



Sussex Cyclists, Inc.

2021 Annual Meeting

Reports and Agenda Items

For - March 16, 2021 - 2:30 – 4:30 PM – via Zoom

This document contains materials and reports that will be on the agenda of the Sussex Cyclist 2021 Annual Meeting.

We encourage you to review these materials prior to the meeting, and have them available for reference during the meeting.

This packet contains:

- **Meeting Tentative Agenda**
- **Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting**
- **Presidents Report**
- **Advocacy Director Report**
- **Ride Director's Report**

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Welcome—

Approval of Agenda *(Additions & Modifications may be made as necessary at any time.)*

Introductions—

Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting

Treasurers Report

COMMITTEE & ACTIVITY REPORTS

Ride Director's Report-

Advocacy Director Report

Safety Director Report

Presidents Report

Membership

Member & Public Communications

Bicycle Ambassador program for local trails.

Use of Club Funds

Emeritus Members

Old Business - Bylaw Changes

New Business

Officer Elections

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Ride Director

Safety & Advocacy Director

Announcements

Adjourn





Minutes –May 7, 2020--- Subject to Approval

Sussex Cyclists Zoom Meeting

Officers Present:

	John Kupjuweit	President
	Diane Daley	Treasurer
	Betsy Collins	Secretary
	Mike Tyler	Advocacy
	Bill Gorodetzer	Ride Director
	Mike McGowan	Advocacy
	Bill Weller	Advocacy
:	Tony Pezone	Past President/Advocacy
	Michele Williams	Past President

Agenda:

1. Meeting was called to order by the President
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Welcome and Introductions were conducted
4. Approval of Minutes – accepted as published
5. Treasurer’s Report: Presented by Diane.

There are 169 paid members.
There is \$15,240.70
\$2937.63 for Advocacy

6. Committee and Activity Reports:

Ride Director's Report- 2019 Ride Report was presented. D level rides continued, were sparsely attended except for Friday beer rides. Rides were alternated between Bethany and Rehoboth.

Bob Brown continued with B program on Sundays. 2019 was a successful year for the club.

Short advanced notice rides and ride changes or cancellations will continue to be sent by the ride leader via our Yahoo email list.

Important when responding to only reply to ride leader. Do not hit reply all.

Events calendar can be found at <http://www.sussexcyclists.org/calendar/>

There was discussion concerning the pandemic and if the club would be able to have a ride schedule for the year. There will be no club rides at present and will follow current public health guidelines. Meet ups should be no more than four and if planned rides start no more than 10 and screening by ride leader.

Electronic sign up will be available,

Advocacy and Safety

Tony had a short report as the COVID pandemic has hit Sussex County. J1 students from the winter were sent home early and it is unlikely there will be any J1 students. Mike McGowan has agreed to take over Bike Safety from Tony. Tony has been a strong advocate for cycling in Sussex County for 15 years.

Many rides this year will be virtual. Mike Tyler forwarded notice of Ride for Silence which will be virtual. Recommended to ride 12 miles on May 20 around 7.

You can register on Sussex Cyclist website.

Bill Weller reported on advocacy. . He has been attending the Delaware Bicycle Council meetings. DelDot is looking at curb cuts and at alternate pathways at some of more congested bridges.

If an accident on a club ride notify the club leader. Safety guidelines are on web site.

President's Report

Bylaw changes was approved for splitting Advocacy and Safety into separate director positions. John will be looking at possible positions for Development, Communication and Social Directors.

John wanted to thank Michele Williams for hosting the zoom meeting. Social Activities will be on hold for the present.

Tech support, membership and communication volunteers are always needed.

Club Jerseys- Voler store coming soon.

Discussed supporting community with the virtual rides that will be held this summer.

John gave recognition presents to Tony, Diane and Bill G. for their untiring work for the club.

Old Business: No old business.

Officer Elections: Danny Ferguson has agreed to take over as Vice President as Jack has moved out of the area.

More information concerning COVID guidelines can be found on the U.S Cycling website.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Collins



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Presidents Report & Annual Meeting Information

Despite the challenges of continuing club activities while under COVID-19 Restrictions I think we have had a very active year. We need to acknowledge the fantastic job by Ride-Director Bill Gorodetzer. Be sure to take the time to read his report.

We also need to thank Bill Weller for staying on top of any bicycle related activities of the State Government and any local government (particularly Lewes) that are taking positions or establishing rules that affect cyclists. Of particular interest is the status of HB 36, which if not passed will eliminate the "Delaware Yield" for cyclists at Stop Signs. More discussion about this at the meeting. Also, COVID devastated the Summer Work Programs for foreign students; and as a result, the Summer Safety Program was put on hold. We still do not know the status of the program for 2021.

Thanks to Michele for being the host of the Zoom Meeting.

Membership: Membership is currently just over 200. Some renewals are pending, but with new members the number seems to stay around the 200 level throughout the year.

Bicycle Ambassador Programs For several years, the use of "Trail Ambassadors" has been suggested as an enhancement for the trail systems in the Lewes, Rehoboth, Georgetown area of Sussex County. There are several trail systems around the country that have this type of program in effect. Generally, the role of these volunteers is to aid trail users, provide information and remind trail users of rules and trail etiquette, report problems and any other duties as necessary. I am attaching a separate page of information about these programs. We can decide if we want to pursue this kind of program.

Use of club surplus funds. Our Treasurer, Diane Daly has pointed out that we have a few thousand dollars of undesignated funds currently in the treasury, and that we should consider ways of using these funds. Some suggestions have already been made by Board Members. I am going to call a separate meeting just to deal with this topic. Most suggestions so far stress that we do things that show that the club is active in the community, and that provides support for our club goals and safe cycling in this area. If you are interested in being involved with this type of activity, please let me know via email.

Bylaw Changes. At the last Annual Meeting it was proposed that the bylaws be changed to add three additional Directors to the Board. These Directors would take the rolls of Development Director, Communications Director, and Social Director.

Officer Elections: The following is the slate of members running for Officer and Director positions.

President – John Kurpjuweit

Vice President – Dan Ferguson

Secretary - Betsy Collins

Treasurer – Diane Daly

Ride Director – Bill Gorodetzer

Safety Director – Mike McGowan

Advocacy Director – Bill Weller

If you do have anything you would like to put on the agenda, please send it to me by email at:

SussexCycleKorp@gmail.com.

Links for logging into the meeting are below, and can be found at the calendar listing on the club website.

You can find the meeting registration form by clicking the link below:

<https://sussexcyclists.wildapricot.org/event-4211512>

Registration is not required, but letting us know you plan to attend will help with planning the session.

If you are a member, another way to register is to log on at SussexCyclists.org, click on "**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**"; then click on the event listing for the meeting.

(Non-members can use this link to register.)

ZOOM LINK for meeting

Sussex Cyclist Annual Meeting - Mar 16, 2021 02:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Link To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87841573393>

Meeting ID: 878 4157 3393

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Information on Trail Ambassador Programs

For several years, the use of “Trail Ambassadors” has been suggested as an enhancement for the trail systems in the Lewes, Rehoboth, Georgetown area of Sussex County. There are several trail systems around the country that have this type of program in effect. Generally, the role of these volunteers is to:

1. Aid trail users. This might include directions, passing along the location of on-trail and off-trail facilities (Rest rooms, bike shops, restaurants, etc.) Ambassadors, if qualified, may also help with minor bicycle repairs and simple first aid.
2. Remind trail users of trail rules and etiquette, as well as reminding users of safe trail use for both cyclists and pedestrians.
3. Monitor trail conditions and report problems (e.g., downed tree, broken fence, etc.) to the proper authorities.
4. Other duties as might be needed.

In most of these programs the volunteers are provided with some sort of identifying vest, helmet cover or jersey.

I am familiar with the program in Anne Arundel County where the volunteers are called Trail Blazers. The program is under the “Department of Recreation & Parks.” It started on the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail, but I believe that has not expanded to several other bicycle/walking trails in the county.

One concern about establishing a program in the Rehoboth, Lewes, Georgetown area is to determine who or what the organizing entity should be. In other words, who will be in charge. The trail system in the area is partly State Park, but also includes Lewes, Rehoboth, Sussex County and possibly other jurisdictions and private property. I have been looking for some other programs around the county, most seem to be under the charge of some government agency. However, there are some that are Community Organizations with ties to local police, tourism, or business organizations. One I found operates under the direction of a bike shop.

Some of the things that need to be considered if we want to establish a Trail Ambassador Program.

1. Who will be in charge?
 - a. Governmental Entity
 - b. A new organization established for the program.
 - c. An existing organization willing to take charge.
2. How will the program be funded?
3. What will be the requirements of the Ambassadors?

I did a search for Ambassador programs around the country. Below are links to some of the ones I found, both governmental and community based.

Salisbury, Maryland [Bicycle Ambassador Program - City of Salisbury MD](#)

Parks and Trails New York: [Parks & Trails New York :: Trail Ambassadors \(ptny.org\)](#)

Virginia Capital Trail Ambassadors [Trail Ambassadors — Virginia Capital Trail Foundation](#)

Great Allegheny Passage Maryland (2) [Great Allegheny Passage Maryland Trail Ambassadors | Facebook](#)

Washington Area Bicyclist Association [bike ambassador | Washington Area Bicyclist Association | Page 2 \(waba.org\)](#)

Central Oregon [Central Oregon Ambassadors of Mountain and Trail \(pinemountainsports.com\)](#)



Sussex Cyclists – Advocacy Report, March 16, 2021 Bill Weller, Advocacy Director

Purpose of Position:

Advocate for bicyclists in Sussex County with local and state government entities and inform membership of developments.

Recent Activities

- Represent Sussex Cyclists at the Delaware Bicycle Council
 - o DelDOT sponsored entity to get public input on bicycling topics;
 - o Meetings are open to the public, held every other month on 1st Wednesday of the month;
 - o URL for meetings and materials:
https://deldot.gov/Programs/bike/biking_in_delaware/index.shtml
- Summer 2020, collected club member inputs for the safety assessment of the Delaware Bicycle Route 1 (DBR1) I Sussex County and provide alternate route suggestions for DelDOT state-wide assessment
 - o Sussex County results presented to Delaware Bicycle Council (DBC) at August 2, 2020 meeting
 - o A council member is working to consolidate Kent & Sussex County inputs while waiting for New Castle County inputs
 - o Plan to present integrated results at April 7, 2021 DBC meeting using GIS mapping software
- Presented a proposal to the the City of Lewes to replace the side-by-side bollards on the Georgetown Lewes Trail in City of Lewes;
 - o September 2020 presentation to the Lewes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee with DelDOT Bicycle Coordinator providing history of the trail construction in the City of Lewes
 - o Status:
 - Discussions ongoing
 - City Council considering matter for 2nd time during March 8, 2021 meeting
- Supported the Coalition for a Safer North Bethany discussions in 2H 2020 with DelDOT for roadway safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians in North Bethany
- Discussed advocacy for Delaware Yield law for bicyclists with Bike Delaware
 - o Following Lewes Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting on January 26th and Lewes City Council on February 11;
 - o DE Legislature during current legislative session.
 - o Began using the Sussex Cyclists website membership communication capabilities to share local and DE state government bicycling news with membership about Sussex County:
 - Road; and
 - Trail projects.



Delaware

Sussex Cyclists 2020/2021 Group Rides Report Annual Meeting March 16, 2021

OVERVIEW

- The COVID-19 pandemic was the controlling factor for our 2020 Ride Season. We made an early decision in April to have an abbreviated Ride Season from July through August and subsequently extended into September for most weekly rides (selective weekly rides into October and November and Club Ad Hoc rides through December). We limited ride group sizes (usually 10 riders max) but subject to the discretion of the Ride Leader with consensus of the group riders, allowing up to 12 riders). There was 100% masking going into stores at refreshment stops, but less adherence to masking and social distancing when gathering at ride start or at refreshment stops.
- We adopted an on-line registration system with automated email notices (regrettably receipt of emails is all or none based on limitations of the software provided by our internet service provider, Wild Apricot) and both were well received by our group riders and Ride Leaders. The Wild Apricot Smart Phone Apps (MEMBER and ADMIN for Ride Leaders) were widely used after their initial learning curves. Even with a few annoying limitations in the software, the on-line registration system was virtually unanimously preferred by both our group riders and Ride Leaders to the prior paper check-in / liability waiver signing just before a ride. Having automated emails generated (invitation sent to all members, confirmation sent to rider upon registration, reminder sent to all registered riders) for Club Group Rides replaced posting scheduled rides on Yahoo Groups. Ride Leaders occasionally used the Yahoo List server, especially in the beginning of the ride season, and then gravitated to sending emails to registered riders using the Wild Apricot ADMIN App. In addition to access by web browser, the on-line registration system also integrated extremely well (except for a few issues we identified) with the Wild Apricot MEMBER and ADMIN Apps.

- Club Group Rides participation in general was down in many of our Club Group Ride categories and because of concerns about COVID-19 a large number of our former group riders (club and non-club members) chose to ride on their own and/or ride inside on trainers or stationary bikes. We also had significantly fewer vacation / weekend second home riders attributable to travel restrictions imposed for the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 RIDE SEASON RECAP

- From the Numbers (See Attachment 1 “2020 RIDE SEASON DETAIL”):
 - There were 174 Club Group Rides posted to our calendar and 141 actual Club Group Rides net of 27 (19.1%) rides cancelled, 4 (2.8%) Event Rides in which had at least moderate club participation and 2 (1.4%) Out of Area rides.
 - There were 74 (total in number) rider “No Shows” for 53 (37.6%) actual Club Group Rides.
 - There was an 8.5 average number of riders for the 140 net actual Club Group Rides representing 1,197 individual cyclist’s rides.
 - There was a collective 39,339 miles for the 1,197 participants in the 140 net actual Club Group Rides.
 - There were opportunities for after-ride refreshments - usually at local breweries - on 37 Club Group Rides throughout the entire ride season, mostly for the Friday “Beer Trail” Ride, and when Dogfish Head opened with outdoor seating in mid September, for the Monday and Wednesday Rides.
 - NOT included in the 2020 Ride Season Detail were two late season Non Club Out of Area Rides (Kudos to Diane Daily for planning and Leading our club and non-club OOAs) that had a large number of Participants:
 - September 14 Day trip to St Michaels, MD with 15-20 riders following a 60 mile route; and
 - October 12-15 overnight trip to Williamsburg, VA with 12 riders covering 150 miles over three ride days.
 - Solid participation over the entire season for our Sunday “B/B+” Rides , Thursday “C/C+” (posted in July and August Only), Thursday “D/E” Trail, Friday “Beer Trail” and Saturday “C+ Rides that consistently had at least 9 riders and frequently maxed out. The two Out of Area Rides were also well received. Kudos to Ride Leaders Bob Browne, Diane Daly, Danny Ferguson, John Martinez, Renata Price, Allen Segal and Mark Snader.
 - Sunday “B” and “B+” Ride Groups (initially starting from the Lewes Senior Center and in November from the “Cow” Church) built upon its 2019 speed category resurrection and regular

participants of this ride often maxed out in number of participants with two ride groups through most of the ride season. Extended post-season (October-December) ride participation predictably dropped off but there was a core group of local and week-end riders that consistently maxed out a combined single group (usually at a B-ish speed) unless there were a sufficient number of riders to split into two groups with separate Ride Leaders). Adherence to lowering speed on the Lewes-Georgetown Trail for warm up (early morning with few other users) and warm/cool down (mid morning when other users were more numerous) legs was sporadic and few riders masked up.

- Our “C/C+” Rides, with the exception of our Thursday “C” from Millsboro and Saturday “C+” from Coastal Club rides, were often not as well attended compared with prior years most likely because of COVID-19 concerns. The number of riders also dropped off after Labor Day as is typical of prior years.
 - Tuesday “C+ Rides , were originally a bi-weekly ride initially starting from Peddlers Village because road construction on John J. Williams / Rt 24 prevented starting from the Rehoboth Walmart used in prior years. In September the ride start was moved to the Harris Teeter Shopping Center in Long Neck and became a weekly ride. It had moderate participation July-August and predictably dropped off in September-October. The changed start location was a safer choice than riding on John J. Williams / Rt 24, although some riders had concerns about riding on Banks Road with was sometimes used.
 - Wednesday “C” Rides (starting from the Dogfish Head Brewery in Milton) commenced in August and ran through mid October. They were sparsely attended but participation was greater after mid September when Dogfish Head Brewery opened for outside seating. The longer distance (50+ miles) endurance rides were not well received; the most common objection was the rides took too much time. Some riders would have preferred to ride at a C+ pace, but stayed with the group. A few “double loop” 30+/- mile rides were tried twice and might be a better format - starting early morning and mid morning so riders could select only one or do both rides.
 - Thursday “C/C+” Rides (starting from Millsboro) ran July-August and were very popular. Rides were almost always quickly maxed out shortly after reservations were opened up. There was only one ride group (despite a good number of Ride Leaders participating) and this Club Group Ride likely would have received continued high participation if continued into September and possibly October.
 - Saturday offered both “C” and “C+” Ride Groups (starting from the Coastal Club in Lewes) had mixed attendance - most often enough for two ride groups July-August often maxing out the “C+” speed category. There were fewer riders participating in the slower “C” category. Participation predictably dropped off September-October) often resulting in one combined ride group riding at a C+ speed. Concern was expressed on returning to

Coastal Club- when making a left onto Beaver Dam Road from Dairy Farm or Fisher - where getting a large group through rarely could be safely done because of poor signs lines and fast moving traffic. Toward the end of the ride season the default became a mandatory full stop when approaching these intersections.

- Friday “C-/D” Beer Trail Rides (leaving from various breweries and beer pubs located in close proximity to the Junction and Breakwater Trail) were very popular, and when maxed out in September and October, necessitated breaking into two groups with separate Ride Leaders. Mostly attended by club member road riders who usually ride at higher ride categories (through B+), this ride also attracted some members and prospective members who preferred not to ride on roads or were strictly trail riders. Ride Leader(s) usually led the entire ride and did a great job of adhering to stated speed and encouraging good trail etiquette. Riders need to be reminded that they all don’t have to pass slower riders or pedestrians at rapid succession - all in a long single file formation (most often on Gordon’s Pond Trail)- where visibility is sometimes limited. Caution is preferred and riders who have successfully passed could shout out a “bike or walker up” or “clear in the front” to alert riders in back of them after they have clear vision of approaching trail users.
- Monday “D” Rides (starting from the Dogfish Head Brewery in Milton) were initially ad hoc but became scheduled weekly rides in mid August and became ad hoc again in October. Speed gradually increased to a “D+/C-” pace. Many “C/C+” riders participated as a Recovery Ride and adhered to the stated ride speed, helped by the Ride Leader leading the entire ride most of the time. Coaching was sporadically provided, if requested. Participation by “D” riders who live in Coastal Club was significantly down from 2019 (Covid-19 related ?) and rebuilding a larger group of less experienced cyclists in 2021 should be a goal for this ride.
- Thursday “D” Trail Rides were usually well attended and often attracted riders who did not participate in the Friday “Beer Trail” rides. Stated speed was strictly adhered to owing to the Ride Leader leading the entire ride most of the rides. The pre-ride briefing was especially good as it most often included something about ride safety and/or road/trail etiquette in addition to a description of the route. The road portion add-on to the optional Lewes-Georgetown out and back was a great way of introducing trail and new riders to group road riding. Like the “Beer Trail” ride, riders need to be reminded that they all don’t have to pass slower riders or pedestrians at rapid succession in a long single file formation (most often on Gordon’s Pond Trail) - where visibility is sometimes limited, caution is preferred and riders and those who have successfully passed could shout out a “bike or walker up” or “clear in the front” when they have clear vision of approaching trail users.
- Tuesday “D/E” Rides (most started from Bear Trap Dunes in Ocean View but other ride start locations were also used) were sparsely attended. Ride Leaders rotated (initially 3 from 4 in 2019, then 2 in September and 1 in October). Depending on the make up of the group and who the Ride Leader was, cyclists with stronger skills were encouraged to rotate and take the lead position if they were comfortable doing so. Rebuilding in 2021 is need to attract new group

riders and introduce them to group road riding safety and etiquette so they can become a feeder to our “C” rides if they are capable and comfortable progressing. A few “C” rides were tried at the end of the season but when carried into 2021, they should not be done at the expense of the D/E Rides (i.e. if done on Tuesday either two ride groups from the same or different location(s) or on another day.

- Ride Leaders generally prepared in advance for their rides and used new or modified routes to keep their rides interesting. New routes weren't always verified in advance of their rides, especially in the beginning of the ride season. Exceeding the stated speed category was the most frequent criticism brought to my attention by our group riders, especially on the “C” rides. All Ride Leaders need to have do a more controlled start up and ramp up gradually to the posted speed allowing the participants to get a warm ups. Ditto after coming to a full stop so that gaps are minimized because of riders in the rear trying to catch up. Communication between riders was spotty on some rides and excellent on others - often with the same Ride Leader! Coaching, if solicited and agreed upon by the rider, was rare. Ride Leaders experienced much less “hijacking” than in 2019 - directing faster riders to keep their speed down or to ride ahead only if they knew the next turn and sometimes having planned sprint segments on their route. I continued to receive numerous positive comments from group riders about how well our rides were run and how safe and enjoyable they were - especially those new to our Club Group Rides or new to group riding.
- We had six new Ride Leaders who joined (*) our Club Group Rides Leadership Group for the first time in 2020 or moved up from being Assistant Ride Leaders or Sweep Riders in prior years:
 - Kudos to Mike Bivens, Lou DiStefano, Chris Dominic*, Ken Keeler*, John Martinez* and Mark Snader.
 - We still need to identify candidates and encourage anyone interested in becoming a Ride Leader (to regularly lead, rotate or substitute as needed), Assistant Rider Leader or Sweep Rider to pair-up with our experienced ride leaders to help “Share the Load” in 2021, provide a different “feel” for weekly ride regulars and to prevent Ride Leadership burnout (especially late in the ride season).
- Ride With GPS introduced in 2018 was used sparingly by many of our Ride Leaders and some group riders in 2019) was used exclusively in 2020 by Ride Leaders for all Club Group Ride postings (providing a RWGPS link only). Some club members generated cue sheets and others downloaded electronic files to navigate using their bike computer or smart phone. There was additional emphasis in 2020 (based upon use of RWGPS in 2019) to insure route/turn accuracy, uniform naming of e-files and verification of a route prior uploading to our RWGPS Club Library. Newer users were mentored by those with more experience as they upgraded to navigation capable bike computers.

- We kept all posts on our Website Calendar of events and Club Group Rides up to date (including noting ride cancellations). We have received many positive comments on the calendar and other posted resources on our website. Some Ride Leaders felt comfortable creating or modifying a ride posting using their web browser and/or Wild Apricot Admin App, while most deferred to the Ride Director to do their postings and updates, which was the stated “default” way of doing it.
- Out of Area (OOA) rides were predictably few (two) in number (because of COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines) but well attended - 9 riders in mid July from Berlin, MD and 13 riders in mid August from Snow Hill (Iron Furnace), MD - in the middle of the summer. Hopefully we’ll have a better covid environment for all things in 2021.
- Most Event rides were cancelled or went virtual in 2020. Member participation in Event rides showed a steep decline in the number of participants (both from club members and total riders joining Team Sussex Cyclists at the Event rides) compared to previous years, again most likely because .of COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.
- There were some Ad Hoc Club Group Rides and few non-club “meet up” rides (most posted in October and November before Yahoo Groups was discontinued).
- **Safety, Safety, Safety. On our 2020 Club Group Rides we had only one serious fall (involving an unleashed dog), just a few minor sole rider or rider/rider accidents and no known rider/pedestrian or rider/vehicle accidents.**

2021 RIDE SEASON SCHEDULE AND FOLLOW-UP

- Our **Club Group Rides will tentatively commence June 1st** (COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines permitting) and will be posted on the Club’s Activities Calendar shortly after the Ride Leadership Meeting in early May. Ad hoc Club Group Ride postings on our website (and automated emails) will be encouraged for mid to late May (Ride Director support provided).
- We will review our 2020 **COVID-19 mitigation measures** and decide what **COVID-19 mitigation requirements and guidelines** will initially be in effect for the start of our 2021 Ride season. During the ride season we will make changes as requirements and guidelines change. We will establish and maintain minimum parameters - at least **adhering to requirements and guidelines** published by the Office of Governor (Delaware) - and members of the Club Group Rides Leadership will monitor and report back “best practices” being used by other cycling clubs.
- Our **Schedule of Club Group Rides** (mostly weekly) will be firmed up at the Annual Club Group Rides Leadership Meeting. Ride leaders should submit to me by April 1st the days and ride category of their desired ride(s).
- Our **Annual Club Group Rides Leadership Meeting** will likely be virtual (Zoom) and is schedule for 6-9pm Tuesday, May 5th).

- This is a mandatory training meeting (consider it continuing education!) for all continuing or potential new 2021 Ride Leaders, Assistant Ride Leaders, Sweep Riders or at-large positions (no specific role indicated). We all have learned from each other and we will again have much of the material presented by individuals in our Group Rides Leadership Group.
- Everyone in the 2021 Club Group Rides Leadership must participate (or make alternative arrangements to review meeting material) for their status to be designated “current”. This has been done in prior years to insure the entire Club Group Ride Leadership is aware of our requirements, procedures and “best practices” for responsible cyclists that are to be adhered to a for all Club Group Rides in the current ride program.
- A draft agenda incorporating existing issues that need tweaking obtained from member comments including feedback from the Ride Leaders. Club Group Ride Leadership will have a chance to provide additional feedback to help finalize the meeting agenda.
- The **Club’s Website Activities Calendar** will include more Local and Regional “Event rides” as well as scheduled Club Group Rides. Many Event rides are now posted on our website in list form as sub-menus in the Activities Calendar pull down menu. If any club member learns of additional Local and Regional Event rides not listed or has more current information, please let me know and I will post on or update our Calendar. We will also use the automated mailing capabilities to send out reminders such as for expiration of registration discounts.
- The **On-line Registration System and Automated Email Notices** introduced in 2020 will be tweaked and I will work with Wild Apricot to find solutions to the limitations and other quirks we identified in 2020.
- Bob Brotschol has agreed to continue serving as coordinator for our **Ride with GPS (RWGPS) Club Account**. In addition to administrative functions (including maintaining the **Club Library of Routes** for verified rides), he is available to **answer questions** about and facilitate **member training** for RWGPS.
- Scott Waxman has agreed to serve as coordinator for our **Strava Club Account**. In addition to administrative functions (including maintaining the **Sussex Cyclists Strava Club Leaderboard** for verified current Club Members), Scott will be available to help and **answer questions**.

ADDITIONAL AREAS OF FOCUS FOR 2021

- **RIDE LEADERS:** Please continue to focus on covering at least one safety and one group riding etiquette topic - in addition to other ride specific comments - at every pre-ride briefing.
- **RIDE LEADERSHIP:** We need existing Assistant Ride Leaders and Sweep Riders to assist Ride Leaders on every ride to help insure our Club Group Rides are safe and enjoyable.

- **FUTURE RIDE LEADERSHIP:** We need to identify potential candidates for our Club Group Rides Leadership so we can insure we have a large enough group to “share the load” in the current and future years. They can initially join in an “observer” role if they are not yet ready to take on specific responsibilities.
- **RIDER SKILLS:** I would like to see more “coaching” (if a rider consents) from our Club Group Rides Leadership during our Club Group Rides and hold Cycling Workshops (in person or virtual) to enhance the cycling, repair and maintenance skills of our riders. All members should submit their ideas for topics to be covered to the Ride Director.
- **OOA RIDES** (COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines permitting): Ride Leaders should plan at least one Out of Area Ride for the coming season and submit the proposed date and details in advance to me to insure timely posting of the ride and that there are no scheduling conflicts.
- **EVENT RIDES:** Many early season event rides have already been cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, and unlike last year, most have chosen not to have a virtual ride or postpone to later in the year. We should encourage our members to participate in local and regional event rides where adherence to then current COVID-19 mitigation requirements and guidelines is going to be observed. We also need members (preferably from our Club Group Rides Leadership) to “champion” these rides as Team Captain and assume the responsibility for coordinating logistics of the event’s Team Sussex Cyclists riders - regardless of whether there will be a discounted registration fee for group participation. Kudos to our 2021 Event Ride Sussex Cyclists Team Captains for the Ocean to Bay Bike Tour (John Kurpjuweit), Iron Furnace Fifty Bicycle Ride (Tom Kinsella) and Amish Country Bicycle Tour (Rick Fehr).
- **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Please submit your suggestions for Club Group Rides combined with social activities and/or stand alone social activities that you think would be of interest to our members and their non-riding significant others.
- **INCIDENT REPORTS:** Fortunately, accidents involving our riders continue to be rare. However, we need to tighten up on following the requirements of our club’s insurance carrier. Starting in 2021, all incidents on Club Group Rides involving solely the Rider, Rider/Rider, Rider/Pedestrian and Rider/Vehicle will be reported by our Ride Leaders or their designee to the Ride Director. We will review the form of report and procedures to be followed at our Annual

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2020 CLUB GROUP RIDES DETAIL (July 5 - December 13, 2020)

Date of Ride	Day of Week	Ride Category	Ad Hoc	Start Location	Ride Cancelled	Rider "No Shows"	Number of Riders	Number of Miles	Participant Miles	Event	Out of Area	Refreshments after Ride
7/5/2020	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			13	42	546			
7/7	Tuesday	D/E		Oceanview (Bear Trap) Dunes)			8	20	160			
7/9	Thursday	C		Millsboro (Diane's House)			2	35	70			
7/9	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			9	20	180			
7/10	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Grains on the Rocks)			7	19	133			Y
7/11	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		2	8	35	280			
7/11	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			8	35	280			
7/12	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	15	42	630			
7/13	Monday	D	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)		3	7	21	147			
7/14	Tuesday	C/C+		Lewes (Peddlers Village)			3	31	93			
7/14	Tuesday	D/E		Oceanview (Bear Trap) Dunes)		2	7	21	147			
7/16	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)		1	4	20	80			
7/16	Thursday	C		Berlin, MD		2	9	50	450		Y	
7/17	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Grains on the Rocks)			7	19	133			Y
7/18	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)			10	34	340			
7/18	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)		2	7	34	238			
7/19	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	12	42	504			
7/20	Monday	D	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	9	22	198			
7/21	Tuesday	C	Y	Lewes (Public Library)		1	6	31	186			
7/21	Tuesday	D/E		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)			12	20	240			
7/23	Thursday	C		Millsboro (Walter's House)			12	40	480			
7/23	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			8	20	160			
7/24	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Revelation)			7	20	140			Y
7/25	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	6	31	186			
7/25	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	4	7	28			

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7/26	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			11	42	462			
7/27	Monday	D	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	34	170			
7/28	Tuesday	D/E		Oceanview (Bear Trap Dunes)			5	20	100			
7/28	Tuesday	C/C+		Lewes (Peddlers Village)		1	7	35	245			
7/30	Thursday	C		Millsboro (Diane's House)			11	49	539			
7/30	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)		2	3	20	60			
7/31	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Iron Hill)	Y							Y
8/1/20	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)			6	36	216			
8/1	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			6	36	216			
8/2	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	14	42	588			
8/3	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	25	125			
8/4	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)	Y							
8/4	Tuesday	D/E		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)	Y							
8/5	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)			4	44	176			
8/6	Thursday	C		Millsboro (Diane's House)			11					
8/6	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)	Y							
8/7	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Iron Hill)			8	18	144			Y
8/8	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	9	39	351			
8/8	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			5	39	195			
8/9	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			13	42	546			
8/10	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			6	25	150			
8/11	Tuesday	C/C+		Lewes (Peddlers Village)		3	4	37	148			
8/11	Tuesday	D/E		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)			6	24	144			
8/12	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)	Y							
8/13	Thursday	C		Millsboro (Diane's House)			12	39	468			
8/13	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			8	20	160			
8/14	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Iron Hill)	Y							Y
8/15	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)			11	38	418			

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8/15	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			4	38	152			
8/16	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)	Y							
8/17	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			9	26	234			
8/18	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			9	36	324			
8/18	Tuesday	D/E		Oceanview (Bear Trap Dunes)			8	21	168			
8/19	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)	Y							
8/20	Thursday	C		Snow Hill, MD (Furnace Town)			13	43	559		Y	
8/20	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			7	20	140			
8/21	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Iron Hill)			16	20	320			Y
8/22	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)	Y							
8/22	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)	Y							
8/23	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		2	18	42	756			
8/24	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			7	26	182			
8/25	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			9	49	441			
8/25	Tuesday	D/E		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)		2	4	13	52			
8/26	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	56	280			
8/27	Thursday	C		Millsboro (Walter's House)		1	12	35	420			
8/27	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			6	20	120			
8/28	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Big Oyster)		2	11	20	220			Y
8/29	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)	Y							
8/29	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)	Y							
8/29	Saturday	Event		Iron Furnace 50			?	?		Y		
8/30	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			15	42	630			
8/31	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			6	26	156			
9/1/21	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)		1	4	39	156			
9/1	Tuesday	D/E		Oceanview (Bear Trap Dunes)			6	23	138			
9/2	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	54	270			
9/3	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			4	20	80			

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9/4	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Grains on the Rocks)			18	19	342			Y
9/5	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)			9	43	387			
9/5	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			6	43	258			
9/6	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	19	42	798			
9/7	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	9	27	243			
9/8	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)		1	6	39	234			
9/8	Tuesday	D/E		Oceanview (Bear Trap Dunes)			10	23	230			
9/9	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)	Y							
9/10	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)	Y							
9/11	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Grains on the Rocks)		2	5	28	140			Y
9/12	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	5	38	190			
9/12	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			7	38	266			
9/12	Saturday	Event		Amish Country Classic Bike Tour			?	?		Y		
9/13	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)			9	42	378			
9/13	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			7	42	294			
9/14	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	5	30	150			Y
9/15	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)		1	8	43	344			
9/15	Tuesday	D/E		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)		1	5	23	115			
9/16	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	8	37	296			Y
9/17	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			8	20	160			
9/18	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth (Iron Hill)		2	8	20	160			Y
9/19	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)			6	36	216			
9/19	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)			5	36	180			
9/20	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)	Y							
9/20	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	5	42	210			
9/21	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			6	28	168			Y
9/22	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			9	41	369			
9/22	Tuesday	D		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)			11	23	253			

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9/23	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)			9	35	315			Y
9/24	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			7	20	140			
9/25	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth (Revelation)			15	20	300			Y
9/26	Saturday	C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	9	38	342			
9/26	Saturday	C		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	7	38	266			
9/27	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)			10	42	420			
9/27	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	7	42	294			
9/28	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	7	30	210			Y
9/29	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)	Y							
9/29	Tuesday	D		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)	Y							
9/30	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	6	37	222			Y
10/1/2021	Thursday	C/C+	Y	Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			5	39	195			
10/1	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)	Y							
10/2	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Big Oyster)			8	20	160			Y
10/3	Saturday	C/C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)			12	42	504			
10/4	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		3	9	42	378			
10/4	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)								
10/6	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			4	36	144			
10/6	Tuesday	D		Selbyville (Harris Teeter)		2	9	34	306			
10/7	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	44.5	222.5			Y
10/8	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			8	20	160			
10/9	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth (Revelation)			13	20	260			Y
10/10	Saturday	C/C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		1	12	44	528			
10/11	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			14	42	588			
10/14	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)		1	11	41	451			Y
10/15	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			7	20	140			
10/16	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth (Iron Hill)	Y							
10/17	Saturday	C/C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)	Y							

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10/17	Saturday	Event		Ocean to Bay Bike Tour			?	?		Y		
10/18	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	8	42	336			
10/19	Monday	D	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	31	155			
10/20	Tuesday	C	Y	Selbyville (Harris Teeter)			8	33	264			
10/20	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			7	40	280			
10/22	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)			7	20	140			
10/23	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth (Iron Hill)		1	12	20	240			Y
10/24	Saturday	C/C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		2	9	38	342			
10/24	Saturday	Event		Ocean to Bay Bike Tour								
10/25	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)	Y							
10/26	Monday	D	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	31	155			Y
10/27	Tuesday	C/C+		Long Neck (Harris Teeter)			7	40	280			
10/28	Wednesday	C		Milton (Dogfish Head)		2	7	44	308			Y
10/26	Thursday	D/E Trail		Lewes (Public Library)	Y							
10/30	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth (Iron Hill)	Y							
10/31	Saturday	C/C+		Lewes (Coastal Club)		3	8	42	336			
11/1/2020	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			8	42	336			
11/2	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)	Y							
11/4	Wednesday	C	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)			7	36	252			Y
11/6	Friday	D Beer Trail		Lewes (Big Oyster)		1	9	22	198			Y
11/7	Saturday	Event		Sunrise Rotary Autumn Fundraiser			?	?		Y		
11/8	Sunday	B		Lewes (Senior Center)			8	42	336			
11/9	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			4	36	144			Y
11/11	Wednesday	C	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)			5	39	195			Y
11/13	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Revelation)			9	21	189			Y
11/14	Saturday	C	Y	Lewes (Coastal Club)			11	37	407			
11/15	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)			10	42	420			
11/16	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)			8	36	288			Y

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11/19	Thursday	C	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)			6	39	234			Y
11/20	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Revelation)			10	22	220			Y
11/21	Saturday	C	Y	Lewes (Coastal Club)			12	41	492			
11/22	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	9	42	378			
11/23	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)		2	5	34	170			Y
11/25	Wednesday	C	Y	Milton (Dogfish Head)	Y							
11/27	Friday	D Beer Trail		Rehoboth Beach (Iron Hill)			6	23	138			Y
11/28	Saturday	C	Y	Lewes (Coastal Club)			12	41	492			
11/29	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)		1	13	42	546			
11/30	Monday	D		Milton (Dogfish Head)	Y							
12/4/2020	Friday	D Beer Trail	Y	Rehoboth Beach (Revelation)		1	8	23	184			Y
12/6	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)			5	42	210			
12/11	Friday	D Beer Trail	Y	Rehoboth Beach (Revelation)			13	23	299			Y
12/13	Sunday	B+		Lewes (Senior Center)	Y							
TOTAL						74	1,197	4,740	39,339			
NUMBER OF:	174	141	17			27	53			4	2	37
	POSTED CLUB GROUP RIDES (Net of Out Of Area / Event Rides)	ACTUAL CLUB GROUP RIDES (Net of Out Of Area / Event / Cancelled Rides)				POSTED CLUB GROUP RIDES (Total)	ACTUAL CLUB GROUP RIDES (Net Of Multiple / Out Of Area / Event / Cancelled Rides)			POSTED CLUB GROUP RIDES (Total)	POSTED CLUB GROUP RIDES (Total)	ACTUAL CLUB GROUP RIDES (Net Of Out Of Area / Event / Cancelled Rides)
PERCENT			12.1%			19.1%	37.6%			2.8%	1.4%	
AVERAGE							8.5	33				