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MEETING	DATE/ TIME	LOCATION	PRESENTER/ TOPIC
BOARD MEETING	Jan. 5, 2016 6:30 p.m.	Foster Community Center 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Members are welcome to attend all board meetings to express their concerns. Due to time constraints, if you have a specific item to be brought before the board, please contact the President one week prior to the meeting and ask for add'l agenda item.
MEMBERSHIP	Jan. 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.	Foster Community Center, 200 N. Foster St. Lansing, MI	Member meeting is the last Thursday of the month Guest Speakers: Tim Potter and Layne Cameron: Experience at World Championship Bicycle Race
TCBA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE	Jan. 13, 2016 6-7:30 p.m.	Avenue Café 2012 E. Michigan Ave Lansing, MI	2nd Wednesday of the month Everyone is welcome to attend! http://advocacy.biketcba.org/

DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER Jan. 8	Please send items to Patricia Mead, via e-mail, chainwheelchatter@biketcba.org by the indicated deadline.
RIDE CALENDAR Jan. 6	Please send ride calendar information to Ed Usewick, by email tcbamonthyrides@aol.com on or before the deadline. Be sure to include ride times, days of the week, mileage, location, and ride leader name and telephone number or any special qualifications. No ride, if rain, is assumed.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TCBA



**TRI-COUNTY BICYCLE ASSOCIATION Board of Director's
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2015, Foster Community Center**

President Darryl Burris called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM. All Directors except Bill Smith were present. Mike Unsworth, Deb Traxinger, Ralph Bednarz, Ken Schwarz, Pete Derkos, and Dwayne Scheidler were also at the meeting. The meeting agenda and November board minutes were approved.

Correspondence received: Steve Leiby reviewed and passed around items of interest to the board.

Board Reports:

Presidents: Darryl Burris had no report.

Vice President: Bill Smith was not present

Secretary: Patrick Baughan had no report.

Treasurer: Steve Leiby submitted the financial report and Budget. A motion to approve financial report and budget as written passed. Steve requested a motion to move the annual donation to LMB and LAB of \$1000.00 to the budget process without needing future board action. The motion passed.

Steve has developed a grant request form for people requesting grants from TCBA in the local area.

Events Director: Ken Hendrick reviewed recent decisions for DALMAC 2016.

At Large Directors: Patrick Kelley reviewed the pictures on a proposal from Mason for bike racks. It was tabled till next month. Patrick also submitted a proposal that all Volunteers that work over 40 hours per year for TCBA receive the Level 1 Ride Incentive award that year. A motion to accept the proposal passed. Joel Wickham had no report.

2016 T-Shirt Ride: Ralph Bednarz presented the ideas for next year. Motion to approve passed after discussion.

2016 Summer Tour: Pete Derkos presented the ride ideas for next year. A motion to approve passed.

DALMAC Fund Committee: Changes to the application were discussed.

Advocacy Committee: Mike Unsworth submitted a report. Quiet water symposium on the first week of March 2016 was discussed.

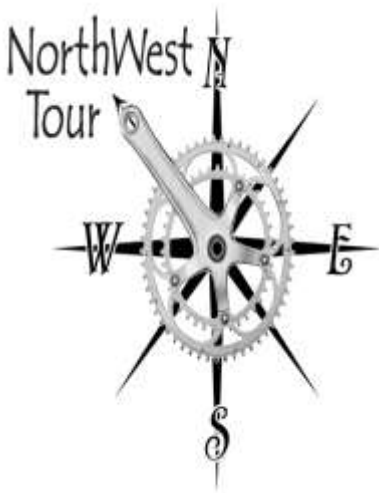
Old Business: None

New Business: Dwayne Scheidler reviewed the 2016 TCBA liability insurance policy. Invoice was already paid.

Meeting adjourned: 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted by Patrick J. Baughan, Secretary, TCBA Board of Directors.

**NorthWest Tour – 10th Annual!
Biking “The Bear”**



Winter is fast approaching and riding is either less frequent, non-existent, or **maybe for our lucky “snowbird” members rolling right along. In any case it’s** a perfect time to start planning your riding season for next year!

I recommend that you plan on spending 5 days biking the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes and Leelanau areas with us for spectacular scenery through small towns and tourist areas, all from the convenience of a single campground. Empire, Glen Arbor, Traverse City, Frankfort, Leland, and Suttons Bay are just a few of the highlights.

NorthWest Tour 2016 begins on Wednesday, June 15 and ends on Sunday, **June 18 (Father’s Day)**. **This is primarily a tent camping tour but a limited** number of sites for recreational vehicles/popups are available for an extra fee.

Application for NorthWest Tour will begin on Monday, January 11 at noon. The online registration link for the Tour will be on our webpage at nwtour.biketcba.org. Tour fee will be \$160. To guarantee your participation prompt signup is highly recommended.

So plan on attending, and then plan also on hilly terrain, good food, and a great time!

Projects

Outreach—The plans of the two charitable bodies we had hoped to partner with on Thanksgiving deliveries were already set. Thus, in 2016, we will start earlier in the year.

Dan Stockwell is continuing to work with the Bath Township Police and Parks & Recreation Departments for a Spring 2016 Bath Bike Days (safety rodeo, bike repairs, helmet giveaways, etc.) event.

We submitted a proposal to the City of Lansing of having a bike route linking Frandor and downtown Lansing; this route would be north of Michigan Avenue. Andy Kilpatrick, the City's Traffic Engineer, met with Mike Unsworth to discuss this proposal and other related projects that Lansing is working on. He thinks our proposal is feasible and would complement another proposed route.

We started preliminary plans to have a retreat in early 2016 that will review the Advocacy Committee's progress and plan our future activities.

We noted two construction projects that TCBA had sent input on:

- Sidewalks have been constructed on the Okemos Road bridge over I-96.
- Detour signs on M-43 bridge work going over

US-127 in Frandor have been placed so that they do not block the sidewalks on the bridges. In the past MDOT contractors have placed signs that have completely blocked sidewalks.

The TCBA Advocacy Committee (<http://advocacy.biketcba.org/>) meets the second Wednesday of each month at The Avenue Café (2012 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend



A sad sight.....

SummerTour 2016 planning is well underway!



TCBA's summer classic will start on Wednesday, July 13 at the Petoskey Middle School.

The tour will stay two nights at each of the overnight stops. We will be at Burt Lake State Park, near Indian River, and at Wilderness State Park, between Mackinaw City and the beautiful M-119 "Tunnel of Trees." The tour returns to Petoskey on Sunday, July 17. The \$215 tour fee will include all the same services and features as in recent years.

More details will be on-line in mid-January. Watch your February Chainwheel Chatter for the link to the application.

The application process will be the same as last year. Complete the application on the TCBA SummerTour web site, print it, sign it and snail mail it in. Only typewritten applications with hand-written signatures will be accepted.

Month	Board Meeting	Member Meeting
February	2	25
March	1	31
April	5	28
May	3	26
June	7	30
July	5	28
August	2	25
September	6	29
October	4	27
November	1	17
December	6	Holiday Party

T-Shirt	June 4 or 11
NorthWest Tour	June 15 - 19
TCBA Picnic	June 26
Summer Tour	July 13-17
Women on Wheels (WOW)	July 23
DALMAC	August 31- September 4
Holiday Party	December 1 or 8

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING GUEST SPEAKERS

Tim Potter and Layne Cameron will share their photos, trinkets, and tales that they experienced at the first World Championship Bicycle Race held in the United States since 1986.



DALMAC Photo Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Shelley Spivack, winner of the 2015 DALMAC photo contest!

"Sunrise-day #2" was taken in Vestaburg during the 5 West route.

Thanks to everyone who submitted photos! We had a lot of really great submissions, making it very difficult to choose a winner!



January 2016 Ride Calendar

Recurring Rides; No Ride if Rain or Wet Roads, Unless Noted

Day/Date	Time	Miles	Class	Start Location	Other Information	Ride Leader
					No rides sent in	

FOR MORE RIDES Visit the Web Site:
www.biketcba.org . To receive the Ride
 Line Transcript by email, send your
 email address to: Thomas Bogle
bikerides@comcast.net

RIDE CLASSIFICATIONS

- A 17-19 MPH
- B..... 14-17 MPH
- C..... 12-14 MPH
- D Under 12 MPH Fun and Social Group Ride
- M Mountain Bike..... N/A
- Z.Rides over 40 miles in length, ridden at the rider's own pace without ride leader supervision. Leader has copies of the map.



January Sunrise/Sunset

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:14pm	2 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:15pm	3 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:16pm
4 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:17pm	5 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:18pm	6 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:19pm	7 Sunrise: 8:09am Sunset: 5:20pm	8 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 5:21pm	9 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 5:22pm	10 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 5:23pm
11 Sunrise: 8:08am Sunset: 5:24pm	12 Sunrise: 8:07am Sunset: 5:25pm	13 Sunrise: 8:07am Sunset: 5:26pm	14 Sunrise: 8:07am Sunset: 5:27pm	15 Sunrise: 8:06am Sunset: 5:28pm	16 Sunrise: 8:06am Sunset: 5:29pm	17 Sunrise: 8:05am Sunset: 5:31pm
18 Sunrise: 8:05am Sunset: 5:32pm	19 Sunrise: 8:04am Sunset: 5:33pm	20 Sunrise: 8:04am Sunset: 5:34pm	21 Sunrise: 8:03am Sunset: 5:36pm	22 Sunrise: 8:02am Sunset: 5:37pm	23 Sunrise: 8:02am Sunset: 5:38pm Full Moon: 8:47pm	24 Sunrise: 8:01am Sunset: 5:39pm
25 Sunrise: 8:00am Sunset: 5:41pm	26 Sunrise: 7:59am Sunset: 5:42pm	27 Sunrise: 7:58am Sunset: 5:43pm	28 Sunrise: 7:57am Sunset: 5:44pm	29 Sunrise: 7:57am Sunset: 5:46pm	30 Sunrise: 7:56am Sunset: 5:47pm	31 Sunrise: 7:55am Sunset: 5:48pm

Did you know?

There are at least 400 bicycle clubs in America, with membership ranging from 10 to 4,000 members.

<http://adventure.howstuffworks.com/outdoor-activities/biking/weird-bicycle-facts-green4.htm>, (2016, December)

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For sale: A Cycle Genius Raven, long wheelbase recumbent bicycle and customized automobile carrier. Purchased in 2009 and in great shape. Aluminum framed bike has had the chain, cassette and brake pads newly replaced and the rest of the mechanicals are in very good shape. 700c wheels and fenders front and back. Comes w/ high and low seat back ("high" seat back needs a replacement cover). Riding position is pretty much infinitely adjustable fits nearly anyone tall or small. Long wheelbase frame and laid back yet upright seating position makes bike extremely comfortable, highly stable and easy to ride. 700c wheels make this a very fast recumbent. Gearing is 3X9 with SRAM twist shift and rear derailleur and a microshift front deraileur. Brakes are Tekro linear pull, front and back (the frame also has mounts for disc brakes). This is a great bike for just about anyone! \$500 will take it away. (Purchase price \$2000)
 Customized carrier: based on a bumper hitch type cargo carrier. Has brackets for transporting either two safety bicycles or one safety bicycle and the long wheel recumbent. When transporting the recumbent, the **front fork (with wheel removed) is anchored & supported on an aluminum beam so the bicycle's length will fit within the width of a full sized vehicle.** \$200 (Build cost \$300)
 Interested parties can contact Dean Ross at [517-819-8933](tel:517-819-8933) or dross8933@gmail.com for more information 1/2016

Specialized Sirus Comp Disc bicycle. Size L. Satin Gunmetal/Cyan. Specialized Armadillo tires. Cateye computer w/ speed & cadence. Like new; purchased summer 2015. \$900 firm. (Purchase price: \$1200.)

Thule 990XT Doubletrack bike rack; hitch mounted (2" x 1" receiver). Adjustable center mast applies pressure to the bike frame (padded arms). Carries 2 bikes. Sliding wheel trays. Folds up when not in use. Rack locks to vehicle; bikes lock to rack. Bought this summer; used only a few time for trips to/from bike shop. \$150 firm!! (Retail: \$299)

Contact Mark Meyer (517) 285-0929 or ma-meyer824@gmail.com

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DENNY'S CENTRAL PARK BICYCLES

31st Annual Open House

Mark your calendar so you won't miss this important event

Sunday, February 14th

11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Location: **Denny's Central Park Bicycles**

1805 Central Park Dr., Okemos

Member save 10% off all new products, including 2016 bicycles and bikes already on sale.

Biggest inventory clear-out ever!

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Refreshments provided

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www.lmb.org **League of Michigan Bicyclists**

www.bikeleague.com **League of American Bicyclists**

www.adventurecycling.org **Adventure Cycling**

www.bikes.msu.edu **Michigan State University (MSU) Bikes**

www.walkbikelansing.com **Lansing's Walking and Bicycling Network**

www.capitalareasmartcommute.com **Smart Commute Program**

www.midmeac.org **Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council**

www.bikems.org **Various rides throughout the country**

www.mmba.org **Michigan Mountain Biking Association**

www.railstotrails.org **Rails to Trails Conservancy**

www.michigantrails.org **Michigan Trails & Greenway Alliance**

www.facebook.com **TCBA is there as a group; check us out!**

twitter.com **Twitter**

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles> **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

<http://www.aabts.org/> **Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society**

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