

Siskiyou Velo Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Carpenter Room, Medford Library
4:30 to 6:00 PM

Attending: David, Dennis, Ed, Harlan, Jackson, Jeff, Lisa, Richard, Robert, Stephen, Stuart, Warren

Absent: Nikki

Call to order at 4:32 PM

1. Welcome and thank you to Lisa
 - David thanked Lisa for her 4 years of service as president and presented her with a certificate.
2. Old Business
 - Lisa moved to approve the agenda ([February 24 Agenda](#)), Warren seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - Warren moved to approve the January 27, 2026 minutes (January [27 Minutes](#)). Lisa seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - All to-dos from the last meeting were completed .
3. Report on Club vitality and financial stability (Harlan)
 1. Harlan made a motion to create an ad hoc committee to study and recommend specific actions to enhance the vitality of the club and to help stabilize its finances. He defined vitality as the capacity to live, grow and develop with vigor and resilience.
 2. The committee would be tasked to:
 - 1) Evaluate existing factors that contribute to the vitality of the club, 2) Consider new or modify existing processes to enhance its vitality, and 3) Present recommendations to the board along with associated budget requirements for 2026
 3. The motion was seconded by Lisa
4. Discussion
 - a. Invite a broader range of club members -- age, gender, experience, non-board-members, such as Kara Brown
 - b. An interim report at 60 days was recommended by David
 - c. Some ideas to think about:

- d. Bike maintenance for club members
 - e. Offer different kinds of rides, such as gravel, mountain, e-bike and family rides
 - f. Swap meet for members
 - g. Members could report statistics – miles, elevation – as a friendly competition
 - h. Outreach efforts could bring in new members. Warren offered to help with skills needed in such outreach activities, including connecting with Phoenix and Talent's work to create a cycling hub there.
 - i. Expanded outreach to include more tabling events, wider distribution of rack cards, consider advertising e.g. on city buses.
 - j. Up our visibility through newspaper articles/letters, the Talent/Phoenix Bike Destination effort, a nicely produced video of our group on a ride (drone video?).
 - k. Improved social media presence, consider expanding beyond Facebook to include Instagram and platforms
5. The motion was passed unanimously.
 6. Volunteers for the committee include Lisa, Warren, Robert, Steve and Jackson
4. Adopt-a-Greenway—Marking Hazards (Harlan)
 - Following up from discussion at last month's meeting, Harlan reported on his telephone meeting on 2/20/26 with Brooke Amposta, the Greenway coordinator for Jackson County. He discussed the Adopt-a-Greenway program with her. The club has an existing agreement with the county, signed in 2021, to mark hazards on the Greenway; the county would like us to sign a new agreement to confirm our interest in continuing this work.
 - Harlan made a motion to sign a new agreement for marking hazards on the Greenway.
 - Discussion
 - John Fries led this before (2021), and it was suggested that we ask him to do so again.
 - A one-year duration for the agreement was suggested, and we will evaluate its continuation.
 - The motion, modified for the one year duration, was unanimously passed
 5. Adopt-a-Greenway – Maintaining Specific Section

- Harlan also discussed with Brooke Siskiyou Velo adopting a specific section of the Greenway. If we do this, we would commit to maintaining this section by periodically cleaning up light trash (anything that can be packed out) and notifying the county of any large trash items, damage to the Greenway, blockages on the Greenway, or other issues. The county also would ask us to report volunteer hours on a monthly basis. In return, the county would post a sign indicating that Siskiyou Velo maintains that section and would include our logo on the sign
 - Several 2-mile sections are available to adopt: Talent to Suncrest Road; Suncrest Road to Anderson Creek Bridge, and from that bridge to Fern Valley.
 - Harlan made a motion for the Club to sign an agreement with the county for adopting a section of the Greenway. Seconded by:
 - Discussion
 - Preferred segment would be Suncrest to Blue Heron (at Anderson Creek Bridge)
 - Board members would like 2 signs—one at each end of the segment—rather than one
 - As with the other Greenway agreement, the period would be for one-year and then we would reevaluate it.
 - The motion, modified to specify the desired segment, the number of signs requested (Harlan authorized to “negotiate for 1 to 3 signs”), and the one year time period, passed unanimously. Note that club members are also able to volunteer for other tasks on the Greenway, such as organized cleanups and riparian maintenance. In those cases members should volunteer directly with the county and sign the county’s release of liability agreement.
 - Three people have volunteered to help this effort: Robert, Stuart and John Fries.
6. Main Street Medford Bike Lane Update (David, Harlan)
- David gave a summary of Main Street
 - January 21 City Council meeting at which the decision was made to revert back to its previous configuration
 - February 4 meeting at which 15 people spoke, including David, and a number of letters were received for Option 3 rather than reverting back
 - February 18 meeting at which 20 people spoke, including Warren, Harlan and Jackson and 30 plus letters were received, at least 6 from Siskiyou Velo members, against reverting to the previous configuration.

- David sent a letter to Councilor Kevin Stine, requesting a meeting to discuss the decision and offering our help to get the City Council to revisit the decision. Warren suggested going to the Mayor as well, but David said that step could be taken after talking with Councilor Stine.

7. Schedule a training on Google drive and group email (David, Jeff)

This meeting will be by Zoom, for one hour, and each person will have their google docs drive open to share if questions arise. Training is for the board. 4 PM Monday March 2.

8. Committee Reports:

a. President (David)

- i. In the future, the agenda will have an item in the main agenda for “Enhancing the Club’s Vitality” rather than in the Advocacy Committee report.

b. Secretary (Lisa/Harlan)

- i. Lisa and Harlan are splitting this position, taking the minutes on an alternating basis.

c. Treasurer (Stuart)

- i. Lisa paid \$1442 to cover the 2026 insurance policy and \$35 paid to membership works. Balance is \$3121. ([YTD Cash Flow](#), [Feb Monthly Cash Flow](#), [Annual Budget vs Actuals](#))

d. Advocacy/Community (Harlan)

- i. Harlan reported on the Medford Transportation Safety Action Plan. The fourth and final meeting of this Citizen’s Advisory Committee was held on 2/23/26. The goal of this effort is zero fatal and serious injury accidents for all modes of transport, including bicycles. The targets are roads and intersections in the city that have high numbers of accidents. The means of mitigation include safer roads, driver education, slower speeds, safer land use and better post-crash care. These fixes will be implemented over the next nine years.
- ii. Lisa talked with Lara McCallister, who wants SV’s help for working with children and safe routes to school. She is also looking at offering training to car drivers to help them be safer drivers around cyclists.

e. Communication: Content (Warren). No report.

f. Communication: Technical (Jeff).

- i. Discussion on checkbox for Release of Liability. Insurance says you don't need to sign every year, rather a checkbox with the member's full name is sufficient for renewals. There was a glitch and the check box would "disappear" under some circumstances. The checkbox is now working and is labelled with the year. Once a member checks it, they don't have to check again. So, a new checkbox field will be added each year. Signed releases are maintained and available - in SignNow, and emails to Richard and Jeff. When a member clicks a link, the ROL comes up in case the member wants to read it again.
- ii. Jeff learned that someone reactivated their membership after it had expired several months before, and they were charged \$42. Why? It turns out the system automatically charges for the lapsed time between the member's expiration and the renewal, after a 7 day grace period. The max period to reactivate a lapsed membership without incurring pro rata expense is 30 days.
- iii. Renewal reminders go out 14, 7, and 3 days before expiration, on expiration, and then 7 days after. Robert suggested that may be too many emails - to be discussed later.
- iv. After 7 days, the member is placed in a "Past and Pending Members" folder and the membership is inactive.

g. Membership: (Richard)

- i. Membership report from Membershipworks is excellent. Daily reports are provided. Fewer problems and complaints.
- h. Education (Lisa). No report.
- i. Social Activities (Lisa). Holiday — Beatrice Catering and Phoenix location were well liked. We'll vote at the next meeting on whether to do the same this year. Need also to set date (next month)
- j. Rides (Dennis). Dennis is getting good feedback from ride leaders. He will update outside rides on the website. Cycle Oregon is looking at Jacksonville and Grants Pass for this year. There has been some push back from a few Jacksonville residents.

11. Next Meetings:

- a. 3/24/2026 – Jacksonville Library, Community Room 4:30 to 6:00
- b. 4/28/2026 – Jacksonville Library Community Room 4:30 to 6:00
- c. 5/26/2026 – Medford City Library Carpenter Room 4:30 to 6:00

Adjourned. 6:14 pm

Minutes submitted by Harlan Bittner