

Cascades Cycling Club Newsletter



Serving Jackson's Cycling Community for over 30 Years - All Riders - All Abilities

Terrific Turnout for Annual Meeting!

This year's Annual Meeting saw its largest turnout in years, with more than 50 people in attendance at the Grand River Brewery in Jackson. Attendees were treated to the GRB's delicious "Hoedown Buffet" and heard from guest speakers Scott Elliot of the League of Michigan Bicyclists (LMB) and Cameron Kohn, club member and longtime bicycle racer who is bringing bicycle racing back to the streets of Jackson this summer. Below is a photo of most of the attendees. Missing were Adam Kohn (who took this picture), John and Cheryl Lawrence and Karl Grieve and Sheila Troxel who arrived minutes after this picture was taken.



Members attending this meeting:

Norm Althoff
Glenn Buckmaster
Tom & Jan Clark
Dean Covey & his mom
Linda Dake
Jeff Dayss
Karl Grieve & Sheila Troxel
Adam Kohn
Chris & Marty Kohn
Cameron Kohn
John & Cheryl Lawrence
Ralph & Deanna Lowe
Dan & Linda McClure

more members:

Denise Miller
Glenn Pascoe
Diane Potter
Theresa and Earnest Redman
Mary Reid
Ruth Riedeman
Bob Riley
Chris Rockey
Al Simons
Louann Swartz
Frank Thompson
Ron Utter
George Webster

even more members:

Skip Weese
Dan Wood

Our guests included:

Glenn Buckmaster's son Cameron & his girlfriend Sarah
Scott Elliott and his daughters
Dave & Carolyn Mansfield (our map maker for the PWBT)
Al Simon's daughter Kendal, her husband Jamie and their daughter Mara
Michael Simons
Theresa Redman's mom

The LMB's Scott Elliott



Scott Elliot of the League of Michigan Bicyclists was our featured speaker this year. Scott talked about all the good work that the LMB has been doing on behalf of bicyclists, including providing the driving force behind the 3 foot safe passing distance law. Scott also explained that the LMB is now building “micro-grants” into their budget to help fund a variety of bike-friendly initiatives across the state.

Scott lives in Adrian which is also the location of the LMB event HUB Fest on June 8. This event features four different routes, giving cyclists the option to choose from the 55 mile Gravel Grinder, road courses of 40, 62 or 100 miles, the Vino Velo tour which visits 3 wineries in the area, and the Hadrian Hoopla, which is 7 or 15 mile loop for families with children. HUB Fest also provides great food and entertainment and craft beer for participants. Plus, monies raised by the LMB rides help fund the ongoing operations of the LMB. Please consider joining me in showing support for Scott and the LMB, and sign up for HUB Fest this year!

Meet Cameron Kohn



Cameron Kohn, shown here at MIS after completing Wish A Mile, spoke at our Annual Meeting about his desire to host a Criterium or "Crit" race in Jackson this summer on August 10. Cameron is a long time bicycle racer who participated in the downtown Jackson races when they were run in the early 2000s. Karl Grieve commented that a Crit is a fun, spectator friendly event, and I am sure many of our members would enjoy seeing bike racing action in Jackson again.

Please help Cameron bring bicycle racing back to Jackson. Cameron is asking for volunteers who would be willing to help out for a few hours on race day. Please join me and Contact Cameron and let him know you are willing to help out. Cameron's email is cjkohn@gmail.com

Revised Constitution and By Laws Ratified

Our club's Constitution and By-Laws were revised by the Board and presented at the annual meeting for ratification. Revisions mainly focused on updating our original document to reflect our current operations, and to make the document more clear and readable. Revisions included updating the dues to the current level of \$15/\$18 for Individual/Family memberships (\$16/\$19 for online renewals due to PayPal service fees.) Another change was to lengthen the terms for officers from one to two years, with elections for President and Secretary held in odd years and Vice President and Treasurer in even years.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws were ratified by a unanimous vote of the members present at the meeting. This document will be available for review on our club's website: cascadescyclingclub.org

Election of Officers

Our newly revised and ratified constitution and By-Laws specifies that officers shall be elected for a two-year term, with President and Secretary to be elected in odd numbered years and Vice-President and Treasurer to be elected in even numbered years.

With Bob Riley stepping down as Treasurer (see last page), our club secretary Denise Miller stepped down and was appointed Treasurer to fill out the remainder of Bob's term.

New member Mary Reid ran unopposed and was elected to a two-year term as Secretary.

Mike Woizeschke was unopposed and was elected to a two year term as President.

Special Thanks

I would like to extend my special thanks to those who made this event possible:

Dan Gretzner, for proving us with the PC projector we used to view Scott's presentation;

Ron Utter, for guiding the Board through the process of editing our Constitution, and for leading the ratification discussion and the elections;

Denise Miller, for hosting our meeting to revise the Constitution, feeding us and making edits on the fly as we worked our way through the document;

Al Simons, for asking Scott Elliot to be our speaker, for asking Dave Mansfield to take over as map maker for the PWBT, and for being our video guy;

Mary Reid, for volunteering to run for Secretary;

Bob Riley, for single handedly taking all of your renewal and dinner payments;

All the members who attended the annual meeting, for making this year's annual meet the best attended annual meeting in years!

Pedal & Whine Bike Tour 2019



When: Saturday, August 3, 2019

Where: Sandhill Crane Vineyards

What: Seventh Annual Pedal & Whine Bike Tour

Register Now! Roy & Bob Say This is a Great Ride!

Registration is now open on [active.com](https://www.active.com) for the 2019 Pedal & Whine Bike Tour! Our 2018 ride was a huge success, with 390 riders enjoying this great ride. Heather Price of Sandhill Crane Vineyards has agreed to allow us to increase our attendance this year, so mark your calendars and plan to join your fellow club members for Jackson County's biggest ride!

How: Visit cascadescyclingclub.org to register today!

Club Dues are Now Due!

In case you haven't already paid your dues for 2019, this is your reminder that club dues are now due. Your dues are your way of saying "I support cycling in Jackson". Dues give you a voice in Lansing and in Washington as they allow our club to be a member of the Leagues of Michigan and American Bicyclists. These organizations continually work to make our roads (both paved and gravel!) safer for you and your family members to ride.

Your dues also fund fixed costs like our website and the club's insurance policy. Our insurance provides you with liability insurance in case you as a rider are sued, and supplemental medical insurance to cover your deductibles in case you are injured on a ride.

Membership in Cascades Cycling Club also affords you a 10% discount on parts and accessories at P&T Fitness and On Two Wheels! You can save money and be a commendable citizen bicyclist simply by renewing your membership.

To renew, just click this link to go to our clubs website cascadescyclingclub.org where you will be able to renew online, or print an application form and mail it in with your check.

Bob & Nancy are Moving to Florida!

Long time club member and Treasurer Bob Riley and his wife Nancy are moving to Florida. (Bob is pictured above with another long time member Roy Rider.) Bob and Nancy spent December in Florida and decided it was time to leave the cold behind and make the move the Sunshine State. Bob and Nancy have been great volunteers for the Cascades Cycling Club over the years and they will be missed. We wish them all the best as they begin this new chapter in their lives!

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