

The Village Bicycle Club

12/Feb/2018 Meeting Minutes

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

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 healthy financially.

Ride For The Arts:

Pam Powell is on the ride committee of the Marion County Cultural Alliance. This is a fun ride through horse country and this year will be on Saturday April 17. There will be three rides available, a 70 mile Gran Fondo, a 40 mile Medio, and a 15 mile Piccolo. For complete information and to register, visit the web site www.RideForTheArts.com.

Chris reported that there are still 2 openings available on the VBT cycling trip to France. The trip begins on May 7. Visit the club web site or contact Chris for details.

Outdoor Expo:

The Outdoor Expo will be held on February 24 and February 25 at La Hacienda. We usually capture new Social and C riders at this event. A signup sheet was passed around to obtain more volunteers to help man the club booth.

Bylaws changes:

Chris reviewed two proposed changes to the bylaws to facilitate voting on changes by the club membership. It is recommended by the board of directors to change for definition of "quorum" to 12 members. It is also recommended to change the advance notice requirement for voting on changes to 21 days. Proposed bylaw changes are published in writing and available to all members by email and on web site. Chris also reviewed that a Club Decorum provision is proposed for the bylaws and will be voted on. All proposed changes will be posted on the club web site.

Cross Florida Greenway:

Bob Cole made a presentation on cycling opportunities on the Greenway. This is a strip of land that was set aside for a water canal across the state, but is now designated for public use. Locally there are about 100 miles of mountain bike trails and 15 newly paved miles for road bikes. There are four trailheads: Santos, Land Bridge, 49th. Avenue, and Ross Prairie. Visit www.santosbikeshop.com/rentals to rent a bike to try it out mountain biking.

Fuller Center For Poverty Housing:

Judy Nast made a presentation on her 2017 cross country bike ride from San Francisco to Savannah. This took place from June 3 to August 5. Judy helped build houses or make home improvements at various stops along the way. She is returning this year for 3 weeks of riding and would appreciate any sponsorship. Visit www.fullercenterbikeadventure.org for more information.

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

Bob Kraus
Secretary