

# The Village Bicycle Club

## 08/Oct/2018 Meeting Minutes

The October meeting of The Village Bicycle Club was called to order by Chris, who led the pledge of allegiance.

Nancy Baker introduced three new members, Gail, Caroline and Larry. Welcome.

Treasurer's report – Bob Gribble

There is \$1129 in the checking account which is \$233 less than 1 year ago. We expect future expenses to approximately match or slightly exceed income. Significant anticipated future expenses are meeting refreshments, the annual Christmas party, and insurance bills (which increased about 12 percent in 2018) and will probably increase again when due in February, 2019.

Hearts For Our Hospital -

The fourth annual Hearts For Our Hospital big bike weekend will be November 9, 10, and 11, with multiple rides of distances from 10 miles all the way up to 100 miles on November 10. Proceeds support our local hospital, and this ride has been well supported by our club in past years. By show of hands, members indicated they have or will register for the 30, 62, and 100 mile rides. No matter which route you select, you will have friends to ride with. There is a link to register on our club web site.

2019 Summer Cycling Trip -

Chris discussed that there will be another bicycle touring trip in Europe again next year. It will be in late July or early August, 2019 with cycling in Scandinavia. Vermont Bicycle Tours will again make arrangements, going via Copenhagen and Stockholm. 20 will be the maximum group size. Land only 7 days from \$3295 per person, double occupancy. With air fare, 10 days from \$4395 double occupancy. Ride level is easy. Contact Chris Schmidt if you are interested.

Judy Nast -

Judy talked about her summer cycling trip with Fuller Center For Housing ([fullercenter.org](http://fullercenter.org)). This summer she joined the tour for 3 weeks, riding from Astoria, Oregon to Billings, Montana. Along the way, she worked on 3 different homes putting on siding, installing steps, and cleaning up wear and damage. In 2019, there will be 3 tours to choose from, Seattle, Washington to Washington, D.C. from June 7 to Aug 11, a Parks and Peaks loop, all out west, from May 24 to August 11, and Natchez Trace from Nashville, Tennessee to Natchez, Mississippi from April 5 to April 14. You may join the tours for individual weeks. See their web site or talk with Judy for more information.

Morgan Jenkins -

Morgan recounted the highlights of her summer trip with Eagle Scouts, cycling across America from June 17 to August 21. The group rode from Seattle, Washington to Washington, D.C., a total of 4200 miles with 105,000 feet climbing. 59 out of 67 days were riding days, and the group averaged 71 miles per day.

The group consisted of 12 to 15 scouts at a time accompanied by about 12 adults. A memorable trip which, despite only 3 days of friendly winds, Morgan would happily do again.

On-Line Membership And Renewal -

Chris reviewed how membership and renewal is easily done via the club web site. You fill in the blanks on a simple 8 page form and at the end must accept the club's liability waiver and The Villages

Recreation Department liability waiver. At that point, you may pay the annual dues via PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account, you may use a debit or credit card. An electronic receipt will be sent to your email address.

Now you navigate to two web sites but eventually there will be a link that goes back and forth between the membership application page and PayPal.

Club Dues -

Club dues will be raised to \$15 in anticipation of increased insurance costs, PayPal costs, and other increases. Looking ahead, we hope to supplement social events to a greater extent. The Board will finalize 2019 dues at their November meeting.

Other -

Club members still get a discount at the MVP club.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and conversation.

Bob Kraus  
Secretary