

**Lehigh Wheelmen Association**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
March 28, 2018

**In Attendance:** Twenty-five club members and guests. Officers present: Roberta Kates, David Sheffield, Richard Baldock, Dave Drummer, Frieder de Biasi, Kathy Crampton, Glenn Davis, Carl Zvanut, Rich Ferrera.

**Guest Speaker:**

Jim Saake and Bill MacNair from Engineers Without Borders-Lehigh Valley Professionals Chapter (EWOB/LVP). They presented a slide show of their work in the Dominican Republic, where their team has designed and implemented a system to source fresh water.

1. Meeting called to order and Quorum established at 7:50 p.m.

**2. REPORTS**

**Secretary:**

- February minutes have been reviewed by officers. Clyde made motion to approve and post, Dave S. seconded, motion passed.

**Treasurer:** David Sheffield

- Club debit cards are available for activity expenses.
- Touring Division cash balance \$10,993; expenses include VVV, Insurance.
- Racing Division balance \$4809.

**Touring:** Frieder deBiasi

- Monday evening rides were to start April, weather dependent. Check Meetup calendar.

**Membership:** Richard Baldock

- Numbers are slightly down.
- Just over 300 member units (individual and families combined). Member signup and info on LWA website.
- Re: Sixth Street Shelter needing funds. An email had gone out last month. However, The Morning Call ran article and a few big donors have funded. Donations still being taken, QCD and SOI eligible for donors over age 70.

**Webmaster:** Dave Drummer.

- No updates from Dave
- Paul Smith asked that ride leader info sheet on website be updated, missing a page.

**Promotion:** Dave S. for Dick McCreight

- Dick has ordered brochures for VVV.
- Facebook posting is done. Please Share.
- Mail Chimp will go to ~1200 recipients

**Quick Release:** Jean Black not present, but please post pics on Meetup. She can pull from there for QR.

**Racing:** Glenn Davis

- Good 1st three weeks, 4th had to cancel due to weather. Approx. 65 racers/week. Next event in June; waiting on USA Cycling paperwork.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS:

**Inventory Control:** Clyde Odom

Rod & Sue Smith, Clyde & Cathy Odom did big cleanup at barn.

- There are no longer event buckets. Items are now grouped by similar use and put in newly labeled tubs.
- Procedure to be written re: How to check in/out items.
- Area needs better lighting. Q: Ask cycling center, or install battery-operated LEDs?
- There has been no response to query as to which items club members might have at their homes and should be in the barn.
- Signs and Banners: If they are easy to change or have good stakes, still there, else tossed. Missing: Donut Derby banner

**Donut Derby:** Carl Zvanut

- “Good shape”. Several out-of-staters have already signed up.
- Dick McCreight doing marketing
- Glenn Davis taking care of insurance.
- Dave Sheffield covering SAG
- Needs: Rest stop coordinator, baked goods coordinator, and more workers for registration day-of.

**Ride with GPS:**

Club Routes option taken care of, Paul Smith is Lead Administrator

**Grill and Chill:** In need of helpers April 23, first G&C of season,

**Donut Derby:** No report

4. **NEW BUSINESS:** Rich Ferrara -- Report from Ride Leaders Meeting held March 3, 2018. Presentation of proposal: "As Safe As We Can Be".

- Goals:
  - a. To improve our LWA culture of safety. Currently not a big problem, but if we have a complaint, we should be able to act on it.
  - b. Validation of need
  - c. Affirmative vote from club
- Soft skills needed to create culture of safety:
  - a. Good coach
  - b. Communication and listening
  - c. Seek insight
  - d. Empathy towards other cyclists
  - e. Problem solving
- Reference Safety pages on LWA website for program schedule -- whether at meetings, in newsletters, or Grill and Chill announcements.
- Strong affirmative response by meeting attendees
- Welcome to ideas for additional topics
- Additional volunteers: Jack Helfrich, Paul Smith, Richard Baldock

**Tour de Tush/ Gale Fritsch**

- June 9th -- 4th year for event
- 10 mile, 30, and metric courses; routes same as last year
- \$35 to register, fundraising optional
- Not an LWA event, but many members ride

**Eastern Shore Weekend:** Paul Smith

- April 20-22, 2018 Deadline for room rate is April 1, \$99+tax. Details are on Meetup.
- Happy Hour contribution \$10/person

Submitted by Kathy Crampton, April 17, 2018