

Bike Medina County
Dec. 6, 2018
Medina County District Library

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Jeff Arona, Bob Finnan (The Gazette), Secretary John Gladden (Medina County Park District), Bill Kendall, Chuck Koenig, Tom Ries, Roger and Mara Hornstrom, Lynne Nawalaniec (Century Cycles), Tony Ratejczak (NOACA Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), President Beth Schnabel, Charles Schnabel, First Vice President Tim Smith, Treasurer Suzanne Swain, Jansen Wehrley (Medina City Parks Director), Glenn Wojciak (The Post).

Call to Order

Tim called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beth thanked guests from the city of Medina, Litchfield Township, York Township and Liverpool Township who came to the meeting to pick up 3-foot-rule signs for posting in their communities. The signs were distributed and guests posed for photos with BMC members before leaving the meeting. Beth noted a total of 148 signs will be distributed around Medina County based on agreements reached with local municipalities. Forty signs have been delivered and an additional 108 are on order. The signs have been funded by a generous donation from Murray Van Epp.

Approval of Minutes

Tony moved for approval of the Nov. 1 minutes. Roger seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Suzanne reported Bike Medina County's 501c3 non-profit tax status has been approved. She has opened a bank account and is in the process of setting up credit cards. The current balance of funds is \$10,798.37.

Old Business

John reported the cost of upgrading the BMC website from Weebly's free hosting service would be \$12/month. We would get our own domain name, the site would be ad-free, and would include e-commerce capabilities for a 3% fee per transaction. If we upgrade to the next level at \$25/month, we would not have to pay the 3% transaction fee. John recommended looking at additional hosting options, but also establishing a budget to help BMC to determine what it can afford. Tim offered to work with John on investigating hosting alternatives.

Suzanne reported all bills from the Lake to Lake Tour have been paid. Lynne asked BMC members to individually write thank-you notes to the event donors they solicited.

Lynne noted the deadline to list the ride in the Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar is in January. The cost is \$35. This year, 50 of the 129 Lake to Lake Tour cyclists came from outside Medina

County, so the investment was well worth it. Beth moved to spend \$35 on the calendar listing. Bill seconded. All voted in favor.

John is working on the application forms from Dan for organizational and officer liability insurance, but needs guidance on some of the questions, such as the amount of insurance required, deductible desired, etc. Bill offered to put John in contact with a colleague in the insurance industry for help.

New Business

Beth relayed the story of the challenges of having the first batch of new 3-foot-rule signs delivered. After making arrangements with the sales rep for them to be delivered to her home, the delivery driver reported they could only be delivered to a business address. Eventually, they were delivered to Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District, where John was able to pick them up.

Beth updated the committee on the ODOT Bike Route 71 map. The city of Medina would like BMC's recommendation on the route through the city. Beth requested BMC members ride portions of the route by March or April to give their input. From his communications with ODOT, Jansen believes the route is still subject to change. Tony reminded the committee the intent of the ODOT route is not simply to get cyclists from Point A to Point B, but also to direct them to sites of interest within communities.

Beth gave an update on the 3-foot-rule sign map she is developing. She also noted Katie Sieb has requested updates for NOACA's Medina County Bike Map prior to its next printing.

There was discussion about purchasing additional 3-foot-rule signs to have on hand to replace damaged signs or fill requests for them. Tom moved to purchase an additional eight signs at a cost of \$413.20 using BMC funds. (The funds from the Van Epp donation have been fully utilized on the 148 signs already received or on order.) Bill seconded. All voted in favor.

Beth noted the city of Medina will be returning the smaller 3-foot-rule signs it received previously from BMC, which then may be redistributed to other communities, as needed.

Suzanne reported the March BMC meeting will be held in the community room at the River Styx Buehler's, 3626 Medina Rd. (State Route 18).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Jan. 3, at the Medina County Administration Building.