



## **LOGIN INFORMATION, AGENDA & REPORTS**

### **Sussex Cyclists ZOOM Meeting**

**Thursday, May 7, 4:00 PM**

This document contains information to be reviewed or discussed at the May 7, 2020 ZOOM meeting of Sussex Cyclists, Inc. Please review the information before the meeting. We also suggest you print a copy to have with you during the meeting. A PDF Version of this information is attached. A second PDF contains the Ride Director's Report.

**Thanks to Michele Williams for setting up and being the primary host for this meeting.**

#### **Log-in information is below.**

Michele Williams is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sussex Cyclist Club Meeting

Time: May 7, 2020 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting click on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81607330031> or <https://bit.ly/SussexCyclists>  
(whichever is easier to connect to)

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There is no password required.

I will also be simultaneously broadcasting on FB Live on the SC FB page, but if people want to actively participate, have them log into zoom.

Login information can also be found on the event listing at [SussexCyclists.org](https://SussexCyclists.org)

Event URL <https://sussexcyclists.wildapricot.org/event-3828688>



## AGENDA

Welcome—

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

**Treasurers Report** (*Diane*)

**Ride Director's Report** - (*Bill*)

**Advocacy & Safety Programs**

- **Bike Safety Program** - (*Mike/Tony*) –
- **Advocacy Programs** - Bike Council/Bike Delaware/Sussex Working Bike Group (*John E./Bill W.*)

**Presidents Report** (*John K.*)

- **Bylaw changes:**

*52 members responded to the Bylaw Change poll regarding the splitting of the Advocacy and Safety Director positions. All 52 responded that they are in favor of the change. I will ask that the club approve this change by voice or other means at the ZOOM session. The bylaw change means that we will be electing one additional director.*

- **Future Bylaw or policy change proposals.**
  - Policy -Add development chair/director – Appointed or elected
  - Policy -Add Communications chair/director – Appointed or elected
  - Policy – Add Social Chair – appointed or elected
- **Plans for supporting bicycle related activities in Sussex county**
- **Virtual Rides – Ride of Silence**
- **Sussex Cyclists Support of Commercial/Charity Rides and Events.**
  - Tour deSussex, Dogfish IPA, Bike & Beer, Running Festival
- **Social Riding Groups in Sussex County**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Announcements**

**Adjourn**

# REPORTS AND OTHER MEETING INFORMATION

## OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Based on emails, conversations and suggestions from members, the following would be the slate of officers proposed at the meeting:

- President – John Kurpjuweit
- Vice President – open
- Secretary - Betsy Collins
- Treasurer – Diane Daly
- Ride Director – Bill Gorodetzer
- Safety Director – Mike McGowan
- Advocacy Director – Bill Weller

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## Written Officer/Director Reports

### Bike Safety Report

*Provided by Tony Pezone*

This is rather long unlike most of my reports, but I think most members will want to know the current situation for the bike safety program for the summer.

The Bike Safety team of Sussex Cyclists, Delaware State Troopers and DelDOT has met over the winter as usual. The planning is done, the inventories are in place, the schedules for stops on Route 1 and the churches are finalized but at this point we are on hold. We were scheduled to start June 4<sup>th</sup> but it is certain that we won't hit that date. So for now we are not seeking volunteers.

Here is the latest information from Bruce Kaufman and John Fiore on the situation.

#### From Bruce Kaufman

*There has been no definitive decision from the State Dept on the status of the summer J1 program. However, they did end the winter program early and sent the students home. Other clues have come from some of the sponsors who have laid off or furloughed staff. Some businesses are looking elsewhere for temporary staff.*

*The governor's opinion as of this week is that as long as they follow the rules (mainly go into a 14 day quarantine when they arrive) the J1 folks are welcome. Under these circumstances, I don't want them to come. They are a vulnerable population who can't quarantine considering where they live, can't practice safe distancing, won't stay home if they are sick, and can't tolerate reduced hours or layoff*

#### From John Fiori

*Sussex County is a hot spot for the COVID-19 and cases are still rising. Guidelines have been established in order for Delaware to re-open. The first step is that there needs to be 14 consecutive days of decline in cases before Phase 1 can begin and based on the data Delaware is not at that point at this time. The decision on if there will be a modified bicycle safety checkpoint schedule or even any checkpoints this summer will follow the Governor's directive and any revisions to the State of Emergency. I will be coordinating with my supervisor and the Director of Planning concerning the status of the 2020 Bicycle Safety Checkpoints and will report when a final decision has been made.*

Our prime locations, the churches, have completed their planning but are holding back on food purchases and other plans until more information is available. If there are no J1 students, a possible outcome is that we will modify our schedule and try some stops on Route 1. This will occur only when the emergency is officially declared over and most importantly when we feel safe being there. **My opinion is that regardless of the official guidelines because we have many members who are at a high risk age; we will not put anyone into a dangerous situation.**

The bike safety visit to Cape Henlopen High School has been cancelled.

The format for the Ride of Silence is different and Mike Tyler will comment on that.

After 15 years this is my last year as chair of this committee. I didn't anticipate that it would end this way but of course no one did. It's been rewarding thanks to the partnership with DeIDOT, the Delaware State Troopers and the volunteers from Sussex Cyclists. We saved lives, I'm sure.

**Tony**

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## **RIDE OF SILENCE INFORMATION**

**Forwarded by Mike Tyler:**

**From:** Ride of Silence Newsletter <[newsletter@rideofsilence.org](mailto:newsletter@rideofsilence.org)>

**Subject:** Ride of Silence - special announcement re: 2020 event

**Date:** April 5, 2020 at 11:00:19 PM EDT

**To:** Ride of Silence Newsletter <[newsletter@rideofsilence.org](mailto:newsletter@rideofsilence.org)>

To the Ride of Silence organizers throughout the world,

We have not stood by and watched as this virus changes the world about us. With the date for the ride coming up, May 20, the board has decided to change the format for this year's ride. Instead of group rides we are recommending each site organizer encourage their participants to do solo rides or with their household members.

We are working on plans to allow participants to easily report these rides and link them together through an easy-to-use platform (more on that in the next email "blast"). Obviously, these rides should be held in accordance to rules and guidelines set by local and state authorities.

We want to keep the ride going on the same date it always has, the third Wednesday in May at 7 pm local, for 17 years. Thank you for sticking this out with us.

We're going to be OK.

Chris Phelan, Founder, The Ride Of Silence

**You can register today for the Sussex Cyclist 2020 Virtual Ride of Silence. Then plan your ride to start at 7:00 PM on May 20, for a distance of approximately 12 miles. By registering we can let the national organizers know that Sussex Cyclists as well as other riders in this area support their efforts to keep this ride alive.** Registration Link: <https://sussexcyclists.wildapricot.org/event-3824595>

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# **RIDE DIRECTOR REPORT**

*Attached as a separate PDF*

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## **ADVOCACY REPORT**

*Provided by Bill Weller*

The Delaware Bicycle Council held their April meeting on the 1st via teleconference (which, in my opinion, was implemented as an acceptable substitute for the F-F meeting, considering the need for staying home.) Below is my summary of what I perceived as the key points. A link to the presentations discussed during the meeting can be found on the below web page next to the "April 1" meeting entry.

[https://deldot.gov/Programs/bike/biking\\_in\\_delaware/index.shtml?dc=meetings](https://deldot.gov/Programs/bike/biking_in_delaware/index.shtml?dc=meetings)

DeIDOT will be providing formal meeting minutes before the next DBC meeting.

Summary:

1. The DBC will explore including use of Zoom videoconferencing for future meetings. DeIDOT also has WebEx licenses.
2. Walt Bryan reported that he'll have an update for the Sussex Bike Group/Sussex Working Group/Walt's Coffee Group late next week on his research in to using "chicanes" at the Georgetown-Lewes Bike Trail crossings with roadways.
3. John Fiori (DeIDOT DBC lead) provided a report/summary on the short term bike safety improvements made/to be made to the DE-1 Coastal Hwy corridor from Lewes to Rehoboth. The report specifics can be found on the above web page next to the "April 1" meeting entry. In addition to the items in his report he said:
  - DeIDOT is planning to purchase two electronic sign boards in the upcoming FY for ~\$31k to warn car drivers approaching the Lewes & Rehoboth Beach areas on DE-1 of bike & pedestrian traffic;
  - The DE-1/Kings Highway intersection (where Jay Kirby was fatally injured) is formally being studied for improvements/changes with no schedule or concepts yet available;
  - ~40 stencils on the sidewalk were updated before last summer. They will be inspecting and updating any markings need it this spring;
  - Bruce Kauffman added that about 8 of the 140 intersections with the sidewalk & bike/bus lane have had one or more warning signs installed, but this is such a small subset of the overall intersections that it is not clear how much improvement these will provide. DeIDOT added that they selected some of the high traffic intersections to as budget allowed.
  - Fair amount of discussion on the low likelihood that there will be any J1 foreign student worker this summer. Bruce has additional details if anyone is interested (and he is included on this email.)
4. John Fiori also presented a status of the priority bike path/cycle-track projects. The detailed presentation can be found on the below web page next to the April 1 meeting entry. Additionally he added:
  - DE-1 Parallel Paths Study (i.e., looking at what existing surfaces can be used to create bike paths close to the destinations on DE-1) funding is approved and waiting for the contracting process to turn on the consultant in the next month or two. The results should be available in ~ 1 year.
  - DeIDOT has new courtesy advisory signs for the Georgetown-Lewes Trail which will be installed in the near future (John Fiori & staff need to look at possible locations on the trail and then inform the install team.)
  - Bob Fisher of the Five Points Working Group (a group of citizens, politicians & DeIDOT reps looking at how to solve the Five Points intersections conundrum) reported that they are pursuing how to create a network of smaller bike trails to feed in to Lewes & Rehoboth Beach. He would like the DBC to participate or partner with the 5PWG to make sure bike trails are included in the coming improvements. He invited a DBC rep to attend and present at an upcoming Five Points WG meeting (next planned mtg is April 28, which may need to be held virtually due to the COVAD-19 virus). John F or Tom H agreed to request a DBC member to attend.

5. James Wilson reported that the League of American Bicyclists have decide that May 2020 will remain the formal Bike Month but the Bike to Work Week will be delayed to Sept. 21-27 with the Bike to Work Day now scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 22. <https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

6. Delaware Bicycle Route 1 map update. Scott Hoffman & Chris Asay had no update. Walt & Bill Weller will coordinate to request the Sussex Cyclist's provide updates to the desired map &/or bike routes. Initially I am getting some clarifications from John Fiori/DBC/DelDOT then I will coordinate with John K.

7. The next DBC meeting will be June 3rd with the venue/forum TBD.

Best regards,

Bill

Below is a link to all DBC meetings which contains hyperlinks to the materials for/from each meeting:

[https://deldot.gov/Programs/bike/biking\\_in\\_delaware/index.shtml?dc=meetings](https://deldot.gov/Programs/bike/biking_in_delaware/index.shtml?dc=meetings)