

Lehigh Wheelmen Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

In Attendance:

(Bolded people were in attendance)

Board members: **Rich Ferrera** (President), **Roberta Kates** (Vice President Racing), **Kathy Crampton** (Vice President 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), **Larry Pickens** (Board Member), Bruce Kantor (Board Member)

Also present: Karl Imdorf, Carl Zvanut, Jack Helffrich, Clyde Odom, Paul Smith, Miranda Alarez, Dean Hower, Ken Glogovsky, Timothy Foley, Claire Alyward, Marty Katz, , Glenn Noack, Mark & Tammy Doran, Arun Sharma, Steve Crampton, Lynn D, Katie Z, Catherine, Kemo, Ross Kohler, Steve Banko, Neil Dicker, Greg Schnabel

(Online Meeting)

1. Call to Order:

Rich started the meeting at 7:02 pm
Briefly reviewed the agenda...then introduced Brian and Miranda.

2. Speaker:

Brian Greene, Outgoing Director & Miranda Alvarez, Community Engagement Manager, Trails & Conservation

Plan your trip: <https://delawareandlehigh.org/explore-the-corridor/plan-your-trip/> - good navigation maps

New product, all maps will be tucked together to help you follow yourself down the trail, as of today, Bristol in South up to Glen Summit in the North, as of today, D & L trail is 144 miles, 170-180 miles once all built out to Wilkes Barre. Lots of trails link into the D & L. Each trail has their own feelings and offer a wide variety of riding. Choose your own adventure, explore and have a great time.

New D & L Guide Book, how to plan a day trip, local & regional maps.

Delaware & Lehigh Guide available for purchase online, \$15.00.

New APP, more of historical app, which will alert you to historical places, future webinars to follow. Bike shops, Food, places, Markets & Shopping

Trips with Bikeout – plan a trip for each of the region, full turn by turn, guide cost \$10.00

<https://www.bikeout.co/trips#philadelphia> – self guided adventure. Good planning tool.

Ride with GPS, another APP offer group rides. Turn by turn navigation, free for anyone to use.

Download to smart phone or bike computer. Paved, crush stone, gravel trails. If rider only has basic, the trails shared here on the website have full access.

<https://ridewithgps.com/organizations/3585-delaware-and-lehigh-national-heritage-co> or
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/33925326>

Trail Projects in LV: Wilkes Barre to Bristol, key gap between 329 bridge to Hamilton St bridge – to create 140 mile long continuous trail. Ultimate trail is to have both sides of the river to have trails, between 329 bridge to Hamilton W needs more work, East is close to develop.

Northampton to N Catty section needs to be complete, 1.8 Miles – 1.4 M (total cost 30M - 50M)

Volunteers Needed <https://delawareandlehigh.org/volunteer/>

- Trail Tenders – tend to the trails
- Trail Patrol – monitor 2x month to alert D&L of items which need to be helped (down tree)

Become a Member or Make a donation

3. Officer/Committee Reports:

Secretary – Christine Penn (not in attendance at the time, arrived late)

Dave Sheffield motion, Clyde Odom 2nd – motion to approve the – Note to D&O, Google drive, form edits are available on the google form for future.

Treasurer: Dave Sheffield

Feb year to date, \$2100 planned expenditures, Bike Aid Station \$1600, Web Expense and Speaker fee for Earl Ostlander. \$3500 checking, \$5100 savings balance. Racing not activity \$4000 in checking. Audit completed and 2020 taxes filed.

Feb. YTD 2021 - Actuals

	Touring	Racing	Elim.	Total
Income				
DD (Participant Dues + Donations)				-
Holiday Party				-
Membership Dues	286			286
Other		-		-
Total	286	-		286
Expense				
Major Events (DD, Eastern Shore, Etc.)				-
Insurance (Includes Special Events - DD)	2,000			2,000
VPCC		-		-
Holiday Party				-
Charitable Donations (DD - CBW & AFB)		-		-
Clothing & Equipment for Resale				-
Recognition Awards/Speaker Fees				-
Affiliation Dues				
Web, RidewithGPS, Meetup & Postage	428			
Ride Leader Awards, G&C, Picnic, Other	1,694	-		1,694
Total	4,122	-		4,122
Net Operating Income/Loss	-\$3,836	\$0		-\$3,836
Assets				
Checking (a)	\$3,453	\$3,969		\$7,422
Savings	\$5,079	\$0		\$5,079
Total	\$8,532	\$3,969		\$12,501

(a) Includes Restricted Funds of \$271 for Bike Aid Station.

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

Membership Report:

Total Members ~ 350

Units ~ 279 (still down 49 from peak membership prior to March 2020 shutdown)

Individual ~ 206 (+6)

Family 72 (+2)

Emeritus ~ 2 (0)

Annualized Revenue Projection ~ \$4890 (+\$140)

Comparisons relative to February 2021 Meeting.

Promising reversal, including an encouraging influx of new and returning members!

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS (February/March) ~~~~~ WELCOME or WELCOME
BACK!!!

USTYM KOSHAK

PAUL CHAMPAGNE

JACKIE LUCIDO

LOUISE THOMAS

LISA SCHELLER

ANNETTE KERR

KATHLEEN & PETER DENT

CHARLES ZUG

JONATHAN KNAUER

Slight uptick, encouraging showing new members, weather rides may have something to do with it. Family and Individual, 350 members in past hovered more around 400. \$15 individual, \$25 family membership, date of join is the date the membership 365 days. Meetup free, but LWA Membership is a small expenditure with great benefits. No update on Grill n Chills at this point.

Touring: Kathy Crampton

25-30 rides thru the end of March. Ride Leader Training email has been sent, has six possible ride leaders, Denny Snyder, Hali Goldman, Chris Penn, Brian Balady, and Ryan Garet. Ask to do a ride along with a current ride leader, to learn the ins and outs of tasks which need to be completed. Past ride leaders we will post the Ride Leader presentation on the website. Ride Leader & Instant Membership sheets will be placed in the barn. Ride Leader formal meeting

Racing: Roberta Kates ...

Nothing to add.

Donut Derby: Bert Mukkulainen

Planning committee, met over 1 month ago:

DD is a go, set for September 6, planning on regular derby, holding registration off until June 1 (when BikeReg will open). Posting is on hold, due to the reroute to avoid State Street.

Raffle –virtual donuts will continue this year. Contact all townships (Longswamp Application to be completed, Maxatony Township would like route, Bowers Park is reserved (kitchen is a 2nd permit), Upper Macungie (Dave Sheffield) are aware and will use the internal process.

Have not reached out to Lower Macungie yet, since we maybe rerouting (pending). Dick created Facebook, bike reg page. Krispi Kreme has been notified. Action item to see about Sponsor. Munchkin mile, Carl Z & Jack Helffrich.

Promotions: Dick McCreight

Facebook Photo Contest is set up, Blessing of the Bikes has been posted.

Webmaster: Dave Drummer

Video will be posted for Ride Leader

4. Old Business:

(Unfinished Business)

Thank you: (from Sue Smith)

Received an email and thank you from Sue – spirits great and doing well, 2 months into an eight-month journey, Rob Smith thanked all for the cards.

Bike Repair Stand: Jack Helffrich

Given to the County for install – location to be visible and usable, County feels to put by pathway by the sand box.

What kind of plaque to place on the site when work is complete? Should we be planning for the plaque and have county install.

Blessing of the Bikes: Larry Pickens

Ziegler Church May 1, 2021 – 72 members scheduled to attend, there will be church member participation as well – Pavilion on site to allow a good social distance, sanitizer, masks will be available. Outdoor facilities will be available. Possibly a staggered blessing, ride from different areas to prevent cars and parking issues. We will wait to see how COVID and our number of riders attending, with special instructions. Dick McCreight has reached out to both local TV WFMZ and Morning Call.

Eastern Shore Weekend: Paul Smith

May 14-16 weekend – 24 RSVP's – block of rooms have been increased to 20 rooms, rides Friday, Saturday & Sunday – ride with GPS library to gain access for routes. Paul will no longer print que sheets – COVID Status where Easton MD is, new cases are down. Grab and go for breakfast, bring a chair for sitting outside, any member driving down – bring a club tent to sit under shade.

Leadership Planning Meetings: Rich Ferrara

Now using google drive to create documentation and plans for the future. USA cycling organization certification is required – Safe Sport Certified – clarifying roles with in the leadership team. Focus is on (3) areas: 1. Long Term Preparation 2. 2021 New Membership Drive 3. Safety Program – Any interest from members to head the team, speak to Rich Ferrara.

5. New Business:

Bike Virginia: Dave Sheffield

Turning Bike Virginia into a LWA Virginia Ride

Surveyed 25 prior attendee's, 19 responded @75% interested.

Prefer Start June 24 (4th week in June), Thursday to Sunday 6/24 – 6/28

81% would like to go to Orange County area in Virginia. Two president estates, including Jefferson's Monticello

Several volunteers will check out routes. Will be announced on Meetup, so be prepared.

Will be insured, but must be a paid member to attend/insured.

Donation to D+L: Started by Bert Mukkulainen

Impressed with presentation

Bert M – LWA should consider partnering with D+L or adopt a section of the trail. Eg, LWA Clean up section of trail

Dave S will send check to Miranda

Rich suggested we were complete after no new business was mentioned.

Kathy Crampton raised motion to adjourn at @9:00 PM, Larry Pickens seconded

Minutes submitted by Secretary Christine Penn, March 28th, 2021

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