THE CLINTON RIVERS RIDERS BICYCLE CLUB

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2016 at Clinton-Macomb Public Library

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Phil Kurrle.

Secretary's report: Dee Kengel – Secretary
The minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were read.
Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Pete Sprecher
Beginning balance was $x
Inflow of: $x
Outflow of: $x
Ending balance of: $x
Pete noted that most of the outflow consisted of the donations approved at the October meeting. There are three outstanding checks payable to members and several donation checks not cashed.
Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Motion passed.

Ride Director's report: Craig Plesco
Several members reported on recent rides.
Light Fest – several members went. It was very cold.
Les' is More ride – Joe found a "$100" bill on the ground and treated everyone to a snack break. Found out a few weeks later that it was play money. Joe was a good sport and the members had a good laugh.

Upcoming rides:
January 1 – first baker's dozen ride.

Craig reported that we adopted a portion of the Macomb Orchard Trail from Dequindre to 25 Mile Rd – a little over two miles. Cleanup is supposed to be done in April, June and October. Rick Jones, Art Anderson and T J Hill cleaned it the first 4 years; 2009-2012. No one knew if it had been done since then. Craig will call it out as a ride in the appropriate months and club members can help do the cleanup while getting in a ride. Ve offered to lead one of the rides.

Craig continues to work on the CRR Hall of Fame with additions from many members. Several more individuals and activities are now posted. This section highlights both individual and team accomplishments.

Craig will also add a history section that was written by Sue Pavlat.

Awards this year will include those for the most miles plus some additional fun and whimsical awards to encourage each other to do more.

Clare from the Slow Spokes was introduced. She is chairing this year's Peach of a Ride.

Old Business:
Rick Jones thanked everyone who helped with the Variety Club.

The club received thank you letters for our donations from the Clinton River Trail, Back Alley Bikes and the Community Foundation of Rochester for the velodrome.

Herb Kengel asked if the CRR members can ride at the velodrome because we made a donation. There was no indication of that benefit in the letter.

BWR Update: Kim and Craig went to the Slow Spokes meeting to see if the Peach of a Ride was going to be held this year. They found out that it will be held and that the Slow Spokes tell their members about the CRR. The two clubs may work together this year.

Bylaws Amendments: Phil reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws and there was some discussion.

A motion was made to the amendment for Article VII Section 3 to change one meeting to two meetings. Motion to amend the amendment was defeated. Members would like to amend this section at a later time to include "a member in good standing" and the definition of such.

A motion was made to the amendment for Article VIII Section 2 Authorization of Special Committees to change "independent auditor" to "third party audit team."
Motion to amend the amendment passed.

Amendments presented and voted on:

ARTICLE V Membership
Section 1: Qualifications of Individual Membership
Delete "~~attending~~"
Motion to amend passed.

Section 3: Rights of Membership
Delete "~~In addition each member or family shall receive the club newsletter.~~"
Motion to amend passed.

Section 4: Membership Dues
First paragraph add after calendar year "with a grace period of no later than January 31st."

Third paragraph add at the end "Only members with paid dues will be on the ride sheet. All others will need to sign the waiver until dues are paid."
Motion to amend passed.

ARTICLE VI Meetings
Section 3: Voting at Meetings
Add after operating expenses "over $500"
Motion to amend passed.

Add a new Section 4: Eligibility to vote
"Only members with dues paid in full will be allowed to participate in the voting process"
Motion to amend passed.

ARTICLE VII – Election of the Executive Board
Section 1: Eligibility for Election
Change "~~Newsletter Editor~~" to "Communications Officer."
Add "No spouses or significant others (couples living at the same address) shall be eligible to simultaneously serve on the board.
Motion to amend passed.

Section 2: Nomination of Executive Board
Change "~~nominating committee~~" to "election committee"
Add at the end "Election committee will be posted on the website."
Motion to amend passed.

Add a new Section 3: Absentee Voting
Absentee voting will only be permitted for members who are unable to attend the February election meeting and have attended at least one meeting in the prior calendar year.

Any member, who is out of town for the February meeting and is interested in participating in the election process, will need to send an email to the election committee to request an absentee ballot.

Request for an absentee ballot must be received by the election committee no later than the Friday before the February meeting, and must be returned no later than midnight on the Sunday before the February meeting.
Motion to amend passed.

Section 3 automatically changes to Section 4.

ARTICLE VIII - Duties of the Executive Board
Section 1: Elected Officers
Ride Director: change "~~administering the activities schedule~~" to "administering the ride activities schedule and posting ride information."

Motion to amend passed.

Secretary: change "~~minutes of every meeting and an up to date schedule of all activities~~" to "minutes of every meeting and an up to date schedule of all non-ride activities."
Motion to amend passed.

Treasurer: Replace current paragraph "~~The Treasurer has the responsibility for maintaining an accurate roll of the members and to collect dues that result from such membership. He/she is also responsible for paying the monthly costs that this organization shall incur as part of its normal operation and to maintain an accurate accounting of all transactions~~."
with the following paragraph:
The Treasurer has the responsibility for paying the monthly costs that this organization shall incur as part of its normal operation and to maintain an accurate accounting of all transactions. He/she or his/her designate will be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of the members and to collect dues that result from such membership.
Motion to amend passed.

Newsletter Editor: Replace the current paragraph:
"~~The Newsletter Editor has the responsibility of gathering articles, information, and overseeing the publication and distribution of the monthly newsletter~~."
with the following paragraph:
"The Communications Officer has the responsibility of assuring pertinent and critical information is distributed to the club members in a timely manner."
Motion to amend passed.

Section 2: Authorization of Special Committees
First paragraph change "~~appoint or retain an auditor~~" to "appoint or retain a third party audit team of non-board members"
Change "~~auditor~~" to "audit team"
Motion to amend passed.

Second paragraph add "or chair" after standing committee
Motion to amend passed.

Add a new ARTICLE IX - Earnings
"No director or officer of the club, or any other person shall directly or indirectly benefit from club proceeds or assets. "
Motion to amend passed.

Renumber ARTICLEs X, XI and XII

Article XI – Quorum
Section 2: Quorum of Executive Board
Add at the end "In the event that there are blood relatives on the Executive Board, a quorum

would require all Directors to be present."
Motion to amend passed.

A separate motion was made to amend ARTICLE XII – Dissolution of the Organization
Change "~~all club debts or obligations~~" to "all club assets"
Motion to amend passed.

The newly revised bylaws will be posted to the website. A suggestion was made to include a link on the CRR website that goes to Robert's Rules of Order.

New Business:
Membership new/renewal applications are on the back table. Dues are due by December 31 with a grace period until January 31.

Shirt inventory: Linda Morgan volunteered to handle the CRR merchandise.

Craig is working on getting the membership application and payment online.

Club jersey: Craig reviewed the revised jersey design.
Solid front with CRR name, BWR and chain logo on left shoulder
Back with white stripes on right side, website address, Mt. Clemens
CRR in grey on side

Ve was successful in getting a better quality fabric for the same price. She is working with Primal to have an online ordering system but would need to figure out how to handle the club discount.

The awards banquet is this Saturday, December 17, 2016. 58 people have signed up

A motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. Motion passed.