

**CYCLE BROOKFIELD MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026
LINDA SOKOL FRANCIS BROOKFIELD LIBRARY—7:00 P.M.**

Ken K. called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Ken Knasiak, Joe O'Connor, Pete Janunas, Elaine Jans, Joe Seymour, Robin Fuener, Jeannie McTeague

1. Approval of Annual Meeting Recap:

1.1 January 16, 2026 annual meeting recap was distributed. There being no changes, motion was made by Joe O. to approve the recap as written, and seconded by Robin F. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Past Events Report

2.1 Cycle Brookfield Movie Night – February 2, 2026 – The Triplets of Belleville

There were approximately 10 participants at the movie. It was discussed that possibly something other than a movie night be held in February, 2027.

Joe O'Connor will continue as Ride Director.

Peter Janunas IS the Race Director for the 2026 Criterium

Chris V. indicated that 2026 will probably be his last year as President. Pete Janunas and Ken K. will work closely with Chris V. during 2026 to assure a smooth transition

3. Current Business Review:

3.1 Finances – Chris Valadez had indicated on the meeting agenda that current balance was \$4,478.13. Joe S., current Cycle Brookfield treasurer, presented a January, 2026 Financial Snapshot indicating current balance is \$3,361.33. Items from February 1 through February 18, 2026 would not have been included in the January Snapshot.

3.2 Membership – Joe O. reported that there are still 65 membership units that will auto renew in 2026. It was suggested that the auto renew function be removed, as this function may be deterring new members from joining.

3.3. Inventory Review – Joe S. indicated that there are 2025 and 2026 Crit shirts available, and also Cycle Brookfield shirts available.

3.4. Village Planning Updates – Joe S. reported that the Village is still determining the style and location of additional bicycle racks, and that bicycle racks will be placed by the Brookfield Shops. Pete J. is looking to put a bicycle rack in front of his business.

3.5 General Fund Raising – Joe S. indicated that he and his wife would welcome participation from other Cycle Brookfield members in putting together the 2026 summer social. Elaine J. stated that a committee will be established for the social.

4. Upcoming Events

4.1. Pete J. indicated that an e-bike event will be held at Gears 2 You on Friday, March 13, 2026 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Members suggested topics for the event, and Pete J. will look into informational pass outs.

4.2 Bike Month – May 2026

4.2.1 Joe S. suggested that on May 4, 2026 – “National Ride a Bike Day, Cycle Brookfield have a hospitality station somewhere at the train station and give out coffee and donuts to those who ride their bicycle to the train station.

4.2.2 This might have to be approved by the village. It was also discussed to let Loca Mocha and/or Goshia know about it. Joe S. would take the lead on this.

Ken K. recommended asking the Village of Brookfield board to officially proclaim May, 2026 as National Bike month at their Village meeting.

4.2.3 Active Transportation Alliance is offering a \$200.00 stipend to organizations in Chicago and its suburbs to create unforgettable Bike Month experiences. Application deadline is March 13, 2026.

4.3 "Together We Ride" International Women's Day Ride, will be on Sunday, March 8, 2026, meeting at the Village Hall at 11:00 a.m.

4.4 April First Friday Ride. Due to the fact that the first Friday in April is Good Friday, it was determined not to have an April First Friday ride

4.5 Farmer's Market is scheduled for opening day, Saturday, June 6, 2026. Cycle Brookfield will sponsor a bike valet. It was suggested to have signage directing bicyclists to the valet spot. Elaine J. will look into this.

5. Open

5.1 A Crit meeting will be scheduled in March, date to be determined.

Next regular Cycle Brookfield meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:99 p.m. at the Linda Sokol Francis Brookfield Library

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. by Ken K., and seconded by Joe O. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Elaine Jans, Secretary