

Lehigh Wheelmen Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020

In Attendance:

(Bolded people were in attendance)

Board members: **Roberta Kates** (President/Race Director), **Kathy Crampton** (VP Touring), **Christine Penn** (Secretary), **Dave Sheffield** (Treasurer), Richard Baldock (Membership Administrator), Rob Smith (Assistant Membership Administrator), **Dave Drummer** (Website Manager), **Bert Mukkulainen** (Board Member), **Dick McCreight** (Board Member), **Rich Ferrera** (Board Member), Bruce Kantor (Board Member)

Also present: *Carl Zvanut, Debbi Zvanut, Darlene J Ziegler, Mike Solliday, Karl Imdorf, Tom Donnelly, Kathie Zapotocki, Jim Saake, Clyde Odom, Sally Wright, Tom Power, Jack Helffrich*

(Meeting held at Upper Macungie Park)

1. **Call to Order:**

Roberta started the meeting at 7:10 pm, by welcoming all and introducing Engineers without Borders; an organization that contains many Wheelman members.

2. **Speaker: Engineers without Borders**

Carl Zvanut - introduced himself as the outgoing president. Clyde Odom (also present) is the new incoming president. He then mentioned project leaders, and turned it over to Tom Power. Tom Power – Talked about the work they were doing for a Hospital in Sierra Leone. It's an actively working hospital, with the vast majority of their work performing baby deliveries. When someone gets admitted, it's not uncommon for the whole family to stay with the patient at the hospital. Housing is also important to attract medical staff to work at the hospital. So, the recent project was to improve the housing accommodations.

They raise money by bringing back local crafts and auctioning them off. Most local products are cheap and terrible, so they put a lot of pride in products they make for themselves (and sell). These are the quality products. Had examples on table and a local beer brewed there (Star Beer).

Showed a video of the Hospital project. (Put on a new roof, redid floor, and septic system.)

Local people volunteer to do the work. They are happy to get the free lunch made available to them. Community involvement is required, plus they need to cover 5% of the cost (so they are invested in the project). Remaining funds are raised by Engineers w/o Borders. Largest cost is the airfare, which mostly gets paid by the engineer (donating their time and money).

Most transactions is done with cash in country. Had to teach and send a contractor all over to find the right metal thickness. Things are not always accurately measured there.

Technology, however, is another story. Cell phone networks are great and internet accessibility pretty good. Phones do most of the work and people frequently use Zoom and apps like WhatsApp. (Most of the engineers used them first there on projects, before they became more frequent in the US.)

Sally Wright – Works with Lehigh Valley Hospital – Cedarcrest. She was medical link and was able to get LVH to donate equipment and supplies. They were very happy to receive them, as they were running out of some things. As a thank you, they bought her local material and hired a tailor to make her a custom dress. Cost was about \$15000 Leos; which is about \$1.50 US dollar.

Some family docs in US donate their time there and perform surgeries.

It's a shame that COVID was just starting when they came back Sierra Leone is very good with dealing with Pandemics (they shut everything down to contain). They did have people spraying Aerosol cans on plane (with no explanation) disinfecting plane on the way home.

Rich people there eat canned meats (SPAM).

The poor people each common fish/seafood. Lobster is consider cheap and common.

They were offered sardines for breakfast as a treat, but no one liked it.

Hostess tries to keep you happy by feeding you; makes her happy.

Clyde Odom – They treat the work as if it was being done in the states. So they produce all the design diagrams and builder notes as required. A lot of planning goes into it. They even do pictures for the contractors to follow and find supplies.

The have already started the plans for the next project.

Carl – EWB Membership – don't have to be an engineer. They need every one – fund raisers, grant writers, etc. Its free to join and you don't have to travel.

3. Officer/Committee Reports:

Secretary – Christine Penn

Sign in Sheet

July meeting minutes were previously sent out and posted.

Motion to Approve –Dave, Clyde seconded. No one against – Approved

Treasurer: Dave Sheffield

Financials stable. Membership Dues are ~ 13% below 2019, but have improved over the past several months.

LWA Financial Summary July YTD 2020 - Actuals

	<u>Touring</u>	<u>Racing</u>	<u>Elim.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income				
DD				-
Holiday Party				-
Membership Dues	3,294			3,294
Other	1,010	-		1,010
Total	4,304	-		4,304
Expense				
Major Events (DD, Eastern Shore, Etc.)	459			459
Insurance (Includes Special Events - DD)	2,990			2,990
VPCC	2,250	-		2,250
Holiday Party	100			100
Race Expense		-		-
Charitable Donations (VVV)	-			-
Recognition Awards/Speaker Fees				-
Affiliation Dues	200			
Web, RidewithGPS & Meetup Expenses	332			
Ride Leader Awards, G&C, Picnic, Other	367	-		367
Total	6,698	-		6,698
Net Operating Income/Loss				
	-\$2,394	\$0		-\$2,394
Assets				
Checking (a)	\$6,562	\$3,969		\$10,531
Savings	\$5,078	\$0		\$5,078
Total	\$11,640	\$3,969		\$15,609

(a) Includes Restricted Funds of \$1840 for Bike Aid Station.

Touring: Kathy Crampton

Everything normal with rides – nothing to note.

Community Bike Works Fund Raiser – Carl setup and is looking for team members.

There are prizes for fund raising.

You can go to https://fundrazr.com/81hkW6?ref=ab_05MAx3r6b3I05MAx3r6b3I to donate or join team. Link is also on Meetup.

Membership / Grill-n-Chill: Richard Baldock/Rob Smith

Not present.

Webmaster: Dave Drummer ...

Up and running.

Roberta suggested if anyone wanted to write a blog or share something....send it to Dave.

Promotions: Dick McCreight

Not present.

Racing: Roberta Kates ...

No updates.

4. Old Business:

Holiday Party: Dave Sheffield

Canceled due to COVID 25 participant restrictions.

Bear Creek applied reservation to next year and did not charge us a cancelation fee.

Everyone OK with doing Bear Creek in 2021? No one voiced objection and was happy with them moving it.

Donut Derby: Bert Mikkulainen

Registrations up to 82 prior to meeting. Based on predictions, should be well over 100 by race time. Turnout is better than we predicted. Could it possibly be the prizes?

We have enough volunteers to mark the route.

Photographers have been lined up. Will send a message out when they will be present on the course.

When taking pics with Donut backdrop, please post on Facebook or Strava. Those without either can email directly to Bert and he will post. (Will provide personal email in message.)

Lawn signs will cost some money (for people to take pics of to prove they did the ride without Strava). Cost is @\$100. (Was approved to purchase during meeting.)

Dave mentioned he was happy we went through with it...as we kept our brand and status as the premier cycling club in the area.

Magnets: Roberta Kates

Tabled

Ashbury Church: Dave/Dick

No updates/nothing happening.

Comment – going to get cold eventually. We likely only have one more month option to meet at the park.

Bike Repair Stand – Jack –

Having problem with company initially thought to do the purchase; therefore changing companies. May end up cheaper. Apologized for not ordering it yet.

Increasing Membership ideas:

Water Bottles – Bert – Order 250 bottles from Specialized. Two different sizes. 21 and 24 oz.

Thought is, become a member get a free bottle.

Also offer them for purchase. Ride leaders could sell as well on rides.

Bottle design/images were available for view at meeting. (Copies provided below.)

Membership Certificates – Dick – (covered by Bert)

Thought is, to give to bike shops for when they sell a new bike; give them a certificate for a free 1 year membership to the LWA. (Maybe give them a bottle too?)

Club Kits

Suggestion to open store now was accepted to support holiday sales

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Board Elections – Since there is no Holiday Party, this will be a problem

Suggestion – Can do online via a Website – like Survey Monkey

Donation to EWB – Jack brought up motion to donate \$100. Mike seconded. No one against.

Approved.

Is Community Bike Works accepting bikes?

Yes. There are restrictions on how drop off is done, but they will explain what needs to be done; just call them if you want to donate.

Second Ride Handling?

Bert was questioning if there are any issues creating second overflow ride. We already have rules for it with suggestions of offsetting departure times by 15 minutes. No problem handling that way.

Mike raised motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. after no new business was mentioned. Clyde seconded.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Christine Penn, September 4th, 2020

<https://lehighwheelmen.org/>

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BODY COLORS: 3
WHITE
YELLOW K07 C
BLACK

SPECIALIZED

BOTTLE COLOR: TRANS CLEAR
CAP COLOR: YELLOW
CAP TYPE: MF

Notes: GRADIENT WILL RESULT IN
HALFTONES. EDGES OF HALFTONE
SHAPES MAY NOT PRINT AS SHARP AS
INDICATED ON PROOF.



Shape of bottle may cause distortions for wrapping graphics.
Darken bottles may be more susceptible to water soiling.
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NECK COLORS: X



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CAP COLOR: YELLOW
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2nd Gen Big Mouth 24 oz.

Shape of bottle may vary depending on wrapping graphics.
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