attract new people to cycling away from car use. Favourably received by Brigid but not clear whether other sections of Council (engineers) will endorse our suggestions.

1. IWBC meeting held on 5 June 2022 to discuss strategy with dealing with IWC engineers to engage with IWBC over ongoing cycling matters. Attended by Neil Tonkin, Bob Moore and Fiona Campbell.
2. 30 July 2022 IWBC gave a submission to IWC concerning 62.5% plebiscite in favour of de-merger. **Our position was that we did not want IWC to demerge**. We favour the benefits of consistent cycle route planning across the entire municipality, backed up by a better resourced Council. Advantages of looking at cycling holistically in view of current issues of motor traffic congestion, lack of cycling safety and amenity. Advantage of having a larger council to defend against adverse effects of state government motorway projects and having a more coordinated body to provide consistent cycling support for Active transport funding from TfNSW. Current position is that Greens and Independents in favour of demerger and Labor against. Our submission was circulated to all councillors, Labor supporting us.
3. Neil Tonkin held ongoing discussions with Cllr Tim Stephens (Labor Leichhardt Ward) about his development of Item 21 Notion of Motion Enhancing Active Transport to be tabled at tomorrow ‘s Council meeting Tue 9 August. We formally commented on it in favourable terms. An outstanding feature of the motion is that it is proposed that Council engineers will meet quarterly with BUG representatives to resolve on-ground issues of cycling safety and amenity. The engineers have repeatedly ignored us for at least 2 years during Covid and also before that since Michael Deegan GM’s appointment there was no cycling ‘go to’ person from engineers to allow us to have an ongoing working relationship. The Greens have indicated support for this motion.
4. Kobi Shetty (Cllr Greens Balmain Ward) has agreed to arrange a time for John McNeil to present to them our recommended cycle routes that we have presented to Council for its Cycling Strategy and Action Plan. We are seeking their involvement and endorsement as it is to be presented to Council by the end of 2022.
5. John McNeil has suggested that IWBC should push for a series of 30kmh speed zones to be implemented in areas where we are developing cycle trunk routes in the municipality. IWBC held a Zoom meeting yesterday to determine how we will move forward to gain council acceptance of this initiative. Based on work that Bike Marrickville has done with street closures in their area Fiona Campbell has put forward a Discussion Paper to be developed to involve community and interested persons to gain support for this initiative. We will continue to develop this paper, particularly citing examples where slow speed zones, motor vehicle closures foster a more peaceful and safe street environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

**Charity Rides – Email 15 Nov Jamie Honan**

Mike MacDonald is proposing a Christmas ride on the 18th December to the Christmas tree in the city. Look for this on Meetup as Mike is keen to have a large presence for a photo opportunity and get together.

Mike floated the idea of collecting for a charity. The committee overwhelming endorsed the idea of charity rides, but also laid out some ground rules so that everyone can participate and organise their own charity rides.

The rules are a trial for now, we may expand or modify with experience.

The basic ideas are :

* It must be a bonafide charity or advocacy recipient, at arms length from any ride leader or member (Jamie and Nan's special garden fund is a non-starter!)
* Each ride leader is allowed one charity ride per calendar year for now.
* The donation for any rider is voluntary.
* The ride leader nominates the charity and the suggested amount. However Laura will let the RL know who has paid.
* All money is to be paid through the Bike Leichhardt bank account and distributed by the Bike Leichhardt treasurer. Initially I suggest private messaging the riders the BSB and Account number. If this scheme is successful, we may set up a 'buymeacoffee', patreon, donorbox or stripe system. The details for BL is BSB 032134, Account number 125315 and you would get rides to put something Laura could recognise e.g. 'Chrstmas Ride'
* It must be clearly set out in the ride description that a voluntary donation is being called for, nothing at the last minute.
* No cash should be handled by the Ride Leader. We want to be able to audit this and have confidence in the system.

I hope this is acceptable to all, and that we have not overlooked any possible wrinkles.

There is no expectation that anyone should do a charity ride, but I know there are a number of people who are grateful to organisations and groups that have helped them in the past.

One final point. Bob Dunn chaired his last committee meeting last night and will chair his final AGM on the 29th November. I am personally grateful to Bob for all the work, rides and good times over the years, and I am sure everyone wants Bob to remain an active, but less stressed-out, club member. I know everyone would love to reply 'me-too' but perhaps a quiet word of thanks at the right time may be better.