The Village Bicycle Club

12/Mar/2018 Meeting Minutes

The March meeting of The Village Bicycle Club was opened with the pledge of allegiance led by president Chris Schmidt.

Club Decorum, Section 2.1.5 Bylaw Addition
A quorum of 30 members was present. This proposed addition has been available for member review since last year. Chris reiterated the purpose and wording and then a vote was taken. This bylaw addition was adopted unanimously.

Other Bylaw Changes
Two proposed bylaw changes were reviewed with the club. One changes the advance notification requirement for bylaw changes from 45 days to 21 days. The second changes the definition of quorum to 12 members. Chris explained the reason for these changes, which were previously announced. These will be voted on at the April 9 meeting, in compliance with the current advance notification requirement.

Spring Picnic
The annual spring picnic will be held at Del Webb Spruce Creek at 5 PM on April 9, rain or shine in a covered pavilion reserved by Nancy Meredith. All members, associates, spouses, and guests are welcome. There will be no fee but participants are asked to bring a covered dish as designated by last name. All participants must sign up in advance, to be put on a list at the guard house so they can gain admittance. Details about food assignments and signing up will be communicated in the weekly newsletter.

Treasurer's Report
Bob Gribble reported the checking account balance is $1482.17. Insurance has been paid in the amounts of $433.18 for rider insurance, and $575.00 for Directors and Officers insurance, and $100.00 membership in the League of American Bicyclists which provides the insurance. The club is financially healthy.

Blue Ridge Parkway Ride Presentation
Morgan Jenkins took part in a ride last summer from Cherokee, North Carolina To Front Royal, Virginia. She covered 598 miles in 12 days with 55000 feet of climbing. The group consisted of 5 riders with their own SAG vehicle. The Parkway is 469 miles long and has over 200 overlooks. The highest elevation is 6053 feet. Skyline Drive at the eastern end of the Parkway is 105 miles long, ending in Shenandoah National Park.

Attorney Jim Dodson
Attorney Dodson, our main speaker, made a presentation on BEING SEEN AND RECOGNIZED AS A CYCLIST. Nearly 5000 bicycle accident caused 76 deaths and 4600 injuries in 2010 alone. The average perception / reaction time is 1.5 seconds. On top of this is braking time. Drivers typically focus their attention on where they expect other cars to be. Half of bike collisions are on straight roads with clear visibility. Cyclists overestimate their visibility to drivers. CONSPICUITY is the goal, allowing motorists to recognize what they are seeing and understand how to respond.

CREATE CONTRAST. Stand out from the surroundings. Create a sense of motion. In daylight, drivers recognize fluorescent colors faster and more consistently than non-fluorescent.   At night, reflective clothing is important. For example, the ANSI standard is 10" x 15" of reflective material for construction workers. Fluorescent covering is most effective on moving parts of the body to maximize conspicuity. For example, fluorescent leggings and fluorescent shoe and ankle coverings.

A study in Denmark showed that front and rear lights reduced crashes by 19%. The most effective position for a taillight is strapped to the back of the ankle. 500 lumens is the preferred output for a headlight, and 50 to 100 lumens for a taillight.

Jim also talked about the importance of maintaining uninsured motorist coverage on your car. 4 out of 10 cars have no insurance to protect you. You should have $100K minimum, $500K or more preferred, and coverage should be "stacked".

Jim also generously provided a $100 gift certificate for Village Cycles, which was won in a drawing by Emmett Troyer.

If you have need of help, contact Jim Dodson at Www.jimdodsonlaw.com.

At this point the meeting was adjourned for refreshments and socializing.

Bob Kraus
Secretary