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Minutes of the April 17, 2018 Special Meeting  
of the  
Board of Directors  
of the  
New York Cycle Club

Present were: Eden Weiss (VP Programs), Jerry Ross (VP Rides), Bob Gilbert (Special Events Coordinator), James Gilbert (Membership Director), Gil Lavi (Content Editor), Michael Gately (A Rides Coordinator), Michael Roth (B Rides Coordinator), Julie Blackburn (C Rides Coordinator), Michael Weitzman (Escape New York Director), Gabby Warshawer (Volunteer Coordinator) and Peter Storey (Secretary).

Eden called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

**1. Acceptance of Resignation.**

On motion duly made and seconded, the resignation of Christy Guzzetta as President was **accepted**.

**2. Motion to appoint a President.**

On being duly made and seconded, and following discussion, a motion to appoint a President was **approved**.

**3. Appointment of President.**

On motion duly made and seconded, Eden Weiss was **appointed** President of the Club for the balance of 2018.

**4. Discussion of Civility and Transparency in Club Dealings.**

There followed a lengthy discussion of the need for civility and transparency in Club dealings. The events surrounding Christy's resignation were also discussed. Mike Weitzman proposed that Felicia Ennis work with the Board to develop some sort of grievance or complaint procedure to bring cases like this to the Board. This was well-received. Eden also proposed that the Board participate in a workshop on these issues. This too was well received, although discussion of specifics was tabled until the Board's May meeting.

**5. Message to the Membership.**

Peter distributed a draft of a possible statement to the membership discussing the events leading to Christy's resignation, restating the Club's Policy against harassment,

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bullying and similar behavior and stating the Board's continuing opposition to such behaviors. Several edits were agreed on, and the resulting draft was then referred to Felicia Ennis for her thoughts on the document.<sup>1</sup>

**6. *Ratification of the Secretary's Statement on Christy's Resignation.***

Peter's April 12th statement on the Message Board and on the Facebook members' page announcing Christy's resignation was *ratified*, and a copy was ordered to be filed with the Minutes.

**7. *Resignation of the Webmaster.***

The resignation of the Webmaster as a result of the same events was noted, but not accepted. On motion duly made and seconded, and after discussion, the Board *voted* to ask Jorge Negrin to return to that post.

The meeting then adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Peter Storey, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> NOTE: The resulting statement was published on the Message Board and on the Facebook members' page on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**Statement Announcing the Resignation of Christy Guzzetta (April 12, 2018)**

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board, I wish to announce that Christy Guzzetta has resigned the presidency of the New York Cycle Club, effective today.

The Board wishes to thank Christy for his service as President and his manifold contributions to the Club over many years, including his prior presidency, the creation of the SIG and so much more over nearly four decades. We wish him well.

Per the by-laws, Eden Weiss, our VP Programs, will assume the presidency for at least the time being. The Board will meet shortly to discuss what other steps are appropriate to take the Club forward.

Peter Storey  
Secretary