

Attending:

Eden Weiss, John Semel, Kate Mostkoff, Skip Ralph, Claire Mordas, Israel Forst, Bob Ross, Neile Weissman, Susan Sun, Gal Natal, Brian Van Nieuwenhoven, Jeff Levine, Gwynna Smith, Manual Ordonez and Ellen Goldstein

Meeting started at 6:30 PM and concluded approximately at 8:30 PM

	Topic	Summary of Discussion	Next Steps
1	Planning for Club Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John is in discussions with Rapha to reserve 20 spots for Thursday night at social events held in the back of the store to watch cycling races <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be no cost to the club ○ Events will include the GIRO and a few others, hopefully including a women’s event • John has obtained 20 seats to see a minor league baseball game at Coney Island (Cyclones versus SI Yankees) in June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seats are \$20 and include a free cap ○ We can get more tickets if needed • For the Berkshires weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John is working with Jerry Weinstein to plan the cocktail party (we agree we will not have a club dinner, based on feedback from last year and discussion at prior board meetings). The cocktail party will be held at the Bike and Board ○ John is working on arrangements (looking for most cost effective plan) for a van to transport luggage (and only luggage) to the Berkshires ○ John wants to figure out how to make this cost neutral ○ Most likely will request a volunteer to drive the van, in return for the use of the van over the weekend • He is planning an overnight cycling trip to the DNR (Delaware and Raritan) canal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ride is 70 miles of flat, mostly fine gravel terrain, suitable for road bikes ○ He is working to find a date, likely in June, so as not to interfere with the West Point Weekend ○ This weekend will be self supported (people decide where they want to stay and make their own arrangements) ○ There are a number of options for overnight lodging including a Holiday Inn and B&Bs in Peddlers Village 	

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2	Arrangements for Club Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eden and Karen Burman had a discussion with the manager of Annie Moore's to renegotiate the arrangement club meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Per the current arrangement, the club guarantees 40 buffet dinners at a cost of \$23 per dinner (although members are only charged \$20). Annie's also gets the bar bill, which we estimate at between \$300 and \$500 ○ We have agreed to a new trial membership: the club will guarantee 20 buffet dinners and as another option, club members will be able to order off the menu, up until 7:00PM (we don't want waitresses to be serving people after the club program begins) ○ We will see how this approach works out at the next meeting. Potentially, we can eliminate the buffet if demand is insufficient • Eden is continuing to look at other venues as potential replacements for Annie Moore's • In addition, we are considering purchase of a sound system that has significantly smaller dimensions (so that we can eliminate the need for storage at Annie's OR use that storage space to store club merchandise) 	
3	Update of GWB Bike Path Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eden, participated in a telephone conference call among the four bike clubs, which comprise the "coalition" (AKA The Bike Path Remediation Committee), as part of his regular responsibilities, as the club's rep. to the "coalition" and reported back the following key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approximately \$80m to \$100m will be spent on development of pedestrian/cyclist crossings on the GWB ○ The north side of the bridge will be made ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant and will be wheelchair accessible (the stairs will be eliminated) ○ On the south side of the bridge, the hairpin turn will be eliminated ○ During construction, the bridge will be accessible to cyclists via either the north side or the south side ○ The path will not be widened ○ Descriptions of improvements are anecdotal (designs are not yet available) • The Port Authority requested a brief statement from the members of the coalition. Excerpts from these statements are to be included in the upcoming press release. Eden prepared a draft statement to review with the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eden's view is that this current plan should be considered a big win, as it represents significantly more benefits to cyclists and significantly more funds (from \$20m to \$80m) than had been considered last year (before Bridge Gate and associated turn over of key Port Authority figures) 	

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3	Update of GWB Bike Path Remediation <i>continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kate expressed reluctance to participate in what might well be Port Authority propaganda, particularly since details of plans are not yet available ▪ Neile felt that it is extremely important to hold out for a widening of the path (according to AASHTO standards, which recommend paths of 11 to 14 feet for high traffic areas), given that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cycling traffic is doubling every year and we should consider the possibility that at some future time, rules requiring that bikes be walked over the bridge could be put into place ○ Other recent bridge development efforts (Gothals) are in compliance with AASHTO standards ▪ The board agreed to offer the following statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The New York Cycle Club appreciates the opportunity to work with the Coalition and the Port Authority. We looking forward to continuing this productive collaboration and evaluating plans as they develop 	
4	The Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Susan presented her 2014 budget as discussed with Neile and the board members responsible for the various areas. ▪ Her primary goal for 2014 was to maintain cost neutrality, setting budget amounts for income and expenses based on a conservative view of recent experience and potential plans, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013 losses on West Point Weekend ○ Combination of volunteer and holiday party ○ ENY to contribute portion of profits to club finances ○ Web site development with decreased reliance on contractor, but increased reliance on club volunteers ▪ The structure of the plan has not been changed (as compared to 2013). We recognize our former Treasurer Arden's point regarding that low level of club reserves could leave us with insufficient resources ▪ We would like to establish a long-range vision and plan for building reserves to facilitate club growth. We expect development of these plans to take form in July/August and to sync with potential plans to raise membership dues. Any increase in club dues requires a membership vote in November. 	