

WASHINGTON STATE BICYCLE ASSOCIATION

2020 Annual Meeting held via Zoom

Sunday, December 13, 2020 | 5:00 pm

MINUTES

Participants (as captured by Zoom): Jeff Aurand, Andy Baker, Paul Bourcier, Ted Chauvin, David Chipchase, Glen Conley, Ty Driskel, Amara Edwards, Dan Fealk, David Friedt, Nate Hakken, Daniel Hastings, David Hills, Mike Hone, Eric Johnson, Gina Kavesh, Andrew Martin, Kristian Miller, Sean Phillips, John Rogers, Kevin Raymond, Billy Rudnick, David Saltzberg, Mike Sirott, Russ Sovde, Scott Sturges, Robert Velez, Allen Wahlström, Martha Walsh, Rob Whitacre, John Wolters, Brian

President Gina Kavesh called the meeting to order at 5:00 with a welcome and introduction of board members.

She gave an overview of the WSBA, its sponsors, and its activities in 2020. In a financial summary, she reported that the organization will break even in 2020; income was down, but so were expenses. There were both “in real life” and “virtual” bike races in the WSBA this year, including a time trial championship in the summer and the ever-popular SweatFest series on Zwift.

Looking ahead to 2021, the WSBA is trying to draw some of those new bike riders who took up the sport during the pandemic. A new WSBA web page gives snapshot information about teams and links to individual team information—one-stop shopping for prospective bike racers. Social media is also being used to reach out to this pool of riders.

For 2021, the best-case scenario at this time suggests that road racing may start up in May. The WSBA is looking for ways to pare down expenses for next year; for example, no frame numbers will be supplied with jersey numbers. The board continues to look for creative ways to give racers incentives to show up for events when those happen, ways to coordinate the race schedule to reduce competition between events, and ways to support those events. SweatFest will continue—and draws new WSBA members. The board is also focused on clarifying its goals and process for junior development.

Heather Nielson and Nigel Davies are retiring from the WSBA board this year; the association extends sincere appreciation for their years of service. The following candidates were proposed and unanimously approved 3-year terms: southwest region, David Chipchase; east region, Ty Driskel. The junior development position remains open pending better definition of the role.

A question-and-answer session followed, covering topics such as new race formats, Zwift events, and maintaining bonds among teammates who can't ride together at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.