

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS BICYCLE CLUB MEETING

Wednesday November 13, 2024

In-Person Meeting

@ Mt. Clemens Public Library

MEETING: Called to order at 6:14 pm by President, Kim Plesco. 23 members present

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes read by Jeri Grigg. Motion to accept by Dan Claus, 2nd Pete Sprecher. The report passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Fran provided report for October, 2024

Balance October 1, 2024:	\$
Inflow:	\$
Outflow:	\$
Balance October 31, 2024:	\$

Our main inflow for September were a few new memberships.

Our main outflow for September were our donation of \$325.00 to LMB, Ride Hats, and small administrative expenses

Motion to accept by Nino Pacini, 2nd by Les Dunham. The report passed.

RIDES, TRAINING & RIDE DIRECTOR:

- Ed Gossin's Stoney Creeks Saturday Hikes started in November
- Les Dunham has been posting the majority of new rides in November
- Duane Nieman's Tuesday ride that was supposed to be later and shorter has continued with the early and longer version due to the nice weather.
- Joe Cicchelli's Tilson Street ride was a huge success...warm temperatures brought out 30+ riders.
- It was mentioned that some of the ride call-outs were not coming through properly.
- Ride Hats for 2023 were distributed to ride leaders: Kim, Jeri, Dave Claus, Dave J., Ed, Les, Joe, Duane, Rick, Art

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kim expressed a heartfelt thank you Fran for all her hard work on the Charities, and the club agreed and appreciate all that she has done.
- Fran provided Members with a list of the Charities that the Board decided on and summarized their programs.
- Judee Clause summarized Big Family and what they do, highlighting that this charity has only 1 paid employee and the rest are volunteers. They are currently in need of 30 bikes and helmets and Tim from Tim's Bike Shop has been extremely helpful. Also, if anyone wants to help wrap Christmas Gifts, Big Family is always looking for volunteers.
- Duane suggested that we think about allocating money toward maintaining the bridge on the Polly Anna trail which CRR members built several years ago.
- Katie from Mt. Clemens Library gave a short talk and thanked us for the donation
- Motion to approve the Charity Donation list: Pete Sprecher, 2nd by Dan Claus

NEW BUSINESS:

- BWR: Once the date is confirmed with the school, we can work on Registration and T-Shirt design. Ben Sroka is working on pricing, etc. for the T-Shirts. The idea is to have the availability to purchase a T-Shirt at registration (and not end up losing money them).
- Les Dunham suggested a heavier presence on Facebook to help with the publicity of the Club, such as posting things related to our Charity Donations and our work at FBFK. There was a lot of positive feedback on this.
- Kim mentioned that the LMB has a temporary director, Jeff Carek. Joe saw him speak at the Velodrome and it was suggested that he speak at one of our meetings. Pete mentioned having Bryan Waldman as a speaker as well.
- Merchandizing: A big thank you to Ben Sroka for volunteering to coordinate with Primal on Jerseys and other apparel for the club. We agreed that any new designs would need to include our current Chain Logo and our signature Checkerboard pattern.

WRAP UP:

- Nino and Marie Pacini provided treats, thank you!
- Jeri Grigg will provide for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Nino Pacini, 2nd by Marie Pacini
Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm. Recorded by: Jeri Grigg

Clinton River Riders

Donations from 2024 BWR Proceeds

PEAC \$1000: <https://www.bikeprogram.org/about-us-mission/> Bike program nonprofit dedicated to cycling education and travel training for individuals with disabilities.

Kids on the Go \$1000: Kids on the Go-- <https://www.kidsonthegocamp.com/donate/> They are in St. Clair Shores and have a summer camp to teach kids with disabilities to ride bikes. The director would like to come to our December meeting and thank the club in person.

Harsens Island Permanent Bathroom Fund \$1000: They want to build a permanent bathroom on the Island, would benefit us as part of BWR and all our Holiday rides on the Island. They are at 72% of their goal of \$100,000. They are very grateful for a donation and would like to have a photo-op on the island with our group. Still in the planning stages for date. This is a great opportunity to promote our club, and to foster goodwill with the Island for BWR. <https://www.hiscfa.org/>

Big Family of Michigan \$1000. Purchase bikes/helmets for foster kids for their Christmas Program this year. <https://bigfamilyofmi.org/getinvolved/#christmas-room>

Mt. Clemens Public Library \$350. They have provided us with a meeting space for free. The money will be used for purchasing books related to cycling. <https://www.mtclib.org>

League of Michigan Bicyclists. \$325. We donate \$1 per rider from the Blue Water Ramble. Advocacy for safe and accessible bike riding in Michigan.

Friends of the Polly Ann Trail (Lapeer) and Polly Ann Trail -Oakland. Two different groups that maintain and improve the Polly Ann Trail. (\$500 to each group, still pending)