

Lehigh Wheelmen Association

Christmas Party Minutes

December 6, 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, **Mike Solliday**, Sally Wright, Clyde Odom, Greg Schnabel, Jean Black, **Fritz Walker**, **Donalee Frary**, **Robert Phillips**, **Call in User 3**, **Martha Miller**, **Anne Ferrera**, **Sue Smith**, **Claire Aylward**, **Valerie Ryder**, **Jack Helffrich**

(Online Meeting)

1. Call to Order:

Roberta started the meeting at 2:12 pm

2. Recap on the year:

Roberta recapped an interesting year which started out with a cold January ride, we honored Ron Helmuth, and then the lock down hit. Even though we posted no rides, we continued hosting Kim Geist, Joan Hanscom, Mike Matts, Engineers without Borders as speakers. We came up limits and new rules for group rides. Meetings went virtual, back to live, and back to virtual. Bert and team started in February for the September Donut(less) Derby, a primary funding source for the LWA. She thanked Dave Sheffield, Kathy Crampton and Christine Penn for our hard work and dedication over the past year. Bruce, Rich, Dick and Bert for bringing their current and previous work experiences to help run the club. Dave Drummer, for his mindful thought process that he puts into managing our website. Richard Baldock and Rob Smith who oversee our membership process and keep our club records straight. And finally, all club members for sharing their joy of riding, joy of socializing, and friendships with each other. Without you there is no us (LWA)

3. Updates

Claire Aylward – Community BikeWorks

Gave update on what the kids have been doing. Different with COVID. Still doing “Earn a Bike” More Mentoring than a Cycling group.

2 Students became homeless.

Expanding to Easton – partnering with corp sponsors, economic development, and magazines.

Dave Sheffield – Financials

The Touring Division has @\$13K (checking + savings) and the Racing Division has @\$4K (checking). There were some expenses (awards, insurance)

Membership & Dues continue to run ~ 12% below 2019 and our 2020 Budget.

LWA Financial Summary Nov. YTD 2020 - Actuals

	Touring	Racing	Elim.	Total
Income				
DD (Participant Dues + Donations)	3,599			3,599
Holiday Party				-
Membership Dues	4,463			4,463
Other	1,332	-		1,332
Total	9,394	-		9,394
Expense				
Major Events (DD, Eastern Shore, Etc.)	682			1,322
Insurance (Includes Special Events - DD)	3,631			2,990
VPCC	2,250	-		2,250
Holiday Party	100			100
Charitable Donations (DD - CBW & AFB)	1,250	-		1,250
Clothing & Equipment for Resale	1,102			1,102
Recognition Awards/Speaker Fees	255			255
Affiliation Dues	300			
Web, RidewithGPS, Meetup & Postage	516			
Ride Leader Awards, G&C, Picnic, Other	254	-		254
Total	10,340	-		10,340
Net Operating Income/Loss	-\$946	\$0		-\$946
Assets				
Checking (a)	\$8,009	\$3,969		\$11,978
Savings	\$5,079	\$0		\$5,079
Total	\$13,088	\$3,969		\$17,057

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

Bert Mukkulainen – Donut(less) Derby

Extended thank you to committee members, who helped with ideation, planning and pivoting: Bruce Kantor, Lisa Schwartz, Dave Sheffield, Dick McCreight, Rob and Sue Smith, Roberta Kates, Andy Vivian, Tim Phillips, Kathy Crampton, and Jack Helffrich.

Rob and Sue Smith – for the Photobooth. Hats off – it was very well done

Dick McCreight – Promotion – Bike Reg

Andy and Noah Vivian, Kathy and Steve Crampton, and Roberta Kates for helping out with the road markings.

Virtual Donuts – Raffle helped drive up revenue, and we took in \$3600.

The organizations the donated raffle prizes were – Fitness Central, Trek Allentown, The Velo Shop, Krispy Kreme, Valley Preferred Cycling Center, Conte's Bike Shop, Roberta Kates, and the Lehigh Wheelmen Association.

59 prizes for 182 registrants. Some won more than one, others nothing. GC bike shops, jewelry, water bottles, etc.

Emeritus Awards

In order to be eligible for this, a member must be 75+ years old, a current LWA member, had provided service to the club, member for at least 5 years, be nominated by current member, and approved by the Board.

Richard Baldock – 10 Year plus member. Joined for fitness, 2011 Membership assistant, took over 2012. 2 years ~ Check-In and Site Coordinator for revised Gap Gallop. Assistant Grill and Chill team 2018-2019. Ride Leader. Married to Valerie 30 years. 3 children. Kayaking, basketball, runner, issues from running started biking. 30+ years, competitive Chess player. (There was some discussion watching new Netflix series - Queens Gambit) AARP Foundation TaxAide and site coordinator. Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival volunteers (with Valerie) 2014-Current. Valerie started in 2013. PSF Volunteer Guild Board (with Valerie) 2019-Current.

Bucket list – wants to catch up to Valerie, who has visited 37 countries while Richard has only been to 8 so far. (Valerie coordinates travel.)

Also was too complete visiting all 50 state capital buildings (have done 30 so far).

Dave Sprigle - Joined Marine Core in 63, spent 2 years building military bridges and floating boats. Sent to Vietnam in 65 as a Combat Engineer dealing with mines and booby traps. Discharged in 67 and spent some party time.

First bike 69, joined LWA 1970 shortly after. Did the newsletter, typing, printing, and mailing. First club century around 71, members of the club. Was at the meeting when Bob Rodale said his family would like to see a velodrome in the area, and donated the land to get the project going.

Married to Charlotte for 47 years, 2 sons 2 grandchildren, retired from Lehigh County Dept. Of Corrections with full pension. Bucket List – Keep going as long as possible without meds!

Kathy Crampton – Ride Leader Awards

Looking for help with spreadsheets

374 rides, half as many active leaders

15 or more people led 11 or more rides. GCs will be distributed

Bert 11, Lenni 12, Catherine 13, Dick 14, Craig 15, John and Dave (Sheffield) 17, Donalee 18, Torie 19, Fritz 21, Ken 23, Cathy 24, Dave (Sprigle) 25, Rich 27.

Tom Donnelly – 53 Ride leader of year!

Personal thank you to Roberta...

Dave Sheffield – Tribute to Roberta

Thank you to Roberta and Kathy for keeping us safe during COVID

Roberta had to deal with 2 major issues this past year and handle both with professionalism and enthusiasm.

Presentation of plaque, and told of the intent to get her a LWA Jacket. – Embroidered with Roberta Kates - LWA President 2018-2020

Mike Solliday – Nomination Committee

46 votes

President: Rich Ferrera

Vice President of Touring: Kathy Crampton

Vice President of Racing: Roberta Kates

Treasurer: Dave Sheffield

Secretary: Christine Penn

Board – Bert Mukkulainen and Dick McCreight – 2 year terms

Larry Pickens take Rich Ferrera spot (1 year)

Bruce Kantor continues for another year.

Rich Ferrera – New President

Thanked everyone for electing him President – Was bugged about running before, but wanted to retire first... Mike found he had retired...and he kept his word/promise...

Confident that this organization is strong and deliver the programs we have.

Thanked current team and look to their help with transition.

Has a vision for things we can do in future.

Looking forward to good 2021.

Jack Helffrich – Closing thoughts...

Theme was “Riden with Biden” – new one will be “Hitch on to Rich”

Thank you to board – sharing board bios

\$750 worth of gift cards received for turning point and CBW.

Examples for donating gift cards - Walmart, Target Giant, or generic Visa.

Last week for collecting.

Not discussed in meeting, but including **Monthly membership report:**

Membership declined by 5 units compared to the November 2020 meeting a continuing downward trend (up slightly in September, down slightly in October, down slightly in November, down a bit more in December).

Total Units ~ 278 (-5) ~ still down 50 since peak prior to March 2020 shutdown!

Individual ~ 204 units (-5)

Family ~ 72 units (-2)

Lifetime Emeritus ~ 2 units (+2)

Total Members (Estimated) = $(2 \times 72) + 206 = 350+$ (-7)

Revenue Projection Snapshot = \$4860 (-\$125)

Comparisons relative to November 2020.

Definition: RETURNING Member (Membership gap of 6+ months).

LWA Welcomes NEW and RETURNING members (most recent first):

NONE

Meeting was adjourned @ 3:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Christine Penn, December 16th, 2020

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