

Meeting Name	NSC Board Meeting
Location	DCAT, 87 Elm Street, Danvers, MA
Date	04/08/25
Secretary	Joan Pilch

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Brad Westbrook	X		Jim Goldberg	X	
Jeff King	X		Joan Pilch	X	
Karen Lee	X		Tom Swanson	X	
Paula Figelski	X		Mark Shamon	X	
Don Foley	X		Jen Peat		X
Ralph Hanseler	X				

Non-Board Attendees

### **Meeting Agenda/Notes**

Item	Presenter
<p><b>Meeting Opening:</b> The Meeting was opened at 6:03 pm</p>	Brad
<p><b>Secretary's Report:</b> Minutes from March board meeting and Spring meeting approved and posted.</p>	Joan
<p><b>Membership Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New members enrolled in March: 7 to date; April: 0 to date</li> <li>• Renewals, YTD: 119</li> <li>• Total membership: 517</li> <li>• New member welcome letters for January-March were sent out</li> <li>• User records for new members in 2025 were not automatically generated and had to be entered manually. Paula is trying to figure out why.</li> </ul>	Paula
<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Total funds: \$18,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has been noticed that the approved budget has been ignored. Money is being spent without prior notice. To be discussed further.</li> </ul>	Jeff
<p><b>Rides:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday rides have openings in the latter part of the season which are expected to fill as the dates get closer.</li> <li>• Saturday Fitness rides have leaders for the season</li> <li>• Wednesday Lunch rides are filled with the exception of two dates in November.</li> <li>• Thursday Topsfield Hills ride, daytime Thursday and Friday rides are wide open. A notice was emailed to generate interest in leading those rides.</li> <li>• Barb Thomas is organizing a group to lead rides on Fridays.</li> </ul>	Tom, Brad

**Merchandise:**

- Water bottles have been received, they cost approximately \$4 each (bottle + shipping).
- It was suggested that we manage their distribution by handing them out. We're not set up to sell them.
- It was also suggested that they could be given out at club picnics or at BSC as an incentive to check in after completing the ride.

Tom

**Blazing Saddles Century:****Registration**

- Paula has organizer access to BikeReg. She will provide a printed list of registrants from BikeReg for the registration team.
- It has been determined that we will have WiFi at Triton.
- Post entries will register on their own devices via BikeReg. Their names will be added to the list.
- Riders will be asked to check in upon finishing the ride.

Ralph

**SAG and Mechanical support**

- Same SAG plan as last year.
- There is a shortage of mechanics at this point. It was suggested that we can manage with 3 mechanics by dispensing with support at RS 1 and Newbury Elementary. It was also suggested to contact Munroe Velo and Western Cycles to ask if they can help out. Cycles, Etc. in Salem, NH may be a possible option for mechanics as well.

**Food**

- No oranges. Watermelon will be purchased just before the event based on the weather forecast.
- Because of fire hazard and extra work it has been decided to stay with boiled hot dogs and provide wraps for more options.
- Pizza warming cart provided by Triton needs to be the older unit that can be plugged in to an extension cord.

**Signage**

- Karen O. will post signs in Boxford; Lenny D in Rocks Village and the 35 mile split in Newbury; Brad in Ipswich, 50 mile split near Clam Box and 62 on Water Street; Ralph in Ipswich, Newbury, Georgetown, Topsfield

**Gravel Route**

- First draft of the route has been completed: 25-51 mile figure-eight route with bailouts
- Ralph will provide arrows marking ins and outs for the gravel route.

**Miscellaneous**

- Due to the compressed area at Vineyard Hill there is a need for bike stands. Ralph will look into renting or purchasing.
- A larger truck will be rented this year
- A shift may be added from 3:00-6:00PM
- Not yet determined how to handle the Rocks Village Bridge: add a volunteer to direct riders or is signage enough?
- There is a shortage of photographers. Brad will take some pics on the gravel ride.

**Picnics:**

- June 1<sup>st</sup> picnic, will be discussed at a Fun Committee meeting
- Ride routes go north to NH as in the past two years

Mark

**Programming:**

**Gravel Clinic**

- Saturday, April 26 at 10AM, Vineyard Hill. Lead by Tom Evers with Pat Stabler assisting.
- We have permission from Greenbelt to use the space.
- The event is limited to 15 registrants
- No other program are scheduled at this time. Board members invited to develop programs.

Brad

**Discussion:**

**Online Voting**

- Jim will present a demonstration of the "In-House" version he and his team have been developing at the May meeting.
- Brad will develop a second version and present at the May meeting.
- Both options have flaws which need to be considered.
- The goal is to have a finished product by the August board meeting.
- Due to the online voting process the ballot will limit the number of director positions to four. A bylaw revision may need to be made to support future elections.
- Discussion to continue

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**Member Survey**

- There is a need to reach out to members to ask who is interested in getting involved and in what capacity
- New routes generate excitement about riding, volunteers are needed to develop rides in the areas of interest
- Possibly add in rail trail rides
- These new rides could be offered on Saturday in addition to the Fitness Ride.
- Types 1 and 3 eBikes are welcome on the rides. eBikes with throttles are not. This is standing NSC policy.
- Further discussion on the survey to follow next month.

Mark

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.**

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