

**TOLEDO AREA BICYCLISTS
MINUTES
NOV. 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim House at 7:00 p.m. at the Way Public Library in Perrysburg. Vice President Brian Gribble, Treasurer Chuck Nicewonder, and Secretary Debbie Tassie were present, as well as approximately 20 members.

1. Debbie Tassie gave a presentation about incorporating the club. Explaining that generally the club can not be held liable for a rider's injury because cyclists "assume the risk" when they participate in bike rides – as well as signing waivers of liability – she gave examples of instances where the club might be open liability claims. By incorporating, TAB, Inc. would be held responsible, rather than officers, ride leaders, or MARR directors.

Upon motion made by Rick Metcalf and seconded by Linda Metcalf, the club voted to incorporate as Toledo Area Bicyclists, Inc.

2. Debbie also noted that at its last meeting, the Board voted to purchase Officers and Directors coverage in addition to the club's general liability coverage.

3. Rick Metcalf reported on behalf of Linda Posadny that the banquet would be held at Red Wells, 301 River Rd., Maumee, OH (the old Gianno's, aka Plantation Inn) in January. With a room capacity of 96, everyone should reserve promptly. Jim House reported that the speaker will be Rick Smith, creator of the biking cartoon Yehuda Moon.

4. Debbie Tassie reported that 372 riders took part in MARR this year, the highest number ever. More than 50 TAB members volunteered their time to make the ride a success. Receipts (including t-shirt sales) totaled \$10,773.00. When expenses of \$7,010.17 were deducted, the net profit from MARR was \$3,762.83, which will support club activities for the year.

5. Upon motion made and seconded, the club agreed to donate \$200.00 to each of Rails to Trails (local) and Rails to Trails (national), and to the League of American Bicyclists.

6. Keith Webb reported that he and Ron Toneff had attended a Toledo City Council meeting earlier in the day where council passed a "safe passing ordinance" sponsored by city councilman Steve Steel. If and when signed by the mayor, the ordinance will require cars to maintain a distance of three feet when passing cyclists. The ordinance is similar to change in state law Sen. Theresa Fedor is promoting.

7. Jim told the club that officer positions remain open for 2010. Cindy DeVitto has agreed to run for Vice President. Both Chuck and Debbie said they are willing to relinquish their positions to anyone interested, but are also willing to continue. Jim is still looking for a candidate to serve as President. Anyone interested in any of these positions can contact Jim for more information.

Jim also said that many of the ride leaders are already in place for 2010. He will serve as ride captain to organize distribution of ride premiums and to find subs when a ride leader is unavailable.

8. Jacqueline Campbell proposed that members should be able to receive ride premiums for volunteer activity in addition to participating in rides. There was discussion about different ways to do this, but no motion was made and no action taken. There was also discussion about having a special award for volunteers.