

Chicago Area Tandem Society (CATS)

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2017

Next meeting: Annual Meeting, Date To Be Announced

Hank Gentry called the meeting to order at 2:24 PM with 28 members in attendance. All members introduced themselves.

I. Approval of Minutes:

The printed minutes of the 2017 annual meeting were distributed to the attendees and unanimously approved as submitted.

II. Treasurer's Report:

Mary Jane Cross gave the Treasurer's Report showing that the club currently has \$9,756.47 in the bank. One change that is needed for the budget is an entry to cover potential costs of holding the annual meeting at the Lake Hinsdale Village clubhouse. That would cost \$50.00 plus a \$250.00 refundable deposit. The report was approved as submitted.

III. Special Rides Report:

- A. MTR 2017 Recap. Mist, rain and cool temperatures marred the first two days of the rally with the remnants of hurricane Harvey. The Friday ride had both bike lanes and a separate bike trail available. The Saturday ride was almost rained out. Both the Sunday and Monday rides had nice weather. Unique to the Dublin trails were locations to work on your bike, complete with tools. Unfortunately because of a number of factors such as the host hotel not filling to the required level, the rally was not a financial success and the club was unable to provide the normal seed money for the next two rallies. The 2018 rally is financially viable at this time, but there is some question about the 2019 rally in Indiana.

IV. Publicity Report:

Ford Sakata was out of town for the meeting but rack cards and club cards are still available for distribution to any tandem riders you encounter.

V. Communications Report:

Sam Waterstreet has deleted the MTR web site and renewed the club web site for three years. He was able to get the cost down to \$125 for the three years.

VI. Club History:

Hank Gentry asked Tom Masters to give a brief oral history of the club. Tom described the genesis of the club in the early 1980's, describing the first MTR and how the club ran the 1984 MTR in Elgin. Tom and Sherry also modeled the first T-shirts and jerseys that the club had. Tom's remarks will be added to the history document that Dave Dockstader has and will be included in the club archives.

VII. Election of Officers:

Candidates nominated for the club leadership positions were:

President	Brian Patterson
Vice President	Ford Sakata
Treasurer	Mary Jane Cross
Communications Director	Jim Click (alternate Sam Waterstreet)
Secretary	Mary DeVoto
Member-at-Large	Susan Pribyl

No other candidates were nominated. There being no other nominations, the slate of officers was elected by voice acclamation. Newly elected officers will assume their responsibilities as of January 1, 2018.

VIII. Remaining Rides and Activities:

- A. The Holiday Lights Ride will be December 9th at 5:00 p.m. starting at 121 W Campbell in Arlington Heights. There is a covered parking garage available for unloading the bikes. Riders are encouraged to decorate their bikes and/or themselves with battery operated Holiday lights for this night ride. The ride is approximately 10-miles to spread Holiday Cheer but may be shortened if conditions warrant. After the ride we will go to a local pub for dinner/drinks.
- B. The club Holiday Party is December 10th at Frank and Sheila Mueller's in Round Lake starting at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Dockstader
Secretary