Decatur Bicycle Club Minutes
October 24, 2026
The Pizza Place on Main
4350 W Main St,
Decatur IL 62522
11:00 AM

Call to Order: The Annual Decatur Bicycle Club Membership Meeting was called to order at 11:30AM.

Attendance: Michael Graves, Gene Fruit, Nicole Binder, Emily Steele, Chris Merli, Lauen Klosak, Tony Layton, Mary Hubner, Rod Hubner, Sam Hughes, Diane Agans, and Melissa Bajric

Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved

Officer and Committee Reports:

President – Michael: See Old Business
Vice President – Matt: Nothing to report
Treasurer – Gene: See Treasurer's Report on page 4
Acting Secretary – Nichole: Nothing to report
Communications – Emily: Nothing to report
Amish Ride Director – Chris: See Old Business
Strategic Vision Committee – Erin: Nothing to report

Old Business:

Amish Ride – 19 Sep 26 - 90 registrants. Total Income $3,495. Expenses were $859.00. Zeffy was a massive improvement for registration. A printer was donated to the Club, so we no longer need to borrow one; it is stored in the trailer. Disappointed with the double-booking by Pauly's. Should try to avoid competing with other rides (Capital City Century). Need to increase our advertising. Need to figure out how to attract younger riders. Potential change in the start location from the Community Center to The Great Pumpkin Patch. Encourage participants to have their QR code available when checking in. Use Zeffy for getting feedback (snack quality, route preferences, etc.). Communicate 17% default Zeffy donation and how to change donation amount or opt out completely. Consider an alternative to road marking paint. The Oktoberfest Rides in Canada used https://routearrows.com/collections/routearrows-easy-to-use-directional-arrows.

Action items: Closed

Prairie Pedal – 27 Sep 26 – no formal club activity. About 100 participants. They used a food truck, instead of providing chili like they have done in the past.

Action items: Closed

Shoreline Classic 15K Bicycle Support – 4 Oct 26 – 4 members of DBC provided safety support to the runners on the 15K course. We have been asked to support the 3 Oct 27 15k with up to 10 cyclists.

Action items: Closed

Garfield Avenue Bridge Project – The city asked for DBC input to the proposed bridge work on the Garfield Bridge over IL Route 121. DBC President provided input and received a response. The current plan is to provide a 2 foot "safety walk" on one side of the bridge. Nothing additional is planned because this bridge was not identified in the regional bicycle master plan Region Bicycle Master Plan - 2021.

Action items: Closed

Christmas Care and Share Bicycle Project: Ralph Czerwinski

A combined community partnership led by Dove, Inc.; the Northeast Community Fund, the Salvation Army of Decatur and Macon County, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The program also serves as the local distributor for Toys for Tots.

St Paul's Church – December 14-18. They would like smaller bicycles for children. Last year they ran out of children's bicycles. They would also like some volunteers for the distribution days.

DOVE: DOVE will provide new bicycles. We will assemble them at Decatur Bicycle Shoppe on December 5th and December 12th from 12-4PM each day.

Salvation Army: We will collect gently used children's bicycles. Scott has agreed to store them at DBS. We will work on them on Saturday, December 5th from 12-4PM. They will be picked up by the Salvation Army on Monday, December 7th.

Action Items: Club members are encouraged to collect gently used children's bicycles. Michael Graves will search Facebook Market Place for potential donations. Gene Fruit will coordinate with Scot at DBS. Emily Steele will notify club members of the workdays on December 5th and 12th.

New Business:

2027 Amish Ride: Chris Merli will contact Capital City Century and determine 2027 date. After date is confirmed Gene Fruit will contact The Great Pumpkin Patch to see if they will host us.

Community Health Fair: Decatur Public Library – Saturday, November 7th from 1:30-4:30 PM. Erin Spanberger and Nicole Binder will be at a table representing the Club.

Updated Club Logo, Marketing Material and Merchandise: A brief discussion was held about updating the club logo and the potential for club merchandise. The current logo is not clean and needs to be updated. We also need marketing material and bicycle safety material if we are going to participate in community health fairs and other related activities. Emily Steele is going to explore some potential options.

Election of Officers: Election of officers for the period of October 2026 through October 2027.
President – Michael Graves
Vice President – Erin Spanberger
Treasurer – Gene Fruit
Secretary - None
Communications Coordinator – Emily Steele
Annual Ride Coordinator – Chris Merle

A motion was made by Lauren Klosak to combine the votes for the slate of officers into a single vote. The motion was seconded by Nicole Binder. A voice vote approved the motion.

A motion was made by Lauren Klosak to accept the slate of officers, as proposed. The motion was seconded by Tony Layton. A voice vote approved the slate of officers.

Important Dates:

November 7 – 1:30-4:30PM – Community Health Fair, Decatur Public Library
November 16–5:30PM – Bicycle Club Meeting, Thinkwell Makerspace, 120 N Franklin St
December 5 – 12-4PM – Bicycle Assembly & Maintenance, Decatur Bicycle Shop
December 12 – 12-4PM – Bicycle Assembly & Maintenance, Decatur Bicycle Shop
December 14-18 – Christmas Care and Share, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
January 18 – 5:30 PM – Bicycle Club Meeting, Thinkwell Makerspace, 120 N Franklin St
September 18 – 2027 Amish Ride – Tentative Date
September 26 – 2027 Prairie Pedal – Tentative Date
October 3 – 2027 Shoreline Classic 15K Bicycle Support – up to 10 cyclists

Adjournment: 11:50AM

Treasurers Report – September 30, 2026

2026 Budget - Summary

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
SUMMARY			
Income	4,458	6,500	-2,042
Expenses	1,521	5,820	4,299
Difference	2,936	680	2,256
INCOME			
Arthur Deposit	3,495	5,500	-2,005
Donations recieved	195	0	195
Interst earned from CD	223	600	-377
Membership Deposit	544	400	144
EXPENSES			
Annual Club Party	0	500	500
Arthur Ride Expenses	859	2,400	1,541
Club Donation	0	2,000	2,000
Club Expense	517	495	-22
DBC Trailer Expenses	36	270	234
Web Site Fees	109	155	46

Account Summary – October 6, 2026

ASSETS	
Checking	$12,002.34
Savings	$13,883.42
NET WORTH	$25,885.76

Checking Account Summary – September 30, 2026

Previous Balance	10,592.25
7 Deposits/Credits	2,435.00
6 Checks/Debits	909.40
Service Charge	.00
Interest Paid	.00
Ending Balance	12,117.85