Minutes of a Meeting of

The Freewheelers of Spartanburg
and
Freewheelers Cycling Association
(September 1, 2026)

The monthly meeting of the the Freewheelers of Spartanburg and the Freewheelers Cycling Association was held on September 1, 2026, in the Meeting Room of TakoSushi restaurant.

Present at the meeting were: Kristie Thome, President; Marshall Walsh, Secretary; Karl Johnson, Director of Membership; Paul, LeFrancois, Palmetto Cycling Coalition Liaison; Joan Glynn, Safety Committee Chair; Greg Kyzer, Director of Touring and Racing; Cheryl Miller, Board Member at Large; David Coggins, Board Member at Large. Also present were Roger Brubaker; Paula Fernandez and Jennifer Britanisky.

The President called the meeting to order and noted that pursuant to the Club's Bylaws a quorum was present. She then reviewed the Agenda, which had previously been forwarded via email to the membership.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was to review and approve the minutes of the August 4, 2026 meeting. A draft of the minutes was forwarded to the membership along with the Agenda. After careful review and upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as presented.

Freewheelers Cycling Association

David Coggins reported on the status of the of the Miles for Mammograms ride scheduled for Saturday September 19, 2026, at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. Currently 79 riders has registered along with 27 volunteers. Additional rider registration are expected up until the date of the event.

Kristie Thome reported on the Spartanburg Animal Shelter's plans to move the Tour de Paws to the springtime on April 17, 2027. This change will avoid conflicts with other events and Club members were urged to participate.

Karl Johnson mentioned the Hampton Heights Porchfest, which will be held September 27, 2026 beginning 5:30 PM.

Club Safety Review

Joan Glynn and Greg Kyzer discussed the tragic incident in which two Milligan University cyclists were killed and seven injured. Although a relatively small school Milligan has one of the top cycling teams in the country. Greg noted that Milligan did every thing right. It was suggested that the members support the Milligan team financially.

There was also a discussion of what can be done to make cycling safer for Club members. Many motor vehicle drivers see hostile to cyclists. It was suggested that waving at passing motorists could help to "humanize"cyclists.

Paul LeFrancois noted that significant strides have occurred in South Carolina with the recent passage of the "Hands Free" law and the adoption of the South Carolina stop, but these two pieces of legislation were the result of years of effort. He also reported on recent efforts in Washington to redirect funds appropriated for bicycle safety. He suggested joining the League of American Bicyclists, which has been effective in advocating on behalf of cyclists in Washington.

Committee Reports

A. *Kit Committee.* It is anticipated that the Kit Store will be reopened so additional members can purchase the new Club Kit and winter merchandise.

B. Membership. The total Club membership now stands at 268.

C. Treasurer's report. There was no Treasurer's report as Kathy Hamilton was unable to attend the meeting.

D. *Other Business.* Kristie Thome stated that at the next meeting we would consider the appointment of several new committees to consider matters that have been held in abeyance pending the planning for Miles for Mammograms.

Adjournment

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 October 6, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marshall Walsh, Secretary