

# The Village Bicycle Club

## 13/Nov/2017 Meeting Minutes

Pam Powell led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The balance in the checking account is \$1,335.13. For the remainder of the year no bills are outstanding. \$100 is allocated for the annual Christmas party which will be the regular club meeting on December 11. Club finances are good.

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

### **Club Jerseys:**

Multiple sizes are in stock for members to test for size. \$70 is the price for a jersey and this is reduced to \$65 for a new member. Also tights, shorts, and jackets are available. See Phil to order.

### **Christmas Party:**

The annual party will be held on December 11 at 6 PM, the regular club meeting. The cost is \$7 per person before December 1, \$10 per person after. Members, spouses, significant others, and guests with a Villages pass are invited. BYOB.

The main course will be provided. Participants whose last name begins with the letters A thru G are asked to bring a dessert; those whose name begins with H thru N are asked to bring an appetizer; and those whose name begins with O thru Z are asked to bring a salad.

### **Big Bike Weekend Charity Ride:**

Nearly 400 bikers rode for an excellent, community charity cause, The Villages hospital. We are hoping to have even better TVBC turnout next year. The Saturday rides were very well planned and run with excellent support and wonderful SAG stops.

### **Cycling Expo and Health Fair:**

This event was held the day before the charity ride. Club members at TVBC booth promoted a social ride on Saturdays at 10 – 13 MPH, and C rides on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 13 – 16 MPH.

### **Ride Insurance:**

Participant accident coverage is secondary coverage for members, associate members, volunteers, and first time visitors who filled out the Visitor Agreement. Medical coverage is \$10,000 per person in excess of \$500 deductible.

Liability Insurance (D & O) covers the board of directors, the organization, and volunteers acting on behalf of the organization such as ride leaders and sweeps.

### **Membership:**

Annual club membership runs from January 1 thru December 31. Members agree to abide by all TVBC bylaws, rules, and policies when they sign the membership application. PLEASE READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE, especially the **Safe Riding Rules**.

### **TVBC Roster:**

The club has grown by 31 members / associate members in the last year, to a total of 185.

**Guest Speaker:**

Nehemiah Wolfe, Division Chief for Community Watch, provided an informative presentation on Community Watch. Two important phone numbers to keep handy are:

352-753-0550 Community Watch dispatch

352-750-8201 Community Watch administration

The mission of Community Watch is to provide a safe community for The Villages residents by keeping a watchful eye around the clock. There are 12 full time supervisory and 350 other personnel. They consist of patrol drivers, dispatchers, gate operations personnel (who monitor 500 cameras around The Villages), and gate attendants.

There are 104 gate complexes, 22 staffed, with a total of 145,000 interactions per day at the gates. Patrol drivers drive 95,000 miles per month and pass thru each neighborhood 2 times each day.

Chief Wolfe answered questions at the conclusion of his presentation. Regarding gate issues, especially with exit gates, he encouraged the club to report all gate problems to Community Watch, and to continue reporting the problem if it is not fixed within a reasonable period of time. He was receptive to the idea of checking the gate function with a bicycle when a problem is reported because many of the problems do not seem to happen with automobiles.

At this point, the meeting adjourned for refreshments and conversation.

Bob Kraus