

**Bike Fitchburg Monthly Meeting
Fitchburg Public Library
Monday, August 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Steve Arnold, Tony Hartmann, Bill Hauda, Joseph Imilkowski, Matthew Jones, Darryl Jordan, Thad Schumacher, Jennifer Ullman
Excused: Kay Lum, Liz Veler

1. **Introductions:** Jennifer U. began the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Approval of July 2019 Minutes:** Steve A. moved to approve, Matt J. seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer U. provided an update on the financials. Matt J. paid for T-shirts from Bike Fitchburg bank account totaling \$150.73. T-shirts will go on sale to Board members shortly to recoup this cost. Checking balance was \$626.89 before the payment for T-shirts. Savings balance is \$1050.14. Matt DeBlass will be paid \$100 for music at ¡Pick Me Up @ the Border! Jennifer U. is consulting Gary Berger on IRS filing and is working on that filing.

5. **Old Business:**

- a) **Board Communications:** Discussed updated contact list and use of Google groups. Please use Google groups when e-mailing the Board.
- b) **Web site Project:** Steve A. to check with Donna. Kay was not present at the meeting. Need an update at next board meeting.
- c) **Strategic Planning Meeting:** Meeting is set for November 16th from 11 am-4 pm. Jennifer U. contacting recommended facilitator. Plan to meet at the library, if we can reserve a conference room. We will develop a draft agenda and circulate it shortly.
- d) **Pick Me Up at the Border Ride 2019:** Update provided on next steps to execute event, volunteers needed and other details. About 300 are "interested" in the event on Facebook. We will not have formal registration. We will leave trail pass procurement up to attendees and enforcement up to the DNR. Fitchburg Cycles sells trail passes and will be open until 7 p.m. The trail is said to be in good condition and the tunnel is passable and very clean. Thad will lead going southbound and sweep on the way back. He expects to stay at the border for about a half hour. The orientation program will start at 6:30 p.m. Participants must sign a waiver, which Matt J. will post on the Facebook event in advance. Bill H., Jennifer U., and a friend of Matt J.'s plan to help onsite at the event. Joe I. and Darryl J. to help too. Jennifer U. and Matt J.'s friend will serve as SAG support based in Monticello. A press release will be developed after the event.

6. **New Business:**

- a) **BFC Application:** Key people (Steve, Matt, Jennifer, Angela, certain city staff) will learn how we ranked in October. This information will be shared on a need-to-know basis only as we develop our media event with the Chamber and City (and perhaps other members of the Active Living Work Group who applied at the same time: Madison, UW-Madison, Sun Prairie, Monona). The media event will be on announcement day in November on a date to be determined.
- b) **Old Fitchburg Depot:** Bill H. provided a brief update on this project. We will consider this project dormant and reconsider it after the April 2020 elections.
It was noted that the Mayor removed the Oregon Rotary Trail from the 2020-2029 Capital Improvement Program.
- c) **T-Shirts:** Matt J. purchased t-shirts. Cost is \$20 per person. Steve A., Tony H., Joe I., and Thad S. paid at the meeting. Please see Matt J. for your t-shirt.
- d) **Lacy Road Closure:** Group discussed this briefly.
- e) **JUST Bikes Coalition:** Steve A. represents Bike Fitchburg on this coalition. JUST Bikes received a Mad About Bikes grant for \$15,000/year (\$15,000/year match required) to install repair stands at community centers, organize bike and bike repair programming, and train youth as bike mechanics, all in disadvantaged neighborhoods around the area. The Wisconsin Bike Fed is the fiscal agent for the coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The individuals who moved and seconded were not recorded. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019.