

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting
September 9, 6:30 p.m.
Panera Bread in Arlington Heights

Present: Board Members, Keith Carlson, Scott Assmann, Emliy Qualich, Johannes Smits and Ella Shields. Guest club members Kevin Bredin, Tony Gugliotta, David Sandorf and Nate Solomon

Keith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Finances: Keith stated he would like to keep 3 years on hand to cover the expenses. Johannes will get us a treasurer's report and a budget. He stated we have about \$17,000.00 in our accounts.

We discussed potential money making events; St Pat's Ride, Harmon Lite, and end of season ride/party. We will discuss in more detail at next meeting.

St Pat's: Scott will continue as chairman, however we would like someone to step up and work with him so they can take over in the future. We will increase the ride to \$15.00. Ride will be held on March 16. Johannes will check into the possibility of pre-registration for the event. We should start to publicize it in November.

Dues – Effective January 1, 2025 we will raise membership dues by \$5.00. Individual dues will be \$25.00, family membership will be \$30.00. If members want to sign up before Dec 31, 2024 for next year (2025) dues will still be \$20/25.

Club Waiver – to be consistent we are going to use one waiver on all of our documents. We will update the membership application, ride sign in sheet, info on Meet Up, etc. Johannes and Emily will work on changing the documents.

Keith presented us with various documents that need some changes; Membership welcome letter, ride sign-up sheet, and how to host a ride. David will tackle the Membership letter, Tony and Nate will work on the sign up and host a ride documents. They will present them at the next meeting.

Ella will work on a calendar of board meeting dates and club meetings for 2025 and present at next meeting. We are working on potential meeting sites.

Ride Illinois – we discussed the pros and cons of being in the Ride Guide and we will need all our events planned so they can be in the guide. Decisions need to be made prior to

December. Going forward on our membership application we will add a line item you can opt out of receiving the guide.

Ride hosts – we will try and have a ride schedule prepared and have it at the Banquiday and meeting for members to sign up to lead rides.

Board Elections – Emily will send out an email about upcoming elections and becoming a board member. A ballot will be available online on Oct 1.

Meet Up – we discussed the value, are we getting members, are people signing up, and is it worth keeping? The cost has gone up, we will continue it for 6 more months and make a decision at that time to keep it or cancel.

Membership: Emily stated we have 170 members, 113 active riders.

Chicago Bike Swap 2025 – Ella will look into details of having a table at the show to promote St Pat's and the club.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 21 at 6:30, location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Ella Shields