

Minutes: Segway Riders Club of the Villages Membership Meeting

April 20, 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, Treasurer Steve Stein, Membership Director Cricket McGinness, Members-at-Large John Dean, Vicki Luntzel and Bruce McGinness.

There were 70 members present four of whom are new members

President Redding thanked Patricia Stafford for providing today's cookies

The minutes of the March 16, 2016 were approved as posted on the website.

Treasurer Steve Stein submitted his report: Beginning balance=\$5,089.47. Income=\$3,458 (dues=\$70, 50/50=\$63, Donations=\$3,325). Expenses=\$493.52 (Segway Experience pizza tip=\$10, Additional Experience flyers=\$193, Tarpon Springs lunch for Dave=\$19, Club supplement for box office charges Segway Experience tickets=\$271.52). Ending balance=\$8,053.95 (donations=\$4,969.06, working capital=\$3,084.89). (The Board had voted to pay for box office charges from its treasury, thereby dedicating 100% of donations to the purchase of a Segway.)

Bruce reported that the April Boot Camp is filled. The May Boot Camp is May 13, while the June date is June 9. The morning session must fill before an afternoon session is added. A session must have four registrants for a session to be held. Bruce reminded members that members must successfully complete Boot Camp before taking their first ride (although members can register for a ride prior to the completion of Boot Camp.) He then directed members to the website for instructions on how to register for Boot Camp.

Debbie Brookshire noted that the Club is set for cookies in May and in fact have only a couple of sign-up opportunities before the end of the year.

Art Timko reported for the Outings Committee. The outings to Mission inn during March and Tarpon Springs in April were highly successful. A challenge that is appearing is the lack of experienced riders on some late month rides. In both March and April the final ride of the month has experienced an imbalance of new riders and lack of experienced riders. The Outings Committee will discuss this issue and see if there are remedies to provide a better balance, thereby providing an adequate number of crossing guards.

There has been a change in the May outing location. Given that one of the significant attractions of going to Blue Springs (the currently scheduled May location) is the appearance of manatee, changing the ride to a winter month will be more likely to provide a much more satisfactory experience. Therefore, the ride location has been CHANGED TO THE "LAKE SUMTER LANDING AREA" of the Villages. However,

the dates for May remain the same unusual sequence: Monday May 16, Monday May 23, Tuesday May 17 and Tuesday May 24. The first two dates (16 & 23) will open for registration at 6am tomorrow April 21.

The Outings Committee will meet in the near future to determine the locations for June-October. In the meantime, these dates have been established. June: 13, 21, & 27 and July 12, 25, & 26.

Ken reiterated that in the process of signing up for rides/purchasing tickets, the purchaser who buy more than one ticket "must" enter the name(s) of other riders for whom tickets are being purchased. No other information is necessary. The names help ensure that the other riders are members of the Club, have attended Boot Camp and dues are current. The purchaser needs to enter a valid cell phone number to enable last minute contact. That person also become the "team" leader for the group and needs to relay essential ride information to the other riders.

Ken relayed that the next Segway Experience will be on November 7, 2016 with a rain date of November 21. Jack Johnson of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) has been promoted to State Commander and also indicated that the local chapter of the DAV is supportive of awarding a second Segway in connection with the autumn event. The Board will discuss the efficacy of this award. One of the supportive reasons for this presentation is the added publicity that the event will bring at a time when it is more difficult to attract supporting riders. It is also a time near Veterans Day.

Tom Kroener noted that there are no special events scheduled in the near future.

A member inquired about the status of the drill team, a group who would rehearse and perform at special events, including parades. (See minutes of February, 2016 for more details.) Bruce will be scheduling the group for June or July rehearsals.

Member Matt Friedland noted the VHA had collected over 70,000 of recycled electronics at its most recent event. The next collection will be in February 2017.

Member Joe Hertrich told of his experiences in the Villages with several people inquiring about him and his machine. He continues to be grateful as the machine is providing him greater mobility and a high quality of life.

There was a break at 10:32. The meeting resumed at 10:39

The 50/50 raffle was conducted

It was suggested that the first two rides be opened simultaneously to allow member choice flexibility.

A return ride to Leesburg was suggested.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 18, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52a.m.