

## SPOKE

## Notes

Newsletter of the Cyclonauts Bicycle Club, Springfield, MA

**THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I would like to *thank* all those who volunteered to lead bike rides this spring/summer.

*Thank you* to everyone that attended this year's annual banquet. It was nice to see people I normally don't run into during the hikes/rides. Uno's had a nice room for us to use that was separate from the other diners. During the banquet the Treasurer's and Membership Report was presented and the results from the election was reviewed.

I hope you all can attend the **CLUB PICNIC** on **AUGUST 3rd** at our house, 39 Kurtz St., Chicopee. It will be great to see you there!

James DeSellier  
President



# Summer Picnic

## Is On Its Way

### WHEN

August 3, 2024

@ 4:00

### WHERE

@ James and Cindy DeSelliers' House,  
39 Kurtz Street, Chicopee, MA

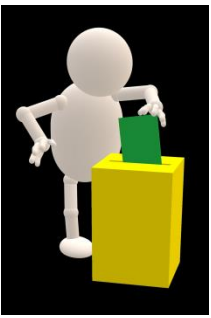
### WHAT

As always, please bring:

- lawn chairs
- a dish to share
- eating utensils (plate and silverware)
- your favorite beverage

**The club** will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, buns, and condiments.





# 2024 ELECTIONS



The annual election of Cyclonauts officers was held through email in March. The results of the election were announced at the Cyclonauts Luncheon on April 21st.

There were 64 "yes" votes to approve the slate and 0 "no" votes.

## **Elected Officers**

- President - James DeSellier
- Secretary - Ann Morin
- Treasurer and Membership Chair - Janet Parslow
- Trip Bike Chair - Betty Siwinski
- Hike Chair - Cindy De Sellier
- SpokeNotes Editor - Donna Katz
- Web Master - Betty Siwinski

## **Nominated At Large Members**

- Diane Goguen
- Bill Grigaitis
- Ray Siwinski
- Sue Strange

*Thank you* Sue for initiating, organizing and tallying our votes!!

## Minutes for the Cyclonauts Annual Meeting held at Uno's on April 21, 2024

The Cyclonauts Annual Banquet and Meeting was held at Uno Pizzeria in Springfield on April 21, 2024. Thirty-three members were in attendance. Thanks were extended to Mary Ann Siron who set up the event.

A short business meeting was conducted by President James DeSellier.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Grayson M. Beezer who tragically passed away on a Club ride within the past year.

Janet Parslow submitted the current membership and financial report. As of April 21, 2024, there are 37 single, 17 family and 2 life memberships. The 2024 beginning balance was \$327.16. Expenses included LAB, League of American Bicyclists renewal of \$75 and postage of \$68; deposits pending of \$875.04 bring the projected April balance to \$1,059.20.

Susan Strange announced the results of the election, with 64 members casting votes via email. The list of officers can be viewed on the Club website, and on a separate page within this SpokesNotes issue.

James announced that the Annual Picnic will be held at his and Cindy's home this year.

James extended thanks to all of the hike and ride leaders who volunteered during the past year. He also urged other members to volunteer.

Submitted by:  
Ann Morin, Secretary

## EDITOR'S REST STOP



Hi everyone,

**Just a reminder:** If you wish to contribute, please don't hesitate to submit information you think will be helpful or of interest to the other club members. Send letters to the Editor, or feedback to me at [donna.katz56@gmail.com](mailto:donna.katz56@gmail.com) regarding how SpokeNotes can be more interesting or useful to our members.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

*This is a place for club members to share their ideas and opinions with respect to all aspects of cycling and our club. Please limit letters to less than 200 words.*

## FUN BIKING EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

- June 23: Hudson Valley Ride (Bike New York)  
<https://www.bike.nyc/events/discover-hudson-valley-ride/>
- September 8: COVAC, Connecticut Valley Century  
<https://covacride.org/>
- September 21: Seacoast Century  
<https://www.bikereg.com/seacoast-century-50>
- September 22: Will Bike 4 Food – Western Mass Food Bank fund raiser <https://secure.foodbankwma.org/site/TR/Events>

[FOR A LIST OF AREA BIKE RIDES AND EVENTS, CLICK HERE FOR THE MASSBIKE EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

**Enjoy the biking season and be safe!!!**

## THE WEBMASTER'S CORNER

Just a reminder that all notices must be emailed to [spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com](mailto:spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com). This includes all pictures taken on rides as well as cancellation notices. We really appreciate receiving ride pictures. The pictures can be sent by phone, but must be emailed, NOT TEXTED, as we have discovered that pictures texted to the Cyclonaut's email do not have the same clarity. This is also true for pictures copied from Facebook.

All ride cancellation notices must be sent out the night before or by 6 AM the morning of the ride. Please remember that the final responsibility lies with each rider. If riders are not certain whether the ride is on, they should call the ride leader. The weather at the ride location is not always the same as where riders may live. Hopefully we will have good weather this summer and fewer rides will have to be canceled.



Betty Siwinski  
Webmaster

