

Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting
November 18, 6:30 p.m.
Panera in Arlington Heights

Present: Board Members, Keith Carlson, Scott Assmann, Emliy Qualich, Johannes Smits and Ella Shields, LeeAnn Nelson, social director and Nate Solomon, St Pat's co-chair.

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

Keith went over items from the last two meetings and what has been done

- Yearly calendar of meetings – *let's put meeting dates on the website*
- Finances – *discussed later.*
- Financial Buffer – *still in discussion.*
- Bike Swap – *discussed later.*
- Election is ongoing - *ends November 21, Emily will send out one last reminder to members to vote.*
- The new waiver form - *is being put on our documents and Meetup.*
- Membership letter- *David Sandorf has updated letter.*
- Dues increase on Jan 1 – *Keith will address the reason for increase with the membership*
- Insurance – *forms have been submitted and updated.*
- Ride Illinois– *we are adding the line to opt out of Ride Illinois e mails on membership form.*
- Ride Illinois – *we will opt out of it since St Pat's is so close to publication, it's not effective for us.*
- Meetup – *discussed later.*
- Board Structure – *still in discussion and more to follow*

Finances –

- Johannes submitted 3 reports; Account Balances for last 6 years which shows decrease in income, Banking Summary and went over several of the expense items, and Transactions Year to Date.
- We discussed payment options for membership – which we will talk about in more detail at a future meeting.

Membership –

- Emily stated we have about 200 members, 121 active this year.
- We discussed having physical membership cards or continue with emailed cards.
- She will reach out to members from this year that only came on a ride or two for some feedback, LeeAnn will help Emily, perhaps do a survey.
- Meetup - the cost has increased to \$350 for the year, we are still discussing pro's and con's.

St Pat's

- Scott stated he will get the letter reserving the school out this week right now that is all that is needed.
- He will bring volunteer sign-up sheet to the holiday party on Sunday.
- Johannes will get some posters printed up for the bike shops.

Harmon 2025

- We would like to bring the Harmon back,
- Keith submitted seven potential starting locations. We discussed them and right now Wauconda High School looks like the best choice. If there are any other suggestions Keith asked they be sent to him and he can research them before the next board meeting.
- We discussed potential date's maybe move to August, less chance of rain. We also do not want to have it against any other rides that may be happening
- Keith will talk about it at the holiday party to get a handle on people willing to volunteer.
- We would have a table at the bike swap if we have it and we could promote it
- Ride Illinois – we would participate in their on line publication if we do the ride

Toys for Tots Ride is back and being hosted by Edgebrook Cycle (Chicago)– Keith has a route to the shop from Woodland Trails – about 30 miles round trip and then 5 mile ride around the shop's neighborhood. Members can bring toys to the banquet on Sunday and give to Ella and she can bring to the shop. An e-mail will be sent out on groups.io with the info.

Social – Keith had a meeting with MJ, Ella and LeeAnn and we discussed the upcoming year's activities. LeeAnn has created a spreadsheet of the clubs events and the "To Do's" for each one. LeeAnn will also get a survey out about potential social activities. The holiday party on Sunday is all set.

Ride Chair position – we are still looking for someone to take on that roll and/or help Keith. Rides were well attended this year. Wednesday, Friday's and Saturday's needs some better attendance, we will work on those rides.

We discussed group riding, safety and etiquette, we would like to keep the groups riding together more, don't leave people out by themselves. We will try and have Vision Quest out at the March club meeting to cover Safety issues

The next board meeting is scheduled for Dec 9 at Panera.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by Ella Shields