



# Wheeling Wheelmen

## ZOOM BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2021 at 7:00pm

**Present:** George Karpen, Johannes Smits, Neal Barg, MJ Drouganis, Emily Qualich, Scott Assmann and Ella Shields.

George called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

George stated the club insurance has been renewed. The only thing we need to do is about thirty days before the Harmon let the insurance company know the number of riders we are expecting. Neal asked about just signing the club waiver at renewal and not every ride but for insurance purposes the ride waiver has to be signed at all rides. We do like it for tracking miles and guests have to sign in.

George stated Dennis Ellertson is doing well and staying isolated.

**Financial Reports:** Johannes discussed transactions for the month, not very many; the insurance was a large expense. He stated membership is down and we talked about sending email reminder out to members soon. Johannes has uploaded a lot of club documents for board members that we can access, it will be password protected.

**Membership:** Emily stated we currently have 29 members. She will send email blast out to members from the past couple of years and will post on Facebook. She posted info on Strava that she will be removing non active members. MJ was unfamiliar with Strava, we discussed that and Emily will include info about it in renewal membership letter along with other perks of membership. Johannes will post Strava info on website.

**Club Communication:** We need to get info out to members – George will get an email out on current club issues and Emily will send it along with membership reminder. Johannes asked that we respond to his emails (all emails) in a timely manner. Board matters will continue via email, not texts. We would like to get more people looking at the website. We have 2 Facebook pages, which we will try and combine and see about making it a group instead of a page. We will reach out to Christian to see if he can assist us on our FB presence.

**Ride Schedule:** Neal

- He is firming up the schedule, we will bring the Tuesday night ride back and ask Jorn if he wants to host. He will contact regular evening hosts to see if they will host this year. Johannes and Neal will host bakery rides. George, Wed rides, Emily, Friday rides. He will contact Joe Beemster about Sunday's, MJ will see if he wants to split them and she will do some Honey Do rides. The Friday rides will now start in April.
- He would like hosts to take a few minutes to introduce new members at rides and try to find someone to ride with them. With that idea we will now host rides 2x a month for new riders that is a little more social, we will aim to do it on the Friday rides.
- He discussed having hosts or just show n go's and it was decided it is best to try and have hosts for the rides, they are more organized. We will continue to adhere to COVID guidelines; masks at sign in and social distancing.
- MJ will check with Crank Revolution about being open on Saturday's for the Honey Do starts.
- We will keep ride time starts the same as in past years.
- Friday ride times may vary depending on Lunch in the Park happening this year.

**Harmon:** we will have a separate meeting on Feb 15 to discuss ride. We will not participate in WI Bike Fed this year, since they needed our info by Feb 12. We will be in Ride Illinois Ride guide. George spoke with Erich Massat and he will be happy to consult with us.

**Website:** Johannes has set up FTP files so members can upload documents; he wants them in PDF format. He is also still working on the security certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by Ella Shields