

# **Minutes: Segway Riders Club of the Villages Membership Meeting**

**May 18, 2016**

The meeting commenced at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center at 10:00a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: President Ken Redding, Vice President Tom Kroener, Secretary Art Timko, Membership Director Cricket McGinness, Members-at-Large John Dean, Vicki Luntzel, and Bruce McGinness. Absent: Treasurer Steve Stein.

There were 64 members present, 10 of whom were new members.

President Redding thanked those who provided snacks for today's meeting.

The minutes from the April 20, 2016 meeting were approved as posted on the Club's website.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Treasurer Stein, Ken reported : a Beginning Balance: \$8,053.95. Income: \$156 (\$70=dues, \$60=50/50, \$21=Donations, \$5=other), Expenses: 0. Ending balance=\$8,209.95 (\$4,990.06=donations, \$3,219.89=working capital).

Membership Report: Membership Director McGinness had the new members attending today's meeting introduce themselves. This was followed by a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday for Bruce McGinness whose birth year remains sequestered.

Boot Camp: Ole Timer Bruce McGinness reported that the June Boot Camp will take place on June 16, while the July camp will be on July 8. Bruce pointed out that the new training over 2" X 4" boards is paying off in the ease with which members are traversing speed bumps.

Road Guards are an important part of the safety of any outing. Bruce talked about the duties and operations of road guards during a typical ride. It may be necessary for those not trained as "trainers" to assume the role of road guards. Knowing how this role performs during a ride helps both those asked to perform this role and those who are riding.

Social Committee: It's not too early to begin plans for the Club's holiday festivities at the end of the year. Several options were discussed with the clear majority of members present opting for: 1) an evening catered event in the first two weeks of December at a local recreation center with a capacity of approximately 150; and if that is not available, then 2) a catered event during our December meeting.

Club History: Bettie Kroener provided a very brief capsule of the club's early history and informed the membership of her committee's efforts to provide a document of the Club's

history and a display of artifacts and articles from the Club's history. She also solicited all contributions to this effort from the membership, especially older material.

Outing Committee: Art Timko indicated the May rides in the Villages to date (a final ride is scheduled for May 23) have been reported as successful and feedback has been very positive.

The Outings Committee has worked to take another step forward in providing information for the membership. In just over a year, the number and selection of outings has grown greatly from offering spaces for 20 riders to 80 riders and providing rides for nearly all who want them. The next ride is in June to Lakeland. There is a change in one of the dates. The dates are June "20" (a change from the 13th), 21 and 27. In the next week, there will be posted on the website in the outings section: 1) a description of the Lakeland ride; 2) a listing of the tentative date, location, level, category and description of club rides from July through December; and 3) a spreadsheet of club rides from 2012-2016.

Segway Experience (S.E.): The date is set for November 7 with a rain date of November 21. Prior to this event, the Club in cooperation with Segway Dave and the D.A.V. will award a second Segway in 2016 to a mobility challenged Veteran. The funding is in place from both the Club and the D.A.V. A recipient has been identified (Linda Strong) and her qualifications to ride (being able to mount and stand on a Segway) will be tested in the coming weeks. Presenting a second Segway at or before the S.E. will hopefully also generate increased interest in the S.E. at a time of decreased Village inhabitants. As the time gets closer, the Club will use the online sign-up procedure for Segway Experience volunteers.

Special Events: This is a quiet period and no activity is scheduled at this time.

New Business: The Club received a thank you letter dated February 2016 from the Seg4Vets organization for the Club's donation of \$6,806.98 made in early January, 2015.

Ken asked the membership to consider running for election to the Club Board of Directors in the fall. Four positions will open up and at least two incumbents will not be running for reelection. The Club will only continue to grow and thrive through the infusion of new ideas and participation from new members.

There as a break in the meeting at 10:41a.m. with the resumption of business at 10:49a.m.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

The next meeting will be on June 15, 2016 at 10a.m. at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Ctr.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50a.m.