



## Minutes for June 16, 2015

### Board members present:

Janell Blunt  
Tom Moffett  
Carol Moffett

Dennis Figueroa  
Robert Mrzlack  
Melissa McCurley

Andy Hirsch  
Howard Grabois  
Pat Boling

### Review of Treasurer's report:

Wabash River Ride (WRR) reserve: \$8,000  
Total balance \$11,782.76  
Operating balance of \$3,782.76

### Old Business:

**Board Turnover/Replacement.** Welcome, Bob Mrzlack, to the board! We are still recruiting a new secretary to take Janell Blunt's place (starting in August). Any takers?

**Web hosting:** We are approaching our server limit, so the cost will go up. We can get a different provider for less, although our current provider is local. A downside to changing is that the server would be down while the transition is made. Therefore, we would not make any changes during peak riding season when our website is heavily accessed. The board decided to look into new options and talk to our current provider about lowering the cost. Dave said he would help us make a decision. Another option is to ask another bike club what they use (Andy offered to do this).

### Wabash River Ride

- *Visit Lafayette Update:* Visit Lafayette will give us bags stuffed with goodies. Amanda from Visit Lafayette mentioned that Sports Indiana has sizable grants (thousands of dollars) for sporting events throughout the state. There are some constraints. One is that the event must be an overnight event. An additional constraint is that we need to have a tax status that we don't have (but Food Finders does). Visit Lafayette would also be able to provide additional staff support if the ride was an overnight event. For future years, we could extend the ride to Sunday, although the board is not sure this is a feasible or lucrative option.
- *Volunteer*
  - *Sign-ups.* Dennis has created an online sign-up system for volunteers. When people sign up, they will also be prompted to give their cell number.
  - Club members who volunteer will get registration for free (including lunch and snacks!)
  - John Finny had ideas last year regarding set up at the Cicott SAG this year.
  - Andy will talk to Zoey and Dan about a bike mechanic for Cicott.
- *Music:* The band from Cicott last year has disbanded. One guy from the former band would be willing to do the music solo this year for \$200. If anyone has any music ideas, let the club know.

- Andy has contacted all of the remote SAG people from last year and they are willing to help again this year.
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- *Raffle*: Dennis proposed that the bike raffle was only available for online registrants. This could help reduce ride-day chaos while also promoting early registration.
- *Sponsorships/Local Support*: Howard has contacted several organizations.
  - *Food Finders* will provide volunteers.
  - Howard talked to the *gym* and they will provide showers.
  - We hope to have all local businesses that participated in the ride day benefits card to repeat.
  - We have \$1200 in *advertising funds* available.

**New Business:**

**Activism Report.**

- *Biking accident*: On May 29<sup>th</sup> cyclist Tim Kraska was hit by an SUV while riding westbound on the Harrison Bridge in West Lafayette. To promote cyclist awareness, 70 cyclists road continuously across the bridge the following Saturday. The board decided to reimburse half of the cost of the ride. Recently, the county commissioners and mayors met to talk about bike activism especially because the pedestrian bridge is currently under construction (once construction is complete, the pedestrian bridge will be American with Disabilities Act compliant. There will be a ramp, but it will likely be difficult for cyclists to use). Pat reported that the city is aware of the difficulties for cyclists and they are willing to talk about the issues.
- Bike to school escorts. Pat is looking into ...kids need escorts for riding their bike to school. Interest in the club?

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 14th 6:45pm.