Velo Club Monterey Board Meeting Minutes - 5/23/17
at the home of Cath Tendler-Valencia

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: President: Mark Kaufmann, Secretary: Cath Tendler-Valencia, Treasurer: Ed Bredthauer, Members at Large: Suzanne Kroeze and Edmund Gross, TAMC Representative: Vera Noghera, and Guest: Michael Burke. Vice President and Membership Chris Swainson was absent.

Minutes from 3/21/17 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasury Report: Ed reports that the increase in dues is keeping pace with last year. One check has not been cashed. Check from Otter for the Gran Fondo has not been received. Current account has $11,500. Recent expense was extra jerseys in multiple sizes. Next year's kit will have an updated design.

Membership Report: Chris reports that we have 153 members. 59% are families; 7% are new members. With permission, we will showcase new members on social media.

Web & Communications Report: Mark reports that our Facebook page gets more hits when there are photos and when Mari Lynch contributes.

Old Business

Activities: Movie night, bocce ball and bowling event have been well received so more activities are desired!

Summer Picnic: Saturday, August 19, 2-5 p.m. Vanessa would like to see the venue.

Intro to Group Riding: Mark reports that one fellow went to both classes. One woman was too slow at <10 mph. Both became members. More "Slow Poke Rides" would help beginning riders. It was suggested that newbies take spin classes for practice.

Sea Otter Support: Members were happy to volunteer at both rest stops. The time line needs better coordination for arrival of riders. Next year Rest Stop #1 needs fewer volunteers who can show up later and leave earlier in shifts.

VCM Hill Climb/Time Trial: Edmund suggests South Boundary Gate to York School Gate to the top of Laguna Seca. The gate is accessible by the City of Monterey with Rich Deal. Maybe we will need a use permit with a possible fee. If held on a Wednesday, we could possibly hook into Twilight Ride.

Ft. Ord Dunes Cleanup: This occurs every 2nd Tuesday 9-Noon, and the next one is June 13. Sign up is on the State Parks website: http://www.calparks.org

Highway 1 Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup: This is postponed until the completion of the roundabout.

New Business

Directors' & Officers' Insurance: The League of American Bicyclists offers insurance for $575. Liability is different than D&O insurance and protects D&O against suits. It's a small investment to avoid a lot of risk in a litigious society. There was a unanimous vote to investigate purchasing a policy. Our current Fairly insurance is $300 plus membership.

Christmas Party Planning: Chris and Vera are hoping to negotiate a three-year contract with Wave Street Studio. In December Sundays are less expensive. Since 2012 rental cost has jumped $1,100. Parking for Wave Street is challenging. Soundshine cost $825 so may not be hired again, if we can use the sound system there. Another venue possibility is Rancho Cielo in Salinas, with a charter bus to transport.

TAMC Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee - Bill Boosman has resigned; Vera was the alternate and has agreed to be our representative so Alex Cappelli will be the alternate. City of Marina is adding bike lanes. City of Monterey has a program to teach children safety and has a Vision Zero Plan for zero injuries/fatalities. Route 68 improvements include widening, 11 roundabouts, and tunnels for animals to cross.

The is talk of a possible collaboration with veterans' group on tricycles for "Ride 2 Recovery."

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 29 at 7:00 at the home of Ed Bredthauer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cath Tendler-Valencia
VCM Secretary