Quentin Gilbert Cannonball Coordinator, 2016-2021

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FCC members:

This resolution makes a case for changes to Fredericksburg Cyclists' bylaws with respect to the Cannonball Century event, our club's post-event charitable donations and related aspects. With six years' experience directing the event and with three different Executive Boards over that timeframe, I believe specific changes will facilitate more accountability and fairness moving forward.

Thank you for your time in considering this and I welcome discussion,

Quentin Gilbert

reference current bylaws https://bikefred.com/resources/Documents/FCCBylaws09212020.pdf

Resolution

Whereas, The Cannonball Century, as the club's signature event, earns significant profit for the club, paying for other club expenses, allowing for charitable donations, and promoting the reputation of the club; and

Whereas, The Cannonball Coordinator (and typically, other family members) contribute significant personal time & effort to plan, organize, oversee and wrap-up the event, working 10 months over the year; and

Whereas, Charitable giving plans and pronouncements, namely the specific donation amounts for recipients, are not consistently and clearly communicated to members as the financial picture is reviewed following the Cannonball event; and

Whereas, The bylaws are not clear regarding roles, particularly Executive Board Members vs. Coordinators; and

Whereas, The bylaws do not mention charitable giving as a key aspect; and

Therefore, be it resolved that clarification of the bylaws will ensure accountability, as follows:

- Clarify Section 4.01 Coordinators list, renaming "Century Coordinator" to "Cannonball Director" a title that accurately matches the role.
- Just as financial *Advisory Members* are restricted in *Section 8.05* with good reason, clarify *Article 4 Officials* with a new clause:
 - 4.09. So that separation of responsibility is clear, an Executive Board Member may not simultaneously act in the role of Cannonball Director, and visa-versa.
- Extend Article 6 General Membership Meetings with a new clause:
 - 6.06. Pertinent charitable giving plans will be shared at General Membership Meetings before the Cannonball event and, after its conclusion, with final details (amounts, percentage for each recipient) prior to public declarations.
- Extend Article 8 *Finances* with a new clause:
 - 8.06. Yearly charitable giving from Cannonball net income is pre-planned by Executive Board members and the Cannonball Director, as equal voting members.