



2019 Fall Meeting Minutes

October 12th, 2019; 9:00 AM -- YMCA Chapel Room

Members Present: Jay, Jama Salge and boys, Mark, Renee and Conner Droll, Tim and Patricia Heinz, Fabio Leite, Ken Simmers, Troy Hooks, Dave Erb, Larry Cress, Rodger Rex, Tammie Joseph

Old Business

- June Meeting Minutes can be found on the website [on the Home Page](#).
- Membership - [72 members](#)
- 2019 Club Picnic, not the best attendance, considering discontinuing in 2020. [If someone wants to hold a get together the club will consider helping with expenses.](#)

New Business

1. Treasurer Report – Tim reported January balance of \$7,978.67 and current balance is \$8,953.89. Club is looking to spend some of the money. Ideas: Club t-shirts, Signs/stencils for Riverwalk and winter meal. Any suggestions should be presented to members of the board.

2. Community Involvement:

- We can volunteer at the Wheelhouse. Any interest from mechanically inclined members to set a work date? (Thank you letter from Wheelhouse...425 bikes delivered to date!) [Larry announced that they will be holding a "Blessing of the Bicycles" on May 17th. Save the date - more details to come.](#)

>>Received verbal permission for "KEEP Right" signs from JAMP on Riverwalk and City of Lima. Submitted a proposal to city and parks. Will keep club posted as progress develops. [Looking to purchase signs or stencils. Budget \\$500-\\$1,000.](#)

3. Limaland Tour

-Review of 2019 tour and comments – [we did well considering the weather forecast was unfavorable. We had a lot of volunteers who we really appreciate but the number of club riders was down. We brought in \\$1,894.05](#)

-Comments for 2020. [June 20th is the proposed date for the tour. We are waiting on the final board approval from the UAW. Looking for ideas on how to get more members out to ride in our tour. We donated \\$500 to support the Wheelhouse.](#)

4. TRR Directors – General Club:

-Volunteers welcome to assist with website work. Planning at least a Home page rework soon. [If anyone is interested please let us know.](#)

-Review of current directors, basic responsibilities and tasks. The current board consist of Jay, Mark, Tim, Tammie, Nelson and Fabio. We need one board member per every 8-10 members.

-Accept final nominations and close nomination process. [Ken Simmers and Troy Hooks were both nominated and they both accepted.](#) Their term will begin January 1, 2020.

-Conduct club vote if necessary to confirm or select new club directors. Proxy vote may be set if deemed necessary by majority of members present. Min. 1, Max. 3 new directors.

5. Ride Schedule: 2019 remaining schedule is on website; all current maps are available in basic PDF and RideWithGPS (<http://www.teamroadrunners.org/resources/cycling-maps/>).

-Basic Ride structures: Tues. = No Drop, defined time, Thursday is generally mileage/split groups after first few miles, Friday = morning ride, contact John S. if interested, Saturday = mixed groups/speeds shortly after start, Sunday = casual pace most of ride/option groups around the halfway point. There are "tips on riding" on the website. Take time to read.

-The above in italics was the suggestion in June. How have the rides worked? What is the impression for ride guidelines to best serve and include all members in 2020. >>Club discussion, develop a consensus for 2020. The members present discussed the following:

- Suggestion to add another "no drop" ride on the club schedule for Wednesdays with a minimum average speed. Speed would average 15-17 and ride for 1-1 ½ hours. Goal is to get more riders out to join the club rides.
- Suggestion to add a shorter route with GPS coordinates on the Saturday rides that are longer. This would make the weekend rides less intimidating.
- Anyone can post a ride on Facebook or email a ride. If someone wants to ride they can always reach out to another member to post the info.
- What does the term "dropped" mean in our club? "Dropped" means that you come out for a ride with the club and you are left alone all by yourself. club policy is that at least one individual should not be left alone unless they want to. club policy is that at least one individual should not be left alone unless they want to. Club practice is that at least one individual should not be left alone unless they want to depart the group. Also, if you are leaving group, you should let someone else know what's planned.
- It's not abnormal for separations on group rides for town signs/hills, etc. when traffic is low and spirited recreation riding is safe to do. It's not a bad idea to mention if such situations are imminent.
- When riding with the club, we all need to increase the amount of communication within the group. If one cannot keep up with the rest of the group they need to communicate this to the riders in front of them so the group can slow down. The group may decide to split into two or more groups if necessary. The key is communication and not just for the lead riders.

-Club directors suggest to make morning rides and Riverwalk "non-club" rides due to low attendance and to create more flexibility, i.e. not just Friday, not only certain Saturdays on the Riverwalk. It is time for some minor schedule overhaul in 2020 for ride types, routes, possibly days/times, etc. to better reflect the current club membership. [If anyone has any suggestions or recommendations for the 2020 schedule please contact a board member.](#)

-Safety guidelines and ride clarity coming in 2019. >> This is still being worked on. Planning on a single page/flier for club safety guidelines. See some info already existing on our website:
<http://www.teamroadrunners.org/resources/>

6. Special Topic: What to expect for TRR Club Rides and of your fellow cyclists. [Some suggestions](#) if you decide to ride:

1. Expect nothing and you won't be disappointed.
2. Be considerate
3. Respect each other
4. Look at yourself before you blame others.
5. Have fun
6. Be nice
7. Compromise
8. Have patience
9. Do what you say
10. Stick to the distance on the schedule
11. Communicate with everyone
12. If you lead.....watch ahead and warn riders behind of any pot holes, obstacles ahead, dogs, etc.
13. Look out for others by being in tune with their actions and block the wind for others if you want to make friends.
14. Don't zoom ahead, maintain a steady and smooth pace.
15. When it is your turn to pull.....ease into the pull so you don't drop the riders who just got off of the front
16. If someone is off the back.....let other know so the group can wait, if you are getting gapped, don't wait too long to call out. It's your responsibility to let others know if you are separating.
17. Be careful around the corners and let everyone catch up after completing the corner
18. Talk before the ride and get a plan on what the group wants to do and how they want to ride
19. Ride safe!!!!