

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

Present: Board Members, Keith Carlson, Scott Assmann, Emliy Qualich, Johannes Smits, Tania McCarthy, Ella Shields and five guest members; MJ Drouganis, Jeannie Siewert, Luis Magana, Rich Koomjian and Tony Gugliotta.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Banquet - it went very well. We had a good turnout and plenty of food. LeeAnn Nelson did an inventory list of what the club has on hand for events. He is looking for a volunteer to maintain the locker, MJ volunteered.

St Pat's - Scott has the school and cafeteria reserved. He got a lot of volunteers at the banquet. They will put volunteer sign up on the website. He will look into new road marking options, we need to update the registration forms we have on hand with the new price or get new forms printed. We discussed printing up brochures again but will skip that and get the posters printed for bike shops as that is better advertising.

Harmon 100 - we will have the ride from Wauconda High School. We have three potential dates; Aug. 24, Sept 7 or Sept 14 depending on what works at the school. We will contact Erich Massat, Paul Lefevre and Brian Hale to discuss routes. We would like to do a clover leaf and have all the routes in and out of the high school, but if that is not possible try and just have just one rest stop. Once Keith gets the date he will reach out to us with the next steps. Several people volunteered to help out. We will decide at a later date if we will publish in the Ride Illinois event calendar and also participate in the Chicago Winer Bike Swap.

Toys for Tots Ride - a proposal was submitted to have our own toy ride. After much discussion we decided we will not have the ride but do a toy drive at next year's banquet.

New ride - Keith wants to make the 1st Tuesday bakery ride of each month a social and membership event. The goal is to meet new members and be sure they have someone to ride with. We will have 3 routes, each with a leader, cue sheets and RWGPS.

Ride Schedule - we looked at the ride schedule for this year, which we will rerun next year with a few changes. Going forward we would like one or two people to help out with the schedule and routes.

Out of town group rides - we discussed if anyone wanted to spearhead group rides. We will not do that, just keep as is, if someone is doing a ride send out an email to see if anyone wants to join in.

Membership - Emily will send out a reminder about membership and increase in dues. The 2025 membership fee will be \$25 for single, \$35 for families. We discussed how we want to present the club to new members, how to get them to come out and ride and when they show up have a mentor for that day if needed. It was suggested to post different ride levels. We also need to keep our current membership happy. We currently just have one evening ride at a very fast pace, Tania would like to set up a Tuesday night ride at a moderate pace and also see if we can draw some new members to join it. We want to reach out to the new member's after they join, Rich, Emily and Keith will form a committee to work on it.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Jan 6, 2025 at Panera.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by Ella Shields