

Lehigh Wheelmen Association
Monthly Club Meeting
May 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Board Member and Appointed Officer Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Helffrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Baldock
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Porter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Sheffield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keith Gourley
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Hower	<input type="checkbox"/> Donalee Frary	<input type="checkbox"/> George Mack
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Solliday	<input type="checkbox"/> Dick McCreight	<input type="checkbox"/> Terry Terfinko

Members in Good Standing Present: Karen Winkler, Bryan George, David Caccese, Carl Zvanut, Linda Helffrich, Susie Molnar, Peter Nestor, Karen Nestor

Susie Molnar did a presentation on 'What to do in case of an accident' during a ride. A PDF will be posted on the website for people to see the key things to do if there is an accident during a ride. Susie pointed out that it would be a good idea for members who ride a lot to take a course in First Aid. Any accident occurring during a LWA posted ride must be reported to the Wheelmen's insurance carrier ASAP regardless of how minor.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

II. QUORUM ESTABLISHED.

III. REPORTS

A. Secretary's Report: M. Porter

- Minutes of the April meeting were emailed to the board and posted on the website. Motion was made to accept the minutes as written.

B. Treasurer's Report: D. Sheffield

- April's Financial Report YTD was sent via email to the board and will be written in the newsletter
- The Touring Division had another great month and is \$1249 favorable
- Dues income continues to exceed expectations (\$1340 > budget and \$850 > April YTD 2012) due to Richard and Rob's work on membership renewals and also a sharp increase in membership.
- Expenses are slightly ahead of budget due to the 2012 Gap Gallop \$300 carryover.
- The Racing Division is \$1483 unfavorable to their "straight line" budget (their budget did not reflect seasonalized spending or income). The Racing Division's cash flow is expected to turn positive as the year progresses.
- Touring cash balance \$8,000 (up \$0.7K from the March balance)
- Racing cash balance \$20,000
- Treasurer's report was accepted

C. Touring Report: P. Smith

- 47 rides were posted in April

- **Weekend in Amish Country May 17 - 18th** 21 people enjoyed the weekend. 4 people came down to ride for the day. Thanks to Paul Smith and Karen Winkler for organizing.
- **Gap Gallop** the GG committee met and decided there will be 4 different routes (25 mi, 48 mi, 86 mi, and 109 mi) There will also be a family friendly trail ride on the Saucon Rail Trail. There will be 4 rest stops for the full century.

Members of the club need to step up and help with:

- **Registration** will be from 6:30 to 10:30 AM. **4 to 5 people needed.** Call Richard Baldock if you can help.
 - Someone is needed to be in charge of getting the **routes marked/delegating** different sections to be marked by others.
 - Someone is needed to **plan and purchase rest stop food.** That person will know how many people will be at the rest stops 1 week prior to the event.
 - Someone is needed to **coordinate parking.**
 - People needed to **help at rest stops.** **Phillipsburg rest stop** will have 2 shifts 3 people needed for each shift. **White Township rest stop** needs people to run it. **Driftstone rest stop** is being staffed by Dave Sheffield and Dave Drummer. They would like one more person to help. Contact Jack Hellfrich if you can help at a rest stop.
 - Need **Sag Support coordinator** who will direct 2 to 3 sag drivers.
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 - Volunteers will get to ride a version of the Gap Gallop on a date prior to the actual ride. Keep an eye on Meetup for information. Members who choose to ride the day of the Gap Gallop will not receive a discount on the registration fee.
 - A rack card was designed by Karen Winkler and Paul Smith that has info on the Donut Derby on one side and the Gap Gallop on the other side.
 - Sylvia Radvansky is designing the tee shirts
 - It was suggested that in addition to a mass email, a sign up sheet can be passed around at MNR and Grill and Chills for volunteers for the various jobs listed above.
- **Juniata County Bicycle Tour** - Ron Helmuth and his wife hosted the weekend. Those who joined them rode 3 days. Ron plans on hosting the weekend again next year. Some folks stayed in his cabin, some in tents, and others in a B & B. The ride made the front page of the local newspaper The Juniata Sentinel
 - **Ride with GPS Conversion Project** – Dave Caccese, Dave Sheffield, Dick McCreight and Paul Smith have been making progress

D. Membership Report: R. Baldock & R. Smith

- Individual memberships 237 (+12 since April 2013)
- 2 new memberships and 1 renewal at done at G& C
- Family memberships 79 (no change since April 2013)
- total of 395+ members minimum (+12 since April 2013)
- Estimated annual revenue \$5,530 (+ \$180 since April 2013)

- Rob Smith sent out the mid-April to end of April 2013 expiration reminders and netted several renewals
- there has been a 10% return response to Ron Helmuth's 'welcome to the club' correspondence to new members
- A suggestion was made regarding Family Memberships. There should be a primary member listed for the family membership and auxiliary members can be listed separately at a discounted rate so we can keep an actual count of total number of members rather than assuming there is a minimum of 2 people for each family membership.

E. Webmaster Report: T. Terfinko

- Terry made a point on the website that joining Meetup does not mean you are a member of the club. Must register as a member on the LWA website

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ride with GPS

- cue sheets being added. Eventually there will be a link to print out a PDF cue sheet. Paul could use some help creating the link to a PDF for each ride.

B. Waiver

- Keith Gourley recommends there be a special board meeting to work on the waiver

C. Club Picnic

- the annual club picnic is set for August 3. Dean will post in the newsletter that there is a need for people to help with organizing/cooking food

D. New Group Rider training

- Dave Sheffield looked into whether people would be interested in the training. There were not many people interested.
- Peter Nestor suggested that a C ride be posted with the goal of teaching riders how to ride safely on the road as a group. Peter offered to lead this C paced ride on Memorial Day. A mass email will be sent to all members to promote the ride.

E. Pat Ytsma Ride Safe Tour June 2nd

- link to information about the ride is on the LWA website

F. America on Wheels

- canal ride was scheduled for May 11, 2013 had to be canceled due to rain. Jack will reschedule the ride

G. Ride of Silence – May 15th

- was attended by 19 people. Dick McCreight printed a poster with the Ride of Silence emblem and displayed it on a cargo bike ridden by a member. The event was mentioned on 69 WFMZ news that night.

H. Lehigh Wheelmen night at Community Bike Works Kim from Bike Works discussed with Jack the possibility of having a LWA night at Bike Works

I. Membership sign up incentive - Gift card random drawing winner was Amy Wressell. This drawing was held to celebrate going over the 200 member mark on Meetup.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lifetime membership proposal – Richard Baldock proposed that a Lifetime membership be awarded to members who met the following criteria:

- has been a club member for total of 5 years or more (does not have to be consecutive years)
- over the age of 75
- held some sort of leadership role in the club (e.g., ride leader, board member)
- nominated by a member in good standing
- nomination ratified by the board

Will be discussed at the June meeting.

B. Pat Ytsma Ghost Bike was removed due to lack of permit.

C. May Grill and Chill – approximately **60** people were at the May Grill and Chill. Jane Derby sold 34 LWA shirts from previous events.

D. Monday Night Ride - More ride leaders are needed to help lead the MNRs so the groups can be smaller. It was suggested that the different rides leave at a more staggered time so riders don't get confused when one group catches up with the other.

E. Holiday Party – Debby Terfinko sent the Board many options for venues for the Holiday Party. It was agreed that the best option would be at the Green Pond Country Club. Cost is \$45 per person. Depending on how much income is generated from the Donut Derby and the Gap Gallop, the price could be subsidized by the club bringing the cost down to \$20 - \$25 per person. Holiday Party will be on Sunday December 8th.

**Next meeting June 26, 2013
Asbury Methodist Church
1533 Springhouse Rd.**

Respectfully submitted.
MAP 5/23/13