

Bike Fitchburg Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, March 22nd, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Meeting by Zoom at 6:30 PM**

Board Members present:

Tony Hartmann, Steve Arnold, Kay Lum, Mike Grady, Erik Kimble, Thad Schumacher, Darryl Jordan, Adrienne Imilkowski (on behalf of Joe Imilkowski) and Lee Jones

Absent: Joe Imilkowski

Guests: Mark Hamilton, Angie Lucas, and Jane Schmiedling

Welcomes: Tony H. welcomed Jane Schmiedling to the meeting. Kay Lum invited Jane to join us and provided a wonderful overview of her accomplishments in 2020 despite Covid-19 Jane rode her hand cycle more than 2020 miles in 2020! Anything adaptive she will do and has many years of experience with her hand cycle and MadNorSki. Jane resides just over the border from Fitchburg. Jane certainly has a unique perspective and Tony H. invited her to consider joining Bike Fitchburg and even helping fill our vacant board seat.

Call to Order:

Tony H. called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

1. Approval of February Minutes:

- a. Steve A recommended the following edits to the February Board meeting minutes:
 - i. As Angie L and Mark H are on the Fitchburg Bicycle Committee their names should be moved to the Guests category.
 - ii. 5. A. d.: delete "no objections: as vote was unanimous
 - iii. 5.B.b. ii.: Remove "(Continue)", as officers are 1-year terms.
 - iv. 5.C.a-b Steve moved, and Tony seconded that the Vice President, H Anthony Hartmann, and the Treasurer, Stephen L Arnold, be authorized to sign for the corporation's financial accounts.
 - v. Only one signature is required for withdrawals.
 - vi. **Motion:** 1st: Steve A., 2nd: Tony H. **Passed Unanimously**

2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. **Financial Update:** (Steve A – Treasurer)
 - i. **UWCU:** with the previously approved \$200 payment to the Fitchburg Chamber for a ½ page ad in the 2021 Ride Guide clearing the Checking account is now at \$305.40 (from \$505.40 reported at February's meeting). Savings account increased \$0.04 on interest to \$1800.98.
 - ii. Confirmed the deletion of Jennifer Ullmann and Matthew Jones from signing privileges for both accounts and that she has been advised
- b. **Special Items:** (Steve A – Treasurer)
 - i. Confirmed preparation and submission of IRS Form 990N (applies to non-profit organizations under \$50K)
 - ii. Suggested to set aside \$65 for to cover the costs of future recognition awards.
 1. After discussion Steve suggested raising the amount to \$75 to cover the costs of several additional items
 2. **Motion:** 1st: Steve A., 2nd: Tony H., **Passed Unanimously**

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3. Old Business:

a. **Public Works Projects:** Steve A. provided a comprehensive update on the multitude of current and planned public works projects in Fitchburg. Please note that Steve A. is maintaining street and trail closures on Open Street Maps.

i. **Fish Hatchery Road:**

1. NE bound lanes will be closed first with 3 defined lanes in place for both phases. While technically can ride in the thru lane, recommendation is to make use of alternative routes or sidewalks.

ii. **Velo UnderRound & Eco-Counter proposal:**

1. No news on the sewer line, which is owned by Madison Sewer, but Steve is working on securing a \$75K contribution (from Madison Sewer and Fitchburg) to secure an Eco-Counter.

iii. **MM/McCoy Road:**

1. Not able to eliminate the slip lane due to required truck turning radius and no bike detector but are able to program signal timing to allow for crossing on MM and the slip lane in one pass.

iv. **Lacy Road:**

1. Current plan is to install a roundabout at Lacy and Seminole and to create a 10 ft. multiuse path and also buffered bike lane on the north side of Lacy and a 5 ft. sidewalk on the south. The road will be posted at 35 MPH. The south lane may be deferred until new construction starts south of Lacy. All in all, a great connection to Quarry Ridge and other areas though Fitchrona Road work not a part of this project.
2. The city has asked for input on the roundabout and the Badger Trail crossing. The current recommendation includes curb and gutter all along Lacy road, a raised crosswalk with yield signs at the trail crossing and 35 MPH limit.
3. Need to communicate by an e-mail with District 4 alder Jim Wheeler (new?) and Randy Udall on the importance of staying the course on this project. Proving to be a very controversial project for a variety of reasons.

v. **S. Syene Road (Aurora to McCoy):**

1. Planning being done on the noted section of Syene to accommodate the smart code neighborhood on the east side of Syene, and neighborhoods to the west.
2. Uptown Crossing looking to add a parking lane in front (west facing). **Angie L** reported that the owners of the McCoy House are concerned that the parking lane might push the road closer to their front yard and current design has a strangely placed left hand turn lane coming from the south on Syene.

3. **Follow ups:**

- a. Mark H has recommended a meeting with Andy McFadden
- b. Steve A to put together opinion pieces for review and approval

b. **Bike Registration:**

- i. Mark Hamilton on behalf of the **Fitchburg Bike Committee** spoke on the importance of and recommendation that Phil Grupe will put forth at their April 6th meeting for bike registration on the **Bike Index Registry**. The cities of Madison and Monona are both on the platform already.
- ii. Steve A. has the stickers ready to go and Tony H informed Mark as to how Bike Fitchburg can help additionally. Mark noted that we should talk it up to our alders especially with the upcoming elections. Kay L. to put a mention up on the website and Facebook page.

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c. Bike Patrol:

- i. Tony H spoke to the desire to support this project and is prepared to invite Lt. Ed Hartwick from the Fitchburg PD to a future meeting but noted that with the many projects that we have on our hands suggested we take on projects where we have an internal advocate and leader.

d. Neighborhood Bike projects:

i. Fitchburg Greenway:

1. Steve A provided Mayor Richardson with a draft resolution in support of the Greenway concept.
2. The City is currently Parks and Open Spaces plan and it was suggested that this could be included in that revision.
3. Steve A is looking to create a video in support of the Greenway concept by filming a ride from a location near to the Beltline to the library, dog park and Kid's Crossing, etc. to demonstrate the potential and positive impact this project would mean for Fitchburg.

ii. Pick Me Up at the Border:

1. Thad Schumacher has volunteered to lead this event again this year. Planned for the 3rd Friday in September (9/24) at 7 PM. He asked for help and Erik K. is interested in supporting.
2. There will be several routes that include Belleville, etc. and of course all the way to the Illinois border. We had 40 riders in 2019 and then dropped to 12 to 15 in 2020 likely due to Covid-19 and extremely bad weather
3. Tony H. expressed that this can and should be a larger event and noted the Race Day Events has been a big help. Mark H. suggested some alternative routes. The event is highlighted in the Chamber's 2021 Ride Guide. Steve A. suggested also mentioning it on our FB page and website. Lee J. to reach out to McKenzie Asplundh to see if she can help volunteer and help drive participation.

iii. Just Bikes:

1. Has received funding of \$5750 targeted for neighborhood Spanish and Hmong neighborhoods for bike rodeos or fix-it clinics, basically anything that will improve biking in neighborhoods.
2. Tony H. suggested that we publicize this.

iv. Bike the Burg:

1. Mark H. updated us on behalf of Angela that the Chamber is establishing a 150-mile bike challenge that will run from May to September. Basics are:
 - a. \$10 registration fee
 - b. Runs from May to September
 - c. Possibility for door prizes
2. Tony H. will send out an e-mail to everyone with more on this

v. Festival of Speed:

1. Event is currently set for July 10th, 2021 and Thad Schumacher is a sponsor.
2. Race Day Events is putting on the event we will want to promote this event on the FB page and website
3. Bike Fitchburg has tabled this event in the past and will plan to do so again this year.

vi. Penn State Bicycle Coalition Project Update:

1. Deferred to next meeting in the interest of time

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4. New Business:

a. Membership Plans:

- i. Lee J. indicated interest in bringing new faces into Bike Fitchburg. He will work with new member McKenzie Asplundh to leverage several Fitchburg resident's lists to see if we increase our membership.

b. Group Rides:

- i. Discussion on establishing a cadence to regularly organized rides for all categories. With an objective of:
 1. One no-drop ride every week
 2. Darryl J. suggested a late-night ride(s)
 3. Thad S. already has a 6 AM ride on Tuesday and Thursday
- ii. Tony H made a request that we determine how to develop an RSVP via our FB group

c. National Bike Summit:

- i. Steve A. updated us on his attendance of this year's virtual summit. The virtual event generated a larger group than in-person events with 2,000 + attending this year. There was a massive amount of information shared and an excellent DC Bike Concierge video ride. Meetings were held on the Hill with Baldwin, Pocan and Johnson.

d. Ride of Silence:

- i. A Ride of Silence will be held on May 19th. Steve A. made an ask for someone to take on this event with the objective to get as many people as possible on bikes on a busy street to honor those who have been killed riding their bicycle.
- ii. Steve A. noted that the previous ride started at Syene Road at the Capital City Trail and up Syene to Post Road.

e. Other items:

i. Madison Bike Partners:

1. Zoom meetings monthly to support the National Bike Challenge
2. Can join a team from work or via Bike Fitchburg

ii. Love to Ride.org/Madison:

1. Bike Week is first week in June
- iii. Bike Month in Wisconsin is all month September
- iv. Steve A to provide links to Kay for posting to the website

5. Next Meeting:

- a. Weather dependent a decision was made to try for an in-person but socially distanced board meeting on April 26th at 7 PM
- b. Thad S. has offered his backyard area which has adequate spacing for the April meeting

6. Adjourn:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM
- b. **Motion:** 1st: Tony H., 2nd: Steve A., **Passed Unanimously**