

Minutes: Segway Riders Club of the Villages Membership Meeting

January 18, 2017

The meeting commenced at 10:02 a.m. at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: President Ken Redding, Vice President Tom Kroener, Secretary Tim Smith, Treasurer Vicki Luntzel, Membership Director Cricket McGinness and Members-at-Large John Dean, Tom Van de Bussche and Bruce McGinness.

President Redding thanked those who provided the refreshments for the day.

Ken entertained a motion to accept the Minutes of the December 21 General Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer Luntzel submitted the monthly report: Beginning Balance=\$5,937.20. Income=\$494.50 (dues=\$330, 50/50=\$69.50, sale of club hats=\$75.00, refund of Blue Springs entry fee=\$20.00). Expenses=\$150.00 (Steve Stein for Brochures). Ending balance=\$6,281.70 (donations=\$3,481.06, working capital=\$2,800.64). The report was approved as submitted.

Cricket submitted the membership report. There are 92 members present at today's meeting, including five new members who introduced themselves to the membership. Cricket reported that all members need to fill out the 2017 The Villages Waiver Form as soon as possible and before going on any ride this year. She also mentioned that all members must pay the 2017 dues before going on any ride in 2017.

Bruce McGinness reported that the next three Boot Camps are: 1/20 (both AM and PM sessions full), 2/16, and 3/3. He reported that the January Drill Team practice will be held after the membership meeting today from 11:15 to 12:45 and practicing in the SeaBreeze parking lot. Bruce also noted that he is considering the Drill Team's participation in Parades in cities and towns outside of The Villages and that he has also received Segway Dave's approval to do this.

Pat Stafford reported that the annual Club dinner will be on 2/27 at Orange Blossom Country Club. Members will have a choice of filet mignon, chicken and salmon. The charge is \$25 per person and tickets are available today and at next month's meeting. There will be no tickets for this event sold at the door.

Ken added that this year's Holiday party will be on 12/16/17 at SeaBreeze Rec. Center. The food will again be provided by Cathy's Classy Catering and the entertainment will be C-Squared, featuring Clark Barrios & Cathy Merkel. Both the caterer and the entertainment have been secured. Tickets will be available starting in April. The attendee target is 150 members and friends.

Art Timko reported that there have been two rides this month at Silver Springs State Park and some of the members reported that this was a challenging but very scenic and enjoyable ride. There will be 2 more rides in Silver Springs State Park on the east side of Ocala --- Monday January 23 and Tuesday

January 24. This is a level 3 ride due to the challenge of roots and loose sand. This ride was reported by members to be the most popular of ALL rides ever taken by the Club. The Silver Springs ride has been different this year due to the following:

There are new trails that are added to the ride, as well as more history--real or imagined.

The use of microphones by leaders and ear buds by riders makes the narrative more intelligible.

The ear buds are available from Dave at the site of the outing. The cost is \$7.00 each purchased from Amazon for Uniden walkie-talkie model GMR2838.

February rides are scheduled for 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 and 2/27 and will be Level 1 rides and on the Chula Vista Trail here in The Villages. This ride will be posted on the Club's website tomorrow morning for sign ups. The Outings Committee met last week and is currently waiting on approval for the March ride at Mission Inn in Howey-in-the Hills. The April ride will be at either Colt Creek State Park on the way to Lakeland or Paynes Prairie near Gainesville. The May ride is being planned for Clearwater and the Committee is waiting on clearance for this ride. General comment was made about blocking out the whole day when members are going on a ride to avoid potential conflicts in the late afternoon.

Tom Kroener reported that the Villages Outdoor Expo is scheduled for February 25 from 9 to 3 and February 26 from 10 to 3 at the La Hacienda Recreation Center. Three volunteers will be needed per shift each day for this event. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the website for volunteering for this important activity for the Club. Tom also reported that the St. Patrick's Day parade will be on 3/17/17 and that only the Drill Team members will be participating in the parade. Any interested Segway Owners Bunch need to contact Bruce McGinness about participating in this parade.

Ken Redding reported that the Segway Experience will be held on 3/6 with a rain date of 3/20. Event will be held in the Seabreeze Parking Lot and Ken will send an email to all members who worked at the last Experience enlisting their help for this one. There will be website sign-ups for participating in the Experience. Cricket is working with Brian Russo of The Villages to get the Segway Experience tickets printed. It is also planned to offer the photo opportunity for Experience riders like was offered at last fall's Experience.

There was a break in the meeting at 10:40 with the meeting resuming at 10:50.

50/50 Raffle drawing was held.

Ken asked for a show of hands relative to interest in ordering more SRCTV hats. It was decided that an order for a dozen hats would be placed.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. 2/15/17 at SeaBreeze Recreation Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.