DBC March 13th, 2023, meeting was held at Decatur Library. 5:30 pm

Matt started the meeting with a recap of the Officers meeting in February.

* Need a process for handling off-season bills. Any predicted expenses should be topics to vote on at final meeting of the year.
* Ride Illinois ad wash purchased for the Amish Country Tour. Deadline did not allow for a vote on that expense.
* Discussion around Amish Country tour included Arthur Economic Council’s lack of response. We will move forward regardless. Dorothy will investigate logos to be included in flyer.
* The Van was determined to be a topic for discussion at regular meetings, as is the topic of a budget.

Matt made a motion to reimburse himself for purchasing the 2023 season license of the Club ride with GPS account. Motion seconded without objection.

Matt asked members for new ideas and suggested planning a summer ride with a meal to replace the winter Holiday party since it had not happened in many years.

Ralph and Chuck have been scoping out routes from to Mount Auburn. This could be the summer event that Matt suggested. Dorothy suggested we plan around Summer Solstice. Ralph accepted taking the lead on the event. Gene made a motion to not exceed $750 budget for the event, seconded by Chuck.

Matt expressed the need for a budget to assist in making expense related decisions. He will make a “strawman” budget based off the 2022 expense report for review at the April meeting.

Ralph began a discussion on the van. Yearly expenses are more than $1000. Without including major expenses, the break-even cost per mile is over $2.50. Is it worth keeping the van? Much discussion followed.

Dorothy suggested we table the discussion until more members are present.

Next meeting will be for all members, with intent of getting the Van topic up for a vote.

Gene emphasized that the van is expensive, is it worth keeping or sell as is?

Chuck said the van year and model is selling for $8-9,000.

Gene pointed out that renting a new van is an option.

Storage shed behind Pop’s Place is available at no cost for the next two years. We may need to find an alternative but will cross that bridge when we come to it. Jim Johnson will be removing his personal items when he returns in April. After that we should request the appropriate people review the contents and clear out items no longer needed.

Dorothy gave an update on the Arthur ride. T-shirts are a lot of work and make no money for the club. Gene is aware of a vendor that sets up and silk screens shirts on site. He accepted the action item to get more information before the next meeting.

Closing:

Action items:

Create strawman budget for next meeting – Matt

Research “Summer Solstice” event – Ralph

Investigate t-shirt silk screen alternative for ACT – Gene

\*Gene made a motion that the club sells the van. Jerry seconded. Will be voted at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Next meeting: April 10, 5:30pm at Decatur Public Library Children’s auditorium.

Meeting is preceded by Ride with GPS workshop with Gene, starting at 4:30.