

Minutes: Segway Riders Club of the Villages Membership Meeting

July 20, 2016

The meeting commenced at the SeaBreeze Regional Recreation Center at 10:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

There were 63 members present, seven of whom were new members who self-introduced themselves.

Members supplying refreshments were thanked and those scheduled to supply refreshments next month were reminded.

The minutes from the June 2016 meeting were approved as posted on the website

The Treasurers Report was supplied by Steve Stein. Beginning Balance: \$8,209.95. Income of \$303 (dues = \$190, 50/50 = \$113). Expenses of \$514 (Holiday party music deposit = \$200, Holiday party catering deposit = \$250, Lunch for Dave at Wekiwa = \$18, and secretarial supplies = \$46). Ending balance of \$7,998.95 (donations = \$4,990.06, working capital = \$3,008.89). Report was accepted by the membership.

Social Committee Report: The committee will be meeting to determine the holiday party (12/3/16) dinner menu. The Mt. Dora Christmas parade is the same day.

Historical Committee: The work is slow, but steady as the committee attempts to establish the early history of the Club. A scrap book is being developed including an article from the Daily Sun which describes the early days of the Club's development. (Outside of the Club's meeting, WVLG interviewed Bruce McGinness advertising the Club's purpose, activities and charitable work. In addition, a photographer from The Villages marketing department arranged with Bruce a time to photograph the Club's drill team practice to provide more current photo material for future use.)

Outings Committee: Art Timko reported on past, present and future Club outing activities. He described the challenges of the first Wekiwa ride and encouraged riders on the ride of 7/25 to arrive early and be prepared for an adventure.

The August ride offers some challenges. There will be one ride to the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell (I-75 to exit #309, west one mile to the Cemetery on the left). The limited ride is due to a staff shortage at the Cemetery. It is scheduled for 8/16. Tickets will be released tomorrow (7/21) at 9am on the ticket site. An alternate site for other rides in August on 8/8 and 8/15 are being considered and MAY be posted once Dave returns from vacation and a ride determination can be made. An email will be sent informing the membership of ticket availability if this occurs.

Future rides include: September: Wild Leesburg; October: Colt Creek State Park; November: Lake Panasoffkee Recreation Area; December: Blue Springs State Park/Lake Beresford County Park. All rides are tentative until confirmed at the meeting of the previous month.

Ride descriptions, minutes and other items normally posted to the website will be delayed due to Doron's (Club website guru) vacation in July. Materials will be posted in early August.

There is a survey released both via email and at the Outings tab of the website. This is a rider preference survey. It asks for each member two things: 1) top three ride preferences within each ride level; and 2) top three ride preferences among all three ride levels. Please complete a survey and return it to Art Timko by the end of the August membership meeting date: August 17, 2016.

Steve asked for copies of any photos taken involving SRC activities to be posted on Facebook.

The Segway Experience is November 7 with a November 21 rain date. Volunteers will be solicited in September using a new online form.

Bruce reported that the next Boot Camp is August 4 and emphasized that the skills taught in Boot Camp are directly applicable to the rides that the Club undertakes.

The Segway drill team had its first practice earlier in July and will meet again on the second Wednesday of August, 8/10 at 9am in the SeaBreeze parking lot. Those interested should contact Bruce. The team will be used in parades, special events and activities outside The Villages.

The Special Events Committee: The Italian Parade will be on 10/4. The SRC application will be submitted in the near future.

Old Business: None

New Business: Members should think seriously about running for SRC Board of Directors. The nominating committee will be named in August.

There was a break between 10:32 and 10:41.

The 50/50 drawing was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.