

Meeting April 7, 2018

Meeting called to order 2:29

I. Introductions:

Brian Patterson introduces board members. Attendees introduced themselves and there was one new team in attendance.

II. Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes for the 2017 Chili Pumpkin Ride were approved as submitted.

III. Financial

A. Budget:

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed by Mary Jane Cross, Treasurer. We ended the year with 40 teams and 1 single with a bank balance of \$9777. It was agreed that the dues should remain the same because it helped with our budget. So far, this year 32 couples have renewed and 4 new teams have signed up. There was much discussion about how to improve membership. Marge Spears asked about the cards for the racks at bike stores. Ford Sakata supplies these with business cards to be handed out to anyone who sees or knows of someone riding a tandem. Bob H, suggested that Millennials are not joiners. Also, it was suggested that any new member on a ride should have another team be their buddy for their first ride. Jim Click asked a variety of questions about technology. Younger generations are using Snapchat and Twitter. Looking for ideas on how to get the info out there about our club.

A hospitality suite has been compensated with the hotel for MTR. Karen said the Mutts negotiated this.

B. Insurance

Insurance will remain the same at \$5.60/person. This also covers the board. Insurance expense is \$990. This is required since they provided our insurance, thus we must be members of LAB.

C. Website

Sam Waterstreet stated that the Web Hosting Site cost of \$125.67 has been paid for three years (2017-2019) to take advantage of discounts offered at time. Web site domain was paid for 2 years in 2016 so no cost occurred this year, but will be paid this year in August for 2 years to coincide with the Hosting Site cost. After the end of this time we will need to determine if we should switch to a more robust platform to accommodate MTR domains.

D. LAB, Ridellinois and ATA Organizational Involvement

There was no discussion of changing our current support of \$75 for the LAB and our other membership in the Ridellinois and ATA.

E. Other Expenses:

No new expenses were discussed.

IV. Special Rides

A. Prairie State

Tom Masters suggested that he would be willing to sponsor a Prairie State out of the Peoria Area or a Wine Ride in Michigan. There was much discussion on the merit of the two rides but seeing as we will be hosting MTR in 2021?, it might be good for the club to look at routes in the Peoria Area. Ford Sakata has scoped out several riding option but has determined that the Northwest or maybe South side of Peoria would be better for riding. He also mentioned that there is a bicycle shop that is willing to work with our club. This was left open and Tom Masters is going to look into this ride. It was stated that only CAT teams would be invited. Any out of state teams would have to become members of CATS.

B. MTR

Again Ford said that he has looked at the Peoria area and is also interested possible in the Quad City Area. He would like to host this in an area that is not just in the cornfields. It was stated that Peoria has a large Tri-Club. The problem with hosting an MTR is the host hotel. There seems to be some options in the Northwest area. Susan Prybel asked if there has been an MTR in the Quad Cities and the answer was no. But Marge Spears suggested that there has been a lot research by the Quad City local bike club and they are willing to share with us. Bob H. said that Ridellinois goes thru Moline and that it is excellent riding for example the Mississippi River. He has access to all of the routes. Davenport has a lot of after ride activities. He has a relationship with Stoney Creek Cycling Club who could help us too.

Communication Report

Sam Waterstreet that there was no need to change our website that it was adequate. Sam will put the rides on the website. Jim suggested that the club move to google doc platform. Jim gave an explanation of google docs and Sam suggested that some people would be concerned about the learning curve.

Old Business

Sam told how at MTR the Host hotel did not fill because the Indiana team pulled out at the last minute. He gave us the grim stats from that MTR. The Goats will be dissolving their club because of what happened. The money that was left over the Goats sent to charity. When you are making your booking please if you can help the host team and stay at the host hotel. Karen said that the cost is more than the room, it includes the seminars and possible bike parking. Sam says it about the deal that the hotel provides. The problem is that MTR has a fall off number. Teams book early and then decide not to go. Jim, says that it is a fund raiser for the club that is hosting it. Club budgets are in need of this

infusion of cash to their clubs every few years. Thus, we should always support if financially possible the team that is hosting the MTR.

New Business

Jerseys for new members is \$25. Also, the club Tshirt, is available for \$10 or \$11 dollars if there are 10 people willing to order.

The next scheduled meeting Oct. 21, the Chili Pumpkin Ride for election of officers.

Jim Click suggested a possible ride in conjunction with Adventure Cycling which has campaign that cyclist partake in an overnight ride. Jim suggested a ride in Wisconsin or Michigan with a night of camping or for those who want a hotel the first weekend in June. This would coincide with the national campaign.

Ford is thinking about the various needs for the host hotel and the amenities for our future MTR. The Mutts have sent an update every Sunday. They currently have 61 teams with an average age of 62. They have many stats and this will be helpful for our MTR. Ford is planning on retiring so that he can work on this fulltime☺.

Ride Schedule

April 28th—Daffodil--McDermitt

May 6—Hibachi Ride-Khol

June 1-3 overnight ride--Clicks

June 10th—Country Roads—Huntley, Union Olsen

June 24—Ride to Ribs—Khols

July 1st South Fox River—Kuehl/Cross

Aug. 4 Onion Pub Ride—Frank and Shelia Mueller

Aug 11th. Sweet Corn. CATS is the best bunch of friends I have ever had—Larry

Sept. 30—Leaf me Alone-Frank and Shelia Mueller

Oct 21—Chili Pumpkin--Masters

Dec. 8th—Holiday Lights Ride--Ford

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55

Respectfully submitted

Mary DeVoto

Secretary