Minutes of a Meeting of

The Freewheelers of Spartanburg
and
Freewheelers Cycling Association
(October 6, 2026)

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Freewheelers of Spartanburg and the Freewheelers Cycling Association was held on November 6, 2026, in the Meeting Room of the Beacon Restaurant. Present at the meeting were: Kristie Thome, President; Michael Forrester, Vice President; Marshall Walsh, Secretary, Dave Coggins, Board Member at Large; Robert Barnes, Board Member at Large; Cheryl Miller, Board Member at Large; Joan Glynn, Safety Committee Chair, Greg Kyzer, Director of Touring and Racing; Jennifer Weaver, Bicycle Shop Liaison; Karl Johnson, Director of Membership; and Tim Thome, Webmaster. Also present were Mike Bonner, Steve Verdell, Kelly Verdell, Lance Footer and Ola Footer.

The President called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present in accordance with the Club's Bylaws. She then reviewed the meeting agenda, which has previously been forwarded to the membership via email.

Approval of Minutes

The first matter to be considered was review and approval of the minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2026. A draft of the minutes was forwarded to the membership along with the Agenda. After careful review and upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the minutes were approved.

Freewheelers Cycling Association

The President thanked all those who participated in the Miles for Mammograms event held September 19, 2026, at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. She then called on Dave Coggins to provide a report on the event.

Dave began his report by thanking all the members of his leadership team. These included Kelly Verdell, who assisted with marketing, creative design and hospitality; Neil Newberry, who developed four safe, challenging and fun routes; Jennifer Britanisky, who was responsible for recruiting sponsors and other fundraising; Kristie Thome, who was responsible for ride registration and acted as Treasurer; Michael Forrester, who assisted with marketing, advertising, social media and hospitality; Susan Coggins, who assisted with the T-Shirts, SAG, event setup and lunch management; Steve Verdell, who was responsible for Mobile SAG and safety support. Lynn Meyer, Jennifer Weaver, Karl Johnson, Joan Glynn and Paul LeFrancois also provided leadership and experience in various facets of the event.

A total of 161 cyclists registered for the event and 147 were actually able to participate. The riders included 77 Freewheelers members and 70 non-Freewheelers members. 33 volunteers also assisted with the event. Total income was $20,039 and expenses were $8,581. The net profit of $11,458 was nearly double the amount originally budgeted.

Dave stated that his team will review all aspects of this year's event to identify what had worked particularly well and what was done that could be improved.

Based on this year's results and the seed money on hand from the prior year's event, he recommended that a donation of $12,000 be made to the Spartanburg Regional Foundation. After discussion and upon motion duly made seconded and unanimously adopted it was:

RESOLVED, that the Freewheelers Cycling Association donate the sum of $12,000 to the Spartanburg Regional Foundation; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Freewheelers Cycling Association support the Miles for Mammograms ride in 2027.

Gran Fondo Hincapie

The Freewheelers have been requested to assist with the support for this year's Gran Fondo Hincapie by manning the Skyuka rest stop on Saturday October 27, 2026. Assistance is also needed for loading the rest stop trucks the day before at Hotel Domestique. Those interested in volunteering should contact Kristie Thome. Volunteers will receive an event T-shirt and a volunteer swag bag.

LOVELO

The organizers of the MUSC Hollings Cancer Center's LOVELO ride have invited the Freewheelers to participate in the LOVELO scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2026 in Charleston SC. As an incentive, Freewheelers can ride in the event without a fundraising commitment. Those wishing to take advantage of this should contact Kristie Thome for details. A number of people from the LOVELO event participated in Miles for Mammograms and it was suggested that each event could help support the other.

Committee Reports

A. *Membership.* Karl Johnson reported that the Freewheelers of Spartanburg ended the year with 274 members. This is the same number as last year. The 2027 membership drive has now begun. We are now using Zeffy as our primary membership platform. Zeffy has the option for automatic renewal and it will also send out renewal notices.

B. *Kits*. Jennifer Weaver reported that the minimum order amounts for each item in the Kit Store were met and delivery of members' orders is expected around November 5th.

Open Treasurer Position

Kristie Thome reported that Kathy Hamilton is unable to continue as Club Treasurer and has tendered her resignation. Kristie and Dave Coggins have temporarily been handling the Treasurer's duties. Persons interested in this position should contact Kristie. In the meantime, Dave Coggins has agreed to serve as Treasurer on an interim basis. Accordingly, upon motion duly made seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Dave Coggins is authorized to serve as interim Treasurer until a candidate or candidates can be found and an election held in accordance with the By-Laws.

New Business

A. R*evision of By-Laws*. The president noted that the Club's current By-laws are in need of updating. She intends to appoint a committee to review the By-Laws and make recommendations for appropriate changes. All persons interested in participating on this committee should notify her.

B. *Social Committee.* It has been suggested that a social committee be created to plan events such as the Club's annual Christmas party and participation in the Christmas parade. All persons interested should contact Kristie Thome. This request will also be posted on the Club's Facebook page.

C. Domain Names. Tim Thome pointed out that the Club currently owns the rights to a number of internet domain names. He suggested that we consider paring the number of domain names to avoid unnecessary cost.

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 November 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marshall Walsh, Secretary