TCTC Annual Meeting Minutes - April 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:13pm by Deb Liang.

We started with introductions for the 18 club members in attendance. There were no non-club members at this year's meeting.

Introductions were followed by the election of officers.
We currently have:

Helmut Porcher - President
Mark Seaburg - Vice President
Deb Liang - Treasurer
Matt Tillotson - Secretary/Membership Coordinator

Our webmaster is Bob Wavrin - the webmaster role is an essential position, but not an elected officer position

Dennis G. made a motion to re-elect the club officers. Lynn P. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that for a healthy club we really should have more turnover of officers, as some of these folks have been in their position for over 20 years.

Financial Report: 2024 was a rare year where we took in more than we spent - mostly due to a few things being paid for on a multi-year basis, so there were slightly fewer expenses attributed directly to 2024.

2024 TCTC Income/Expenses Summary 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024

Membership Income
26 Teams at $25 per team: $625

Jersey Transactions
Sold 7 Jerseys: $864.00
Paid to Ascend Sportswear: ($792.00)
Club Jersey "Profit: $72

Expenses
2024 TCTC Website Expenses: $63.97
American Specialty Insurance: $506.50
LAB 2024 Renewal : $75.00
Total Expenses: $645.47

Spent less than we took in: **$76.53**

Account balance 3/17/25: $1467.19

In 2025, we will spend more than we take in if membership stays at current level. A motion was made by John M. to approve the increase in team dues to $30. This was seconded by John G. and the motion passed unanimously.

Jerseys are still available, and the cost is unchanged from last year. $72 per jersey with a 4-item minimum order. Let Helmut know if you are interested in ordering a club jersey.

MTR Update: Helmut gave a report on the state of MTR, the Midwest Tandem Rally. There was some fear the rally was close to ending due to lack of interest and support, however recent events have resulted in several teams stepping up to host. In 2025 the Indiana Hoots are hosting, the Michigan MUTTS will host in 2026, the Wisconsin COWS are taking 2027, and the Illinois CATS are hosting 2028.

For the HOOTS rally this year, early bird registration at reduced rate ends May 1st.

The LOONS, last hosted in 2009. Martha W. volunteered to have an exploratory meeting to see if we can drum up enough interest for the LOONS to host MTR at some point in the future.
Some of the issues are:

- The need for 30-40 volunteers
- Finding a site that can accommodate lodging for a group our size and is also in a bike-friendly area.

John M. suggested a more "Tour" style ride for the ale, with entertainment along the way - such as a stop at a winery, or a museum, or pub, or faire/festival.

Suggestions for using the Mesabi or Paul Bunyan Trails, or other bike friendly areas were made.

Other Topics: Deb mentioned the Informal Club Connection List, so people could sign up if they wanted. Last year we had 10 people on the list.

We then moved on to our ride list. Unlike previous years, we have had no one contact us early (before the annual meeting) about putting rides on the calendar, so at the moment the calendar looks pretty blank. It was noted, without rides we don't have much of a club.

Steve V. thanked the club for supporting his shop, and said he does have a medium COMOTION tandem for rent if anyone would like to try it out.

Helmut brought a stack of TCTC business cards for people to hand out if so desired.

Steve V. also had business cards for Twin Cities Tandem bike shop.

Helen M. made a motion to adjourn, Lynn P. seconded, and the meeting was adjourned. After that, cookie consumption and socializing commenced.

Meeting Notes by Matt Tillotson