

## 2026 Spring Kickoff Meeting **Minutes**

March 28<sup>th</sup>; Wheelhouse, Elm St. @9:00am

Present: Jay Salge, Jama Salge, Gavin Salge, Tim Heinz, Ken Simmers, Bill Hanz, Nelson Morales, Betty Blumenstein, Ray Baker, Rachel, Adam, Tammie

### Welcome/Old Business:

-Safe and enjoyable 2025 riding season, VP remained unfilled, final enrollment down slightly to just under 50

### 1. Financials and Membership:

>Treasurer Report – Tim reported a balance of \$5,686.98 after paying the 2026 insurance premiums

>Membership counts – Enrollment starts today!

>We will continue into 2026 without any planned fundraisers or tour. Dues mostly cover club liability insurance.

### 2. Club Leadership/Directors/VP:

Closure of director and VP nominations. Jim Walter was nominated as Vice President. Betty Blumenstein was nominated to be a member of the board. Both Jim and Betty accepted their new positions on board of directors.

### 3. Ride Schedule:

2026 Ride Schedule will be posted to website within a week. Rides will begin in May. Much like recent years we expect April will be variable based on weather and attendance as riders start up their season.

Discuss: Tuesdays, Saturdays. Mid teens speed rides.

Ride leaders for club endorsed rides must be members due to D/O insurance and for continuity of the club.

>>Organic/Flex Rides are still encouraged by all members any day of the week. Discuss ride plans, invite others, etc. Use Messenger Chat Group: TRR-member-chat << When riding through towns make sure the group sticks together as a group. Also, stay right of the center line and respect the 3' law.

Standard Schedule Rides: Tuesday No Drop 60-90 min. Rides not to exceed 90 minutes. Saturday destination/longer/alternate route options/multigroup possibilities. Get out and ride! Invite Friends! Always possible to shorten routes on the longer ride days.

### 4. Community Service/Cycling Promotion:

>>Watch for updates and share opportunities throughout the year. Safety Rodeos, Task Force, Wheelhouse. Always try to watch for and encourage young riders whenever possible! That is the future of cycling and can be the present.

#### New:

Shawnee is inviting a TRR member to join their Steering Committee to help plan and design a new pathway from Shawnee Schools to the Riverwalk. Let Tim know if anyone is interested.

More information will be coming soon about the new after-school program created to help 5th and 6th graders learn how to ride bikes safely. The program will focus on basic riding skills and important safety techniques, such as wearing helmets properly, checking bikes before riding, and assist students and model good safety habits. Volunteers are needed

Have a GREAT 2026 Cycling Season and See You and Others on the ROADS and PATHWAYS!!!