

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

## **November 16, 2016**

The meeting commenced at 9:59 a.m. at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were 76 members present, nine of whom introduced themselves.

Ken thanked those who provided pastries for the membership.

The Minutes of the October 19, 2016 membership meeting were approved.

The Treasurers Report provide by Steve was approved. Steve reported: Beginning Balance=\$7,764.51. Income=\$1,346 (dues=\$270, 50/50=\$117, donations=\$959). Expenses=\$4,203.35 (donated Segway=\$4,178, pizza tip=\$10, meeting supplies=\$15.35). Ending Balance=\$4,907.16 (donations=\$1,771.06, working capital=\$3,136.10).

Elections: Ken asked for additional nominations from the floor. None were received. Members were asked to vote for four of the five candidates on the ballot. They are: Tom Kroener, Marie Nappi, Ken Redding, Tim Smith and Tom Van de Bussche.

Ken provided the membership report beginning with the self-introduction of the new members present. The Club now has 252 members. The next Boot Camp is scheduled for Thursday December 8 in Mt. Dora. The December Drill Team practice has been cancelled. The next practice is Wednesday January 11 at 10 a.m. at SeaBreeze.

Social Committee: Debbie Brookshire reported that 76 tickets had been sold for the holiday party on December 3 at SeaBreeze. The menu includes chicken, beef tips, potato, vegetable, breads and other foods. Dancing entertainment will be provided by Flashback, a popular local band with singer. Members are encouraged to bring friends with a target for total attendance of at least 100.

The Club's annual dinner is on February 27 at Orange Blossom Country Club. Tickets (\$25 each) will be sold at the January and February membership meetings.

Outings Committee: Art explained that there were several Club activities occurring before the end of the year, including: five outings, two parades, four or more explorations, and another membership meeting. Coming up next are up to four outings to Blues Springs State Park/Lake Beresford County Park on Dec 5, 12, 6, & 13. This ride is a level one which begins at Lake Beresford, immediately west of Deland. The ride is about 12 miles on asphalt entering Blue Springs, winter home of many manatees, then returning to the point of origin. From there it's off to lunch at Cook's restaurant in Deland.

Members are encouraged to investigate other attractions on their own, such as the Deland House and Stetson Mansion. An overnight stay may even be in order. Tickets for the ride will be available at 9 a.m. tomorrow, rather than 6 a.m. due to Dave and Sandy's vacation status.

The January outing is to Silver Springs State Park, east of Ocala. This is a level three ride due to trails of sand and tree roots. The Club is returning on January 16, 23, 17, and 24. The ride begins in the nature park area, visits the former commercial property for lunch and glass bottom boat rides, then returns to the nature area. The Club is working to establish a package for the glass bottom boat ride and kayak rental. Kathy O'Sullivan has volunteered to lead Club Kayakers on any of the outing dates. Kayaking would follow the formal Club outing.

The Club has worked to clear up confusion among State employees on the right of Segways to be used in State Parks and Water Management areas. The Club has made significant strides in the acceptance of Segways as evidenced by the Water Management Area's welcoming the Club to visit its many locations. The Club will return to Lake Panasoffkee on December 14 for its last visit to the area as a result of this cooperation. The State Parks have also shown a greater willingness to accept Segways for visits.

Ken expressed his appreciation for all who volunteered to make last week's (11/7) Segway Experience a success. The Club raised over \$2,600 (over half the Club's cost of a Segway) at this event. While the attendance was a little lower, the increased 30 minute ride price and the new photo booth feature compensated for some of the potential decline. For future Experiences the Club may host tables at the market nights of the town squares (one each) and investigate a bicycle fair at the Hacienda Country Club.

Ken announced the results of the election of earlier in the meeting. The four elected members of the Club's Board of Directors two year terms are: Tom Kroener, Ken Redding, Tim Smith and Tom Van de Bussche. Ken noted that Steve Stein and Art Timko are leaving the Board of Directors after years of dedicated service to the Club.

Tom reported that there are two holiday parades in our immediate future: Mt. Dora on 12/3 and the Villages on 12/10. There are limited availabilities for the general membership to participate in either parade due to the drill team participation in each. Members should check the Club website in the Special Events section for volunteer opportunities. The next parade will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

There was a break between 10:38-10:47

The meeting resumed with the 50/50 drawing.

There was no old business

Two items of new business were:

Camp Villages: Dave Sasenick will investigate with a small committee, the prospects of having Segway classes for Village Campers next summer. Dave will report back within the next month as the deadline for Camp Villages applications is in January.

The Board has voted to award Dave and Sandy Holzapfel a \$100 gift card to Camper World in appreciation for all that they do for the Club. This will be presented at the holiday party along with a resolution of appreciation.

The next meeting of the membership will be December 21, 2016 at 10 a.m. at SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.