



2023 Fall Wrap Up Meeting Minutes

Oct. 21st, 2023; Wheelhouse, Elm St. @10:00am

Present: Jay, Gavin & Lucas Salge, Tim & Patricia Heinz, Mark & Renee Droll, Larry and Ginny Cress, Nelson Morales, Ken Simmers, Troy Hooks, Bill Hanz, Jim Walter, Bob Leonard, Stacey Verhoff, Betty Blumenstein, Perry Neal, Jr., Tammie Joseph

Welcome:

Jay welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He briefly summarized the TRR season.

1. Financials and Membership:

>Treasurer Report – Tim reviewed the beginning balance of \$7,004.76 and ending balance of \$6,497.00. Details of the report are available upon request.

>Membership 2023 counts and 2024 dues. We currently have 56 members and propose to increase the 2024 club membership dues by \$5. \$20/individual and \$35/family. This will help to maintain our goal of \$5K-\$10K in the bank to keep our club operating for approximately 5 years. This covers liability insurance along with club discounts, tour funds, etc.

>Mark and Jay will work to renew non-profit filing with Ohio over the winter.

>Note: Messenger Meta (Facebook) chat group is for members to comment/discuss and quick club communications. It's a private chat, not visible to non-members and more personable. Please use this chat group to post rides or any club related news.

Nelson is resigning as a board member at the end of 2023. Stacey Verhoff was nominated and accepted the nomination for the 2024 board member vacancy.

2. Limaland Tour:

-Limaland Tour 2023. Concluding comments/questions. Tammie and Mark reported that we broke even on the tour after donating \$300 each to the Wheelhouse and the Lafayette Historical Society. We had 78 registered riders and only 71 on the road. Insurance costs increased from \$4 - \$12 per rider.

Mark is resigning as the Tour Chair.

-Discussion of Limaland Tour 2024: Only continuing if additional co-chair(s) to organize. Only if adequate sense of volunteer support. Discussion on whether to continue or not and questions / comments. Tour will be expected to be streamlined and keep volunteer and expenses tailored to a smaller tour format. No one volunteered to be the co-chair. Several suggestions were discussed concerning future tours:

- Lower the goal to 50-60 riders instead of 100.
- Change the date of the tour
- Create a fundraiser such as the Wheelhouse or Humane Society to attract more riders
- Streamline the tour and keep volunteer and expenses to a smaller tour
- Add additional chairs so it isn't up to two chairs
- Work with the City of Lima to support our tour

Group decided to table this decision and set up a meeting in 2-3 weeks to discuss ideas about the tour.

3. Ride Schedule:

2023 TRR Ride Schedule concluding. Comments/observations from Club Board.

-Tuesdays and Saturdays seemed to be our most consistently attended rides throughout the year.

Suggestion to start the Tuesday rides early with the weekend rides.

-Consider what is working for current members and what “might” attract more riders / participation for 2024.

Suggestion to start the Saturday ride at 9:00 for the “A” riders and 9:30 for the “B” riders.

-Focus on more of quality vs quantity for 2024. i.e. less rides scheduled, but hopefully more attendance. **We need more riders to attend the rides.**

2023 Standard Rides: Tuesday No Drop 60-90 min.; Wednesday 25-30 miles @ 15-17 mph; Saturday destination/longer/alternate/multigroup; Sunday med. distance multi group if needed. SUNDAY 1 PM.

2024 Proposed Standard Rides: Tuesday No Drop 60-90 min.; Saturday destination/longer/alternate/multigroup; And ?? or flex/personal ride postings?

Suggestion to not make the slow riders go fast when you post a speed range.

Continue to encourage members and new riders to attend rides that suit their interests.

4. Community Service/Cycling Promotion:

Keep Right – Riverwalk update: Paused for 2023 due to Riverwalk pipeline construction around the South end park(s) which were the next location to mark and time/volunteer limitations. Ottawa Metro markings are holding up well after 1+ yr. **Bluffon or any other group is welcome to borrow the stencils for the bike path.**

Watch for opportunities of cycling related and safety events that TRR members can participate in for 2024.

5. Special Presentation: Discuss winter riding/indoor/outdoor/workouts, open floor discussion.

Jay had an old trophy and wanted to know if anyone wanted it. Renee agreed to contact someone at the Allen County Museum to see if they are interested in any old bicycle items. (trophies, jerseys, etc.)

Thank you to all who attended our TRR meeting!!