

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting
October 21, 6:30 p.m.
Prospect Heights Library

Present: Board Members, Keith Carlson, Scott Assmann, Emliy Qualich, Johannes Smits and Ella Shields and six guest club members.

Keith called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Keith went over several items

- Chili Ride is set for Oct 27
- Banquiday is Nov 24 at Joe Beemster's club house in Wheeling
- Official ride season ends October 31
- Show and go rides will be on Meetup

We will be using a new waiver form on several documents going forward, it is the same waiver Arlington Bike Club uses.

Membership application will now have a line to opt out of receiving information from Ride Illinois.

Club dues will go up \$5.00 as of January 1, members can rejoin until the end of the year at the current prices.

Ella submitted a calendar of dates for upcoming board and club meetings. Board meeting dates; Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 17, March 10. Club meetings; Feb 6, March 6, Aril 3, May 1 and Sept 4.

Johannes submitted 2 reports, club's net worth and Year to Date Summary. He went over the income and expenses. We discussed what the insurance items covered for the club, Meetup has gone up and with no Harmon to generate income we are in the red. Keith suggested a budget so we can see where we may be able to cut some costs.

St Pat's Ride – Date is March 16 and the price will go up \$5.00 to \$15.00. Scott stated he will reserve the school before the end of the year. We will need to check the routes as there may be some construction issues. 2025 will be his last year for chairing the event, Nate Solomon will work with him and take over for the following year.

We discussed participating in the Ride Illinois Event postings for 2025. Since it comes out so close to the St Pat's ride we do not think it is worth it.

Voting for Board Members— we will keep nominations open until the end of the month, let members know the ballot is on line, voting ends on November 21 and we will announce results at the banquet.

Keith submitted the current Wheelmen Constitution with the board members descriptions and also proposed alterations to the club board. Much discussion followed, any changes must be submitted at a meeting and be approved by members. We will continue discussion at the next meeting. One of the things we want to do is try and get new members and get on more social media, Keith, Tania and Emily will have a meeting to work on it.

Jeff Strauss volunteered to work with Johannes on the website, Tania McCarthy stated she would like to run for the board.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Nov 18.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ella Shields