

Decatur Bicycle Club Agenda
January 12, 2026
Thinkwell Makerspace Executive Room
120 N Franklin St, Suite D
Decatur IL 62523
5:30 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM

Attendance:

Michael Graves
Matt Rueff
Gene Field
Nicole Binder
Emily Steele
Chris Merli
Erin Spanberger
Bryan Spanberger

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion: Gene Field, Chris Merli
Discussion: None
Vote: Approved

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Michael: Invited to speak at Rotary on March 2, 2026.

Vice President – Matt: Discussion about Zeffy vs. Give Butter. Wrote \$500 check to Decatur Bicycle Shoppe.

Treasurer – Gene: See page 4 – Reviewed Treasurer Report

Acting Secretary – Nichole: Nothing significant to report.

Communications – Emily: Continued updates to website.

Annual Ride Coordinator – Chris: Reserved room for Amish ride, they will send contract. \$75 for rental. Need to decide on the price for the Amish ride. Price was \$40 last year (with swag). Discussion about cost ensues. Leave the registrations cost at \$40, with the note that we put the places the donated money goes to. Need to add to the Ride Illinois Calendar. Chris will work with Emily to develop a flyer and marketing plan.

Strategic Vision Committee – Erin: Strategic Vision Plan - solidify who wants to be involved. Then build a 2–5-year plan. Potential Member Surveys (Gene suggested 2 surveys: one to returning members and one to members not returning)

Old Business:

Toys for Tots Project – Matt:

Motion: Give Decatur Bicycle Shoppe an additional \$500 for a total of \$2000.

Discussion: Based on the large number of bicycles serviced by DBS, it seems right to increase the amount of the Club donation to DBS using the remaining \$500 in the 2025 donation budget. This is to confirm an email vote taken on December 12-13, 2025. Board email voted to support the motion.

Vote: Approved

Club Address – Michael:

Motion: Use Suite E, 120 North Franklin St, Decatur IL 62523 as the physical address for the Club and pay \$60 per year to Thinkwell.

Discussion: Permanent address is required for some actions: Federal government, State government, and banking. This gives the Club a physical address not reliant on the personal addresses of Club members. The mailing address will remain PO Box 32, Mt Zion IL, 62549. Members will complete appropriate change of address for any mail that comes to their personal address. This is to confirm an email vote taken on December 9-10, 2025. Board email voted to support the motion.

Vote: Approved

501(c)(3) – Michael: Applied for on 20 Dec 25. Still in processing as of Jan 12.

Google Workspace for Non-Profits – Michael: Pending approval of 501(c)(3) status.

Park Tool Community Tool Grant – Michael: Submitted on 20 Dec 25. Selections will be made by Park Tool in mid-January.

2026 Meeting Schedule – Michael: Meetings are schedule for the second Monday of every month at 5:30PM. Location: Thinkwell Makerspace.

Community Engagement – Michael: More discussion at February Meeting

National Bicycle Safety Month – May 2026 – Discussion during New Business included Bike to Work on Friday, May 15th. Potential for specific rides, clinics (adult & children), maintenance classes, etc. during May.

Prairie Pedal – 27 Sep 26 – Nicole: Will follow-up with Conservation District

Community Bicycle Maintenance – Michael: More discussion at February Meeting.

Merchandise – Michael: More discussion in future

Membership and Ride Registration Platform Analysis – Michael/Matt Based on analysis, Matt & Michael recommend using the Zeffy Platform. Matt already built out the Amish Ride on the platform and tested it. It will require a little adjustment to keep track of deposits, since the bank statement only shows “Zeffy” not the name of the person who paid the money. Zeffy will provide that information to the treasurer. There is the ability to put the waiver on the Zeffy event registration, so we will have it. Matt demonstrated the speed of check-in using the Zeffy mobile app.

Membership: Michael will begin the process of sending out membership renewals using the Zeffy platform. He still needs to make some final tweaks to the application.

New Business:

2026 Plan – Erin led a discussion about the Club plan for 2026. Several potential projects were discussed.

Current projects: Amish Ride, Toys for Tots, and Prairie Pedal.

Additional projects: Adult sized bikes for other projects: Salvation Army, Dove, DPS, and others. It was decided to complete a pilot project of 5-6 adult sized bikes for the Salvation Army, then look to see if there are other nonprofit organizations interested.

Riding season: Discussion about how to better publicize rides. Continue to use the Club and individual Facebook pages. Be more specific about the ride – distance and speed. How do we provide beginner rides – a couple miles at slower speeds. Already have several rides, including Matt's group, Chris' group, the morning Greendell Park group, the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evening "Spokeswomen" group, and the Thursday morning at Forsyth Park group.

Announcements: Next meeting is on February 9th, at 5:30 PM, at Thinkwell Makerspace, 120 N Franklin St,

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Treasurers Report – Gene Fruit

Current membership = 48

Account Balances:

Bank Accounts

Busey CD # 1	13,660.20
DBC Checking	9,377.07
TOTAL Bank Accounts	23,037.27
OVERALL TOTAL	23,037.27

2026 Budget:

Current Budget - Current Year

1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026 Using 2026 Budget

Category	Actual	2026 Budget	Difference
INCOME	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00
Arthur Deposit	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00
Donations received	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest earned from CD	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Membership Deposit	0.00	400.00	-400.00
EXPENSES	250.00	5,820.00	5,570.00
Annual Club Party	0.00	500.00	500.00
Arthur Ride Expenses	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Club Donation	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Club Expense	250.00	495.00	245.00
DBC Trailer Expenses	0.00	270.00	270.00
Web Site Fees	0.00	155.00	155.00
Net Difference:	-250.00	680.00	-930.00