

Meeting Oct. 21st

Meeting was called to order at 2:18

I. Introductions:

Brian Patterson and all other Board Members introduced themselves to the members of the club.

II. Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the Spring April 7, 2018 were approved as submitted.

III. Financial

Mary Jane Cross, Treasurer reported that we have current balance of \$8,868.84. She attributes this balance to not as many teams joining. She suggested reaching out via email to teams that have not rejoined to find out why they may have not joined this year. All together there were 6 teams.

Some discussion at this point as to email addresses and keeping track of the roster.

Our biggest expenses are Insurance of \$1,000, Annual Meeting \$400 and League of American Bicyclist \$275.

Treasurer report was approved.

IV. Special Rides

A. MTR

It rained. There was also a debate among various members as to the merit of the picnic.

B. Prairie State

It rained. The four teams that were there agreed that it was a nice area and that it might be possible place to hold MTR. Brian Patterson said that it would be a good location because of the hotel options, also there were a variety of routes with hills and nice scenery other than corn fields. Discussion ensued between Brian and Tom Masters about possible lunch stops in the variety of small of towns in the area and having loop rides from the towns.

Tom Masters suggested that if Peoria was to be an option that a deal would need to be worked out amongst the 5 hotels that are owned by the same company, so that they were all the same price. The main hotel ???? does have a banquet room that would accommodate 350 people. Bike storage might be a problem.

V. Communication Report

Jim Click is trying to figure out the best way to communicate with the members of the club and the board. Several people have suggested using google docs. Some people are still not receiving the group emails. Much discussion about the problems with emails, especially "respond all" feature. Tom Masters suggested texting. Jim Click suggested that he would send a reminder of all the rides about 6 days before hand. Also, another suggestion was to add the rides to your google calendars. Mary Jane suggested that we used the web site for

communication. Jim Click said he was trying to update the web site. Elmhurst might have a web site provider. He is checking into this.

Ford Sakata was not present and relayed his information thru Brian. He had nothing to report other than keep giving out the Tandem cards wherever possible.

VI. Old Business

Susan Prybl reported that she had the team jerseys in her car if anyone needed one.

The next meeting will be held in the LHV Clubhouse in the spring. Discussion was to possible have it earlier this year.

Anyone can post rides before the annual meeting. Let Sam Waterstreet know if you have a ride and a date in mind. It was suggested that a notice could be sent out after the first of the year to have people start submitting rides.

VII. New Business

Ford is still looking for a place to hold the MTR. Besides from Peoria another option would be the Quad city area.

A question was asked if the Michigan MTR made money. Brian says that they made money but he didn't know the number.

Mary asked if there was seed money. Brian did not know.

Grant stated that the current MTR has a great document that shows the history of the MTR. Next year's MTR there is no host hotel and 4 hotels are all equal. There will be a strict cancellation policy from the HOOTS.

Dave asked if the hotel every got built in Ottawa, Ill? Someone said No. Someone suggested Kankakee for our MTR. Brian said that there was no place to stay.

Brian announced that he and Sue would be partaking in the PAWS Old Wisconsin Ride. This would be a week long ride out of Madison with loop rides from several hotels. He invited other members to join them on this ride in June.

Susan suggested growing the relationship between the COWS and CATS and teams should come to the COWS rally the weekend of May 17-19th in Lake Geneva.

VIII. Officer Nominations

All are returning and this was quickly seconded and motion approved.

Adjourned at 3:06 pm

