Wheeling Wheelmen Board Meeting February 17, 6:30 p.m. Panera in Arlington Heights

Present: Board Members, Keith Carlson, Scott Assmann, Johannes Smits, Tania McCarthy, Ella Shields, and guest member Jeff Strauss.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

A proposal of the 2025 ride season was submitted and discussed. We will follow most of what we did last season and also add two more evening rides on Tuesday's and Thursday's. An alternate Thursday morning route will be added and we plan a special Tuesday morning bakery ride once a month to encourage new people to join us.

We discussed how to get ride info out to the membership; website calendar, weekly emails, Meetup or Ride w/GPS. There is a calendar function in Ride w/GPS we are going to test out and see if it can be embedded in our website calendar. The plan right now is to continue with the website calendar, weekly emails and Meetup. We will continue with Meetup for six more months.

There was much discussion about the website, Johannes will continue to maintain it with help from Jeff Strauss on the ride calendar.

A set of group ride rules was submitted that we will review and update and then get out to club members.

We had the results of LeeAnn Nelson's survey, a lot of members did respond and we will be implementing some of the ideas soon.

As a way to publicize the club we will be getting some banners or table runners to have at events. Tania will look into the table runners.

St Pat's – Scott - We need to get insurance certificate to the high school, he will notify the Village that we are coming. He needs more volunteers so will be sending an email out. He will drive the route this coming week, get to the storage locker, check on the signage and contact Village Cycle Sport for support on day of the ride. Ella has sent out ride info to several bike FB pages, Ride Illinois, WI Bike Fed and Suburban Chicago Cyclists. Tania will set up an event on the Wheelmen FB page.

Harmon 100 – Tania – she has created a registration page and a page for the website and sent to her committee for input. The date has been changed to Sept 7, since the park pavilion we want to use was booked for an annual event. She is reaching out to the bike shop by the park for mechanical support. The next Harmon meeting will be on February 25.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Ella Shields