

# The Village Bicycle Club

## 08/May/2017 Meeting Minutes

Jurgen Bauer opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

### Treasurer's Report:

Bob Gribble reported there is \$1277.98 in the checkbook. There are no major expenses anticipated over next few months. There will be minor income from new members dues, sale of jerseys, coffee mugs, etc.

### Roster Report:

There are 168 members and associates as of 08/May/17. This is an increase of 14 versus 01/Oct/16. At this number, roughly \$8.25 of the \$10.00 per member dues covers the various club insurances. This leaves close to \$300 left over for other expenses.

More ride leaders are needed at every pace in order to offer a variety of rides at every scheduled club riding day.

### Merger Survey Results:

60% of respondents are to some degree in favor of merging the VBC with the SLBC. About 25% are uncertain. The balance is not in favor. The survey is preliminary and was done without specifics of what merging would entail, to get a sense of how members feel about this issue.

A merger would require: a new name; new bylaws; a new administration; a plan to incorporate existing leadership.

The merger committee will discuss, among other things, the comments and concerns that were submitted with the survey returns.

Benefits of a merger include: more ride choices; more social opportunities; more service opportunities; heightened bike safety in The Villages; administrative efficiency; improved finances.

Chris reviewed the top 10 concerns that were mentioned:

- there is a perception that there are too many rules in the SLBC
- the designated ride leader is required to pull the whole ride
- riding single file
- monthly meeting location
- cyclists must be able to continue calling out intentions
- north side location continues to have the annual Christmas party and picnic
- north location continues to have sponsored rides every day
- continue to have dual ride starts at Panera Bread and El Santiago
- associates can continue to join merged club
- concerns of behavior when riding with more unfamiliar riders

An exploratory group has been formed and will be moderated by Dave Taylor who is a member of both clubs. It will first meet in late June. Representing the VBC are Chris Schimdt, Bob Kraus, and Paul Ratliff with Ed Hankwitz as an alternate if Chris is out of town. Representing the SLBC are John Komoroske, Dave Lawrence, and Howie Johnson.

Pam Powell expressed concern that there are no women on the committee. Dave Taylor advised that this concern should be expressed on a future survey and the committee will address this as well.

If it is ultimately recommended and voted to merge, it is desirable to implement this by 01/Jan/18.

Main Speaker:

The guest speaker of the night was Darlene Baney of the Sumter County Medical Reserve Corp and her discussion covered Active Bystander Training. This training is put to use in a man-made disaster, a natural disaster, or other life-threatening emergency, the objective being to provide basic care before EMTs arrive.

The Medical Reserve Corp started after the 9/11 attacks. They are looking for volunteers all the time and volunteers need not have a medical background. Active bystander training is 3 hour course, piloted in Tennessee, Virginia, and Florida. The goal is to strengthen the role and ability of citizens to save lives and decrease the probability of death during disasters and emergencies. It is a very basic course and does not provide certification.

The course consists of 5 modules:

- bystanders can make a difference;
- assessing the situation;
- providing initial care;
- working with emergency responders;
- emotional support, self-care and preparation.

To volunteer or seek additional information, contact one of the following:

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At the conclusion of Darlene's presentation, Dave Lawrence advised that the SLBC is putting together another course for Lead Cycling Instructors. He asked if any club members might be interested in participating. Cost is \$300. Email Dave at [davelawrence2@me.com](mailto:davelawrence2@me.com) if you are interested.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and socializing.

Bob Kraus  
Secretary