

CLINTON RIVER RIDERS BICYCLE CLUB MEETING

Monday, March 12, 2025

In-Person Meeting

@ Mt. Clemens Public Library

MEETING: Called to order at 6:16 pm by President, Kim Plesco. 15 members present, along with 2 guests, Gary and Josie

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes read by Jeri Grigg. Motion to accept by Ben Sroka, 2nd by Richard. The report passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Fran provided report for February, 2025

Balance as of February 1, 2025: \$

Inflow: \$

Outflow: \$

Balance as of February 18, 2025: \$

The inflow for February was all Membership Dues

Out main outflow for February was \$2,000.00 for the storage unit. Also \$150.00 for LMB and \$15.00 for Starbucks to get Kim and Fran through their 2 hour meeting working out the LMB details.

Motion to accept by Les Dunham, 2nd by Ed Gostin. The report passed.

RIDES, TRAINING & RIDE DIRECTOR:

- Duane stepped down from his position as Ride Director and Craig is taking his place.
- Les continued to post rides in hopes that the weather would cooperate, but unfortunately some of them had to be cancelled.
- Joe noted that the gravel rides are going but there are potholes to deal with on some of the gravel roads.
- Sandy mentioned that that the MOT is 100% clear after the recent weather warmup.
- Ed's hikes will continue through the end of March
- Joe mentioned that his Lollipop Overnighter will be held August 8th – 10th and he will be posting it soon.
- Ben described a self-supported ride he is doing with a friend on the C&O Trail. The ride will from Toledo to Washington DC and they plan on taking the train back.

- Joe described an upcoming ride he is doing with 3 friends. They will be riding from Nashville to New Orleans. They have allowed 18 days for the trip and will arrive in New Orleans just as the Jazz Festival begins. They will be staying there for a few days to celebrate and recuperate.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The banquet arrangements are all in place
- We currently have 30 people coming.
- Fran encouraged everyone to sign up on the sign-up Genius.
- The Doris Travoni Poster for the Velodrome is on hold. Fran has been unable to get ahold of Bruce who came up with the idea and was working on the details.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dave J. questioned whether non-club members should be included on ride sheets. It was determined that you should only include their names on the ride sheets if they sign a waiver.
- Joe voiced his concerns that people seem to be intimidated by our club rides and he plans to do more social rides this season, such as “ice cream” rides or fun rides to and from events like Concerts in the Parks.
- Discussion continued regarding Members who never come to rides, and how to get members who join the club to stay in the club. A survey was mentioned as a way to see what members are looking for. People tend to join and disappear.
- A new By-law Committee was formed to review our current by-laws and come and changes they deem necessary. The committee is Duane Nieman, Kim Plesco and Les Dunham.

BLUE WATER RAMBLE:

- Registration is now open and the Website is up.
- The storage unit day will be on Saturday, May 17th
- Advertising and Sponsorship: Several meeting attendees volunteered to approach various remaining bike shops to hang up flyers and ask for sponsorship.
- Flyers and Postcards have been sent to printer. Fran will bring them to the banquet to distribute to the bike shop volunteers.
- Fran summarized the Committees, Leaders and duties of each. Road markings, rest stops, ride design and ferry crossing were all discussed. She is creating a signup Genius specifically for BWR Committees in order to get all needed positions filled.
- Fran is also setting up a signup Genius for ALL BWR related volunteer positions.
- T-shirts: Ben making final adjustments to the t-shirt design. Mike Lodge questioned if we could have separate T-shirt colors for the Volunteers. This was quickly researched and determined that Pale Blue would be the volunteer T-shirt color (based on limited selection for womens' colors).
- Bibs: YMCA is sponsoring these and Craig will get them ordered.
- A discussion of road markings was had and it was decided that using multiple colors for the routes is still our best option.
- Big John will be at Harsen's Island for bike assist.
- Trevor from Trevor's Mobile Bike Shop will be contacted to see if he can SAG in his van
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WRAP UP:

- Jeri Grigg provided treats, thank you!
- Les Dunham will provide for next meeting.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Duane Nieman, 2nd by Ed Gostin

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm. Recorded by: Jeri Grigg