

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors of**

### **The Freewheelers of Spartanburg and Freewheelers Cycling Association (April 7, 2026)**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Freewheelers of Spartanburg and the Freewheelers Cycling Association was held on April 7, 2026, in the Meeting Room of TakoSushi restaurant (formerly Rockers' Silo). Present at the meeting were: Karl Johnson, President; Marshall Walsh, Secretary; Tim Thome, Board Member at Large; Kristie Thome, Bicycle Shop Liasion; Dave Coggins, Board Member at Large; Steve Verdell, Director of Safety; Michael Forrester, Vice-President; Paul LeFrancois, Palmetto Cycling Coalition Liasion; Cheryl Miller Board Member at Large. Also present were: Robert Barnes, Mike Bonner and Joan Glynn.

The President called the meeting to order and noted that pursuant to Article V, Section 2 of the By-Laws, a quorum was present. He then reviewed the Agenda that had previously been forwarded electronically to the members of the Board.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The first item of business was to review and approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting. The Secretary had previously forwarded electronically a draft of the minutes to the members of the Board. After careful review and upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Freewheelers Cycling Association**

There were no items for consideration this month by the Freewheelers Cycling Association.

#### **Elections**

Karl Johnson announced that elections for Officer and Board Members will occur at the June meeting. All those interested in serving should contact him.

#### **Criterion**

The Criterion is scheduled for Friday May 1. The Freewheelers will be assisting with the Kids Race. Members are requested to contact Kristie Thome to volunteer to help out. They should wear Club jerseys or T-Shirts while doing so.

#### **New Budget Committee**

Karl Johnson also announced that a Budget Committee is being formed and those interested in participating on this committee should let him know.

## **Committee Reports**

### **A. Kit Committee**

The Kit Committee is waiting for a response from several potential sponsors. The goal is to have the new Kit available sometime in June.

### **B. Marketing and Sponsorship Committees**

Tim Thome reported on progress on recruiting sponsors for the new Club Kit. In addition to the sponsors announced at the last meeting, the Committee is seeking commitments from Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, Spartanburg Water System, Venus Pie, and R J Rockers.

It is hoped that funds from the Kit sponsors can be used to purchase new T-shirts for existing Club members. A supply of the T-shirts will also be kept on hand for new members. The T-shirts will give the Club visibility in the area and help in our efforts to attract new members to the Club.

In connection with this, he requested a membership list with email addresses so he can obtain size information from individual members.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted Tim Thome was authorized to obtain quotes for the new Club T-shirts to be given to members as a Club benefit.

### **C. Membership**

Club membership current stands at 211.

### **D. Web/Media**

Tim Thome has been assisting in the update of the Club's web and media presence, but additional assistance is necessary.

### **E. Touring**

The Club's Rally to End ALZ Poker Ride is scheduled for Saturday May 16 beginning at R J Rockers.

Dave Coggins announced that initial plans are being made for the Miles for Mammograms fundraising ride to be held in the Fall. He noted that the Equestrian Center wants to support the Club and they can provide a number of options. The Center has restaurants that can be accessed before and after the event as well as possible catering services and camping facilities. In addition, there are gravel roads in the area if we wanted to provide a gravel option. Those interested in helping with this event should contact Dave.

### **Officer Reports**

Paul LeFrancois reported that S. 812, the "Idaho Stop" law had passed the Senate. This legislation would allow bicyclists to treat red lights as stop signs and stop signs as yield sign. The bill now goes to the House Motor Vehicles and Public Safety Committee. No committee hearing has been scheduled as yet, but members are urged to contact their legislators and urge them to support this bill.

There being no further business and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the meeting was adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted

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Marshall T. Walsh, Secretary