



Wheeling Wheelmen

BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2021 at 6:00pm

Present: Debbie Wilson, Neal Barg, Johannes Smits, LeeAnn Nelson (via cell phone), Emily Qualich, M.J. Drouganis, Scott Assmann

We welcomed new board members, Debbie Wilson and LeeAnn Nelson

Debbie called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

St. Patrick's Day Ride; Sunday, March 20

Scott Assmann is the St. Patrick's Day chair. Board discussed venue options; in order of preference: 1) Wauconda High School, 2) Wauconda Park District, and 3) SideLot Brewery. Wheelmen should target early January for a 'go OR no go' for the event. Requirements for the venue include: washrooms, lighting for early morning setup, area indoors (preferred) for registration tables/snacks/tables and chairs for riders. Volunteers will need to mark the roads on Friday, March 18th or Saturday March 19th.

Insurance:

A question was raised regarding the insurance coverage for riders; are riders required to sign in at each ride, or not. Johannes will review and confirm the details of the policy. The board agreed to extend the same insurance coverage into the 2022 season.

Financials:

Johannes submitted reports prior to the meeting and we discussed our finances. The budget is in good shape. Johannes explained that the Wheelmen CD was closed, due to lack of activity, and funds were moved into a savings account.

Website:

The website was upgraded to HTTPS for an additional layer of security/protection of payments and user emails, etc.

Amlings Toy Ride

Debbie will provide a comment to the reporter. Registration begins 11/15/2021.

Harmon Hundred

We will reach out to Eric Massat to get contact info for Wilmot and to see if he wants to be the chairperson. Wilmot is the first choice for location for Harmon Hundred per survey of club members.

Club Jerseys

There is a high interest in ordering team jersey's this year. Dennis and Pactimo vendors are under consideration. Price point and sizing concerns were discussed. Board will contact both vendors and ask for samples to confirm quality of the materials. Final pricing and minimum order quantities are required. Vendors will be asked for sizing samples for club cut and race cut; various sizes, up to 2XL. It is to be confirmed is samples will be made available at the February club meeting for anyone interested in trying on samples; must order quickly after to ensure receipt of jersey's for the 2022 season.

Ride Schedule

A new Ride Committee will be formed; Emily, Neal, LeeAnn, and Paul. The following items will be discussed: adding in some special weekend rides; mountain bike rides; gravel rides; architectural rides, overnight rides, etc. Committee will talk about adjusting some of the regularly occurring routes (example: Sunday rides) to avoid nasty vehicle crossings, where needed, and update Ride with GPS routes. Committee will ensure short routes (20 mile) remain intact for the weekends to accommodate all levels of riders (new or old).

We discussed the Meet Up app to have a dynamic tool for riders to see who is riding a particular ride. This allows riders to make sure someone will be there that rides their pace. We could also use the app for special events outside of the Wheeling Wheelmen team, such as the Horsey Hundred in Kentucky or Pedal Across Wisconsin. This will allow visibility to any member looking to attend these special events to see additional members who may be attending these events. Members would still be responsible for coordinating hotels, meeting place and dining

Club Meetings

Board agreed that the next Club meeting would be held at the Prospect Heights Library in February 2022 Topics / activities for that meeting include:

- Potential guest speaker (nurse) to discuss safety and health
- Review road safety, rules and rider etiquette. The board recalled only a few injuries occurred over the past year.
- Club will take a moment to honor Ella Shields for 30 years of loyal service as Board Secretary. The team will present her with a \$150 Visa/MasterCard gift certificate and an honorary membership to the Wheeling Wheelmen.
- In March, Wheelmen would like Crank Revolution to host a mechanical class at their facility (Crank Revolution is our first choice, TC / Jeremy are our point of contact). If Crank Revolution is not interested in participating, other options include: Trek of Highland Park (contact Sheri) or another local bike shop (TBD).

Meeting Adjourned