

**Decatur Bicycle Club Minutes**  
March 16, 2026  
Thinkwell Makerspace Executive Room  
120 N Franklin St, Suite D  
Decatur IL 62523  
5:30 PM

Call to Order: 5:38pm

Attendance:

Michael Graves, Matt Rueff, Gene Fruit, Nicole Binder, Emily Steele, Chris Merli, Erin Spanberger, Bryan Spanberger, Arthur Gross, Sam Hughes

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Michael:

Vice President – Matt:

Treasurer – Gene: See pages 3-4 “We have money” - CD will be due on April 10-11. Need to go to bank to find out rate with the trio. Move that we renew at a rate and time period that is in align with what we’ve done in the past. “Whatever gets us the best rates.”

Acting Secretary – Nichole:

Communications – Emily: Make sure as new members are added, we update the email list. Can send emails from Zeffy - but HOW?! Matt and Emily will do research. Website is updated. Let Emily know of any Central IL rides. Tour de Casey’s, Charleston Tour, No Bologna Tour. Established community rules on the FB page. Will work on flyer with QR code that pushes people to our website.

Amish Ride Director – Chris: Date, Price, Flyer all set up. And Emily did Ride Illinois advertisement. Website link is active. Paulie’s BBQ is confirmed. Need to check with Gene about routes. Create unique QR code to track how many people use the flyers that are sent to different bike shops. Emily will check with Zeffy to see if there is a way to track with QR code. Bonnie has cookies lined up.

Strategic Vision Committee – Erin: Communication sent out, buried in a broader email. Next steps to meet virtually and come up with vision.

**Old Business:**

**501(c)(3)** – Approved on January 13, 2026. Website updated to reflect change.

**Google Workspace for Non-Profits** – Need a motion to proceed with establishing a Google account. Erin motioned, Emily seconds. Will do more research on what that entails

**Park Tool Community Tool Grant** – No update as of March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Rotary Club** – Michael attended a Rotary luncheon on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and gave a presentation about DBC to over 40 attendees. Resulted in 1 immediate membership and several questions. We would like to see the presentation!!

## **National Bicycle Safety Month – May 2026**

Macon County Conservations District invited the author of A History of Bicycling in Illinois, Chris Sweet, to speak at Rock Springs on Saturday, **May 16** at 2pm.

2 possible related activities: some sort of family-friendly event prior to the presentation and an adult ride after the event. Michael had a discussion with 2 Board Members of the MCCD Foundation, and they would like something related to kids and cycling from 11AM-1PM – basic riding rules, safety, maintenance. Michael told them that since he would not be doing all the work, the Club members would have to decide.

Not enough equipment to do a bike rodeo or space. Community ride?

Fun games: Scavenger Hunt, Obstacle Course, Ring Toss

Incentive: first ?? people to ride their bikes there would get something, socks, etc

Bike repair clinic

Gift for doing community ride (while supplies last)

Community Ride (3:15pm-ish): Down the trail and back (to Kiwanis or Fairview?) Bike clinic for before ride. Don't openly advertise it but be available to help

Nothing on social media yet, let them advertise and we will advertise their advertisement

**Prairie Pedal – 27 Sep 26** – Planning has not started.

**Community Bicycle Maintenance** Do we want to try and do something for the Spring? More of an education opportunity - ABCs, change a tire, adjust brakes. Set times to do one outside with nice weather and one inside with crappy weather. 8am-10am - June 13 - Fairview. Michael to contact Park District. Other date for October or November to do an inside workshop  
Dove contact: Kendra Woolsey Warnesly

**Community Engagement Project** – Adult Bicycles for Salvation Army - tabled. Looking at 5-6 bikes for the Salvation Army. Looking at other contacts too - Dove,

### **New Business:**

**Earth Day Activity:** Garmin Park Clean-up on April 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> - Emily - contact Paul Gurly and ask what day works best for them. Emily is checking with Park District to see if they can bring more trash cans.

**Communications - Emily:** Talking with the archivist, putting together a fun handout for Decatur bike history. A watermelon ride? Early August. Reached out to the City about the Revitalization Plan. Try to get city staff to go on a city ride to give them an idea of how the city looks like via bike.

**Amish Ride** - Add emergency contact number space for rider to fill out. Add Willie to see if he would pilot his drone for the ride, maybe a photographer for the ride. Or a banner or photobooth. Photo release already a part of the waiver

**PO Box** - renewed

Payment Options: Deactivating other payment options, keeping Zeffy only.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting: April 20, 2026

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn 6:50 – Nichole, second by Emily

## Treasurers Report – Gene Fruit

### Reconciliation Summary:

**BANK STATEMENT -- CLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Previous Balance:			9,356.23
Checks and Payments	0	Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	4	Items	174.36
Service Charge	0	Items	0.00
Interest Earned	0	Items	0.00
Ending Balance of Bank Statement:			9,530.59

**YOUR RECORDS -- UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS:**

Cleared Balance:			9,530.59
Checks and Payments	1	Item	-115.51
Deposits and Other Credits	0	Items	0.00
Register Balance as of 2/28/2026:			9,415.08
Checks and Payments	0	Items	0.00
Deposits and Other Credits	0	Items	0.00
Register Ending Balance:			9,415.08

### Income/Expense by Category - 2026 1/1/2026 through 12/31/2026

Category	1/1/2026- 12/31/2026	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations recieved	10.00	10.00
Membership Deposit	309.36	309.36
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>319.36</b>	<b>319.36</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Club Expense	250.00	250.00
Web Site Fees	31.35	31.35
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>281.35</b>	<b>281.35</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>38.01</b>	<b>38.01</b>

## Banking Summary

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## 2026 Budget - 2026

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

Category	Actual	2026 Budget	Difference
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>319.36</b>	<b>6,500.00</b>	<b>-6,180.64</b>
Arthur Deposit	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00
Donations recieved	10.00	0.00	10.00
Interst earned from CD	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Membership Deposit	309.36	400.00	-90.64
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>281.35</b>	<b>5,820.00</b>	<b>5,538.65</b>
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	31.35	155.00	123.65
<b>Net Difference:</b>	<b>38.01</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>-641.99</b>