

Segway Riders Club of the Villages Member Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2017

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

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

Ken thanked the Social Committee volunteers for the donation of snacks and treats.

The minutes of the Membership Meeting of February 15, 2017 were approved. It was noted that Tim Smith, the Club's Secretary, continues to recover from a medical procedure and the passing of one of their children.

Vicki provided the Treasurers Report as follows: Beginning Balance=\$6,188.70. Income=\$1,557.00 (dues=\$285.00, 50/50=\$56, donations=\$56, Winter dinner receipts=\$950.00, hat sales=\$210.00). Expenses: \$989.95 (Segway Experience flyers=\$67.97, Winter dinner cake=\$21.98, Winter dinner meals=\$900.0). Balance \$6,755.75 (Donations=\$3,481.06, working capital=\$3,274.69).

Cricket noted that two waivers are involved in Club rides: 1) the Villages annual waiver of liability; and 2) the individual ride waiver of liability for Central Florida Glides. Cricket facilitated the introduction of 10 new members. There were 72 members at today's meeting.

Cricket reported for Bruce that the next Boot Camp is on 4/13/17. Further, the drill team will be performing at the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 3/17/17. Dress is St. Patrick's Day appropriate, sans drunken stupor.

Ken announced that due to health challenges, Debbie Brookshire has resigned from the Social and Election Committees after great service to the Club. Pat Stafford will now chair the Social Committee, while Bettie Kroener will chair the Election Committee.

The holiday party will be on Saturday 12/16/17 at SeaBreeze Rec. Center. The dinner will be catered by Kathy's Klassy Katering. Entertainment will be provided by "C Squared", featuring Clark Berios and Cathy Merkel. Tickets will be available at the April membership meeting.

The Winter Club dinner at Orange Blossom Country Club was a success with 37 members attending.

Art reported the upcoming Club outing dates and locations will be released as follow: April: Tues 11, Mon 17, Mon 10, and Tues 18 to Colt Creek State Park (Level 3); May: Tues 2, Tues 16, Wed 3, Mon 22 to Clearwater Beach (level 1); and June: Mon 5, Tues 13, Tues 6, Mon 12 to Payne's Prairie-North (Level 1). Colt Creek is part of the Green Swamp and susceptible to high water in the rainy season. If this is the case and the ride needs to be aborted, it will be replaced by the ride to Payne's Prairie-North. Lunch for

the Colt Creek ride will be in Dade City, approximately 15-20 minutes from Colt Creek. The restaurant is Kafe Kokopelli, housed in a former Ford Model T sales center.

Tom Kroener reported that the Outdoor Expo was successful and all is set for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Ken explained the concept and history of the Segway Experience for the Club's newer members. This year's Experience set a record for the number of rides and income. There were 64 30-minute rides and 126 10-minute rides. The total income was \$4,224.00 including a \$1,000 repeat donation from an anonymous couple. This \$1,000 gift is being contributed to the D.A.V. on the Club's behalf in order to appropriately receive a tax advantage. Ken thanked all who volunteered. It was their contribution of time and effort that made the Experience so successful.

The next Segway Experience will be the Monday after Veterans Day, November 13, 2017. Ken is hopeful that a new Segway can be awarded in late October as a means of not only helping a veteran, but also publicizing the upcoming Segway Experience.

Ken was approached by a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) to conduct an Experience exclusively for the Sons and Daughter organizations. It is estimated that at least 50 individual 30 minute rides could be conducted. Dave has agreed to donate his machines and time on a day that corresponds with a Drill Team rehearsal. Details need to be worked out.

There was a break between 10:32 and 10:43.

Mary Ann Sasenick reported that she and Dave have submitted a proposal to Camp Villages for the Club to provide one day of Segway Experience (morning and afternoon sessions each day) per month for June, July and August. Riders would need to be at least 14 years of age and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. The Club awaits a response from the powers-that-be of Camp Villages.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49.