

The Village Bicycle Club

09/Oct/2017 Meeting Minutes

Pam Powell led the club in pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance in the checking account is \$1392.88. For the remainder of the year, there will be small upcoming expenses. \$100 is allocated for the annual Christmas party which will be the regular club meeting on December 11.

The next major expenses will be the insurances which are due in February.

Merger Report:

An exploratory group was formed and met several times beginning in late June. It consisted of Chris Schimdt, Bob Kraus, Paul Ratliff, and Pam Powell, with Ed Hankwitz as an alternate for TVBC, and John Komoroske, Dave Lawrence, Howie Johnson, and Kay Carver for SLBC. The committee was moderated by Dave Taylor who is a member of both clubs.

Chris described some of the major issues that were to be considered and resolved, and reminded the club that a survey of TVBC members showed 60% with a favorable opinion when the idea of a merger was first presented. After several meetings of the committee, and a lot of work by sub-committees trying to resolve the details of the important issues, it was decided that the clubs would not merge. The major concerns leading in this conclusion were:

SLBC insisted their name be kept;

SLBC is more top down control than TVBC which solicits member input on a variety of issues;

The El Santiago ride start would lose control of start times and location;

The proposed new administrative structure would have all but 1 BOD members elected at large vs. equal numbers from each ride start location.

The merger meetings did result in agreement on some common goals and pursuits:

common ride safety rules;

joint ride leader / sweep training;

some joint meetings;

some joint Saturday rides;

joint paperwork elimination;

joint ride vocabulary.

Membership Report:

27 new associates joined TVBC in the last year.

44 new members joined in the last year.

There are 180 total members as of 01/Oct/2017, an increase of 26 in the last year.

There will be a leader / sweep training meeting at 3PM on Oct 19 at the Eisenhower recreation center. Our club needs more C and Social level ride leaders to accommodate that group of new members.

2018 Trip to Paris:

See the weekly email newsletter for updates, and TVBC web site where information will be made available on this trip.

The featured guest speaker was Clint Brown, who made a presentation on Pedego bikes (www.PedegoElectricBikes.com).

Chris described Pedego as the number 1 brand of electric bikes in America, and said there are 130 dealers nationwide.

Pedego bikes are governed to 20 mph and have a 15 to 60 mile power assist range depending on battery, rider weight, terrain, etc. Recharge time is 2 to 6 hours to charge from a standard outlet.

The adjustable pedal assist mode senses pedaling and provides assistance automatically. In addition, there is a handlebar throttle for manual control. Most of the models have a 500 watt motor in the rear hub and a 10 amp-hour standard battery, with 15 amp-hour optional.

\$2300 to \$4200 is the typical price range. Clint will have bicycles available for test riding at Spanish Springs Panera Bread on October 10.

H4H:

Dave Taylor made a presentation on the Hearts For Hospital ride which will be November 11 2017. Income from this ride which ultimately benefits The Villages hospital is generated by registrations, pledges, and commercial sponsorships. Club members are encouraged register and solicit pledges. A registration link is posted on TVBC web site.

At this point, the meeting adjourned for snacks and socializing.

Bob Kraus
Secretary