

Bike Fitchburg – September Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 23, 2024 / 7:00-8:30 pm
Fitchburg Senior Center



Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Welcome, Introductions – Bill

- a. Call to Order at 7:00pm
- b. Attendees – Steve, Bill, Carol, Kay, Mike
- c. Guests – Wally Schunaman, Harry and Kim Andrus
 - i. Wally introduced himself and his idea for a daytime gravel ride to the border and back.
 - ii. Harry led rides for Sports for Active Seniors and is interested in leading rides, too.
- d. *Bill for Darryl (Pres) and Steve for Mark (Sec)*

2. Approval of Past Minutes for Aug 24, 2024

- a. Minutes approved with 3 corrections.
 - i. *8 b ii: i says Wayland road... should this be Whalan Road?*
 - ii. *8 b v: Wingra quarry?*
 - iii. *8b has extraneous time stamp and speaker id.*

3. New Business

- a. Nothing this month

4. Treasurer's Report – Steve

- a. Checking \$15,537.12; savings balance \$1802.91
- b. Since our last meeting we paid \$57.02 to Fasteners Plus, \$35.85 to Menard's, and 7.55 to Dorn for hardware to install bike parking at the Catholic Multicultural Center in Fitchburg. We also spent \$165 for our Fitchburg Chamber membership, \$124.90 for BFB award plaques for our two new awardees, and \$303.05 to reimburse Mike for ¡Pick Me Up! snacks, drinks, and ice. We received \$490.36 from RunSignUp.com in contributions and registrations for ¡Pick Me Up! ¡Pick Me Up! proceeds arrive weekly.
- c. We earned another \$0.05 in interest.
- d. There were no net changes to inventory.
- e. Other balances are unchanged: the checking account holds \$882.66 for the AARP grant for Greenway System signage and \$12,895.38 in the Kyle Stiegert memorial fund. When the first payments from the Cycling Without Age GoFundMe campaign arrive, I will separately account for that balance and charge the new Cycling Without Age brochures to that account.
- f. Our net worth is now \$3716.99. This does not include the \$605, by RunSignUp's accounting, that they are still due to us.
- g. Anticipated future financial activity includes more income from ¡Pick Me Up! and multiple \$50 BFB fees for the round of applications dues October 30.
- h. Dew rags are still available for \$25.
- i. Cycling Without Age still has \$105 in the GoFundMe account. Steve and Mark need to troubleshoot and get this resolved.

5. **Cycling Without Age Fitchburg – Mark**

- a. No update this month.

6. **!Pick Me Up at the Border! Debrief- Steve**

- a. Registration fees for ¡Pick Me Up! were earned Saturday when the ride as complete and are no longer liabilities in the ¡Pick Me Up! account. There were 49 registrations via RunSignUp, one person gave a \$15 donation online after the race in lieu of registering, and four people paid cash at the start. That's a total of 54 paid registrations at \$15 for a total of \$810 for registrations. Of those that registered, nine didn't attend and one more was feeling ill and didn't start. So, 44 rode.
- b. Donations are a significant source of income from the ride. We received \$700.36 in donations online, including \$200 from Thad's sponsorship of the refreshments. We received an additional \$10 donation in cash at the start, for a total of \$710.36.
- c. Expenses were \$50 for the DNR permit and \$303.05 for drinks, snacks, and ice. So, our net income from the event was $\$810 + \$710.36 - \$353.05 = 1167.31$. Much of this is yet to be received from RunSignUp, but I expect it by the end of the month.
- d. Steve moved Next year Sep. 19-20 /Bill 2nd /Passed
- e. Coordinate with Ten Junk Miles
- f. Participants shared their experiences
- g. Guest book? Patch.
- h. Steve moved that we pay \$50 each to Carol, Pam, Thad to help defray the cost of fuel. 2nd by bill . unanimous

7. **Bike Light Giveaway – Steve**

Walk & Roll to School Day, Oct. 9.

- a. We could also plan a bike registration event. The starting point would be that everyone rides their bikes to our meeting, and we'll register them on BikeIndex.com. (If folks can ride or have multiple bikes, they can bring the two pics we took of your bike, serial number and side view with the owner, on their phones.)
- b. Optionally they can pay Steve personally \$2.50 (cash or check) for a "Registered on BikeIndex.org" sticker with no bar code or \$5 for one with a bar code. (We will use that money, which is our cost, to buy replacement stickers.)
- c. We have seven (7) stickers with bar codes and three (3) without we can use.
- d. Based on this hands-on "lab exercise", we can then plan a public bike registration event. People chip their pets to get them back if they wander. They'll do their bikes, too! Having a public registration event will be a great way to raise Bike Fitchburg's profile, deter bike theft, and increase bike recovery in Fitchburg!

8. **Bicycle Friendly Business Outreach - Steve**

- a. Steve reported on BFBs. Tomorrow at Council, last week at Rusty Bee, 4-6 applicants for Oct 30.

Working with the city

9. Greenway System / Update & Re-Ratify the Bike/Ped Plan – Steve

- a. The Bike and Ped Plan was stalled for a long time, but recent events indicate that it is back up and running again.
- b. We are looking for our city to declare collectively all our long distance multi use paths to be the Fitchburg Greenway System and to start doing wayfinding signage and promoted as a civic asset.

10. Better-Connected Trail System – Steve

- a. New paths: Waucheeta, new surfaces in Fitchburg. BCycle been sold.

11. Policy & Public Works – Bill

- a. Steve reported on public works projects.
- b. Bill reported on VZ coming Council.

12. Fitchburg Bike & Ped Commission – Mark H

- a. The Bike Ped Plan is still awaiting the Consultant to be brought on Board; the Planning Group is in place and target date for completion is June 2025. Planning Group will meet monthly for the next few months to get the Refreshed Plan moving. Tony Hartman and Steve Arnold are representing
- b. The Lacy/BST Flashing Lights are awaiting hookup by MG&E. Request also given to Public Works to conduct a count on vehicles/Bikes going across the diagonal crossing at Seminole Highway and BST. It's our perception that an RRFB is needed there, in addition to painting the crossing, Green.
- c. 3. The FBPC has reached out to Madison to see how we can jointly focus on trail courtesy.
- d. 4. The Bike Concerns Link on the City Webpage, under Public Works, has been revised to also reflect Pedestrian Concerns.

13. Events Review / Plan

14. Opens

- a. Wally proposed a day ride on the Badger. Badger & Sugar River STs, daytime, could work with Badger Give back. Bike with Bucky on the Badger! Edgewood College?

15. Adjournment at 8:57pm

16. Next Meeting is October 28th at 7:00pm – Fitchburg Senior Center

