

**Green Valley Cyclists
General Membership Meeting
Saturday - May 20, 2006**

**Meeting called to order by President – Sandy VanDerPuy at 10:38am
Board Members present: Peri, Sandy, Ron, Erik, and Tony
Board Members absent: Sheryl, Lois, Trish and Michael**

Sandy passed on the acceptance of the Sept 2005 Club meeting minutes. It was suggested they be reviewed on the website and any comments be emailed to her.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy reported for Lois – Current balance in the GVC account is \$1,688.98.

We also have approximately \$1,000.00 in inventory at the bike shop. It was suggested to move the inventory to various bike shops in an effort to increase sales potential. Sandy agreed and plans to look into it. She also made mention that when members purchase directly from the Club they do not pay tax on top of the item cost.

Reports of Committees:

*** Membership & Sponsorship: James Pearce – We have 120 family memberships and 157 actual members. He suggested the idea of creating a club jersey with new sponsors. Sandy liked the idea but would like to sell the current inventory first, and then discuss the subject at the next board meeting.**

*** NUBS: Scott Dakus – Date for the next Ultra Crit will be on Aug. 5, 2006. He encourages all riders to come out and do a couple laps around the lake with them. He will be participating in a 343 mile ride again this year to honor the heroes of 9/11. The starting point will be Santa Monica, CA on 9/10/06 ending in Las Vegas, NV on 9/11/06. Scott mentioned the desire to do a fundraiser along with the ride to raise money for bicycle purchases for the children of St. Jude's. He asked for help with fundraising ideas. Tony generously offered to make a "Bike Quilt" and donate it to the cause to be used as a raffle-drawing prize.**

Special Topics:

*** Ron Volkmar spoke about Bicycle safety and gave informational handouts to the members. He also suggests that everyone sign up for a traffic safety class.**

*** Scott Dakus spoke about First Aid and Scene Safety. He handed out informational sheets and highly recommends that everyone take a first aid course through a community college or the Red Cross. He stressed the importance of collecting complete information at an accident scene. Ron mentioned that Helmet ID stickers are still available at no charge to member, \$1.00 for additional ID stickers.**

***Sandy reminded everyone that in the event of a Club accident, the information needs to be reported to her as soon as possible. She has to notify the Club Ins. Co within 24 hrs of the incident and fill out paperwork.**

Special Topics Cont.:

*** Erik Skramstad covered Calendar and Ride posting guidelines. When posting a ride on the calendar, a ride leader is necessary, but having a sweeper is not always available. If the ride does not have a sweeper, it should be mentioned at the start of the ride. Have all necessary information when posting a ride. This includes the Leader's name and contact information, route description and ride difficulty. Having a link to the route page is helpful. You may also mention whether a SAG will be available. Have as much information as possible so that members can determine if the ride is right for them.**

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business from the previous Club Membership meeting.

New Business:

Ron Volkmar: Ron spoke about www.bikejournal.com and our club website. He mentioned that bikejournal.com is available to those riders that are interested in logging their miles. There will be two raffles on the website based on miles logged. The first raffle will be at the end of June.

***Club website, Ron noted that 90% of the traffic was to the Calendar page. He is in the process of adding club member information and photos. He is waiting for everyone's approval regarding uploading their information and reminded those that have agreed to send in photos when they can. Please email Ron with your permission or any questions you may have. Ron also discussed the Goals page on the website and recognized those that have posted and those that have meet their goals. He encourages everyone to feel free to use the page to help meet your personal and club goals.**

Sandy VanDerPuy: Next club meeting date - Sandy made a motion to have the next club meeting in September, Mark seconded that motion and it was voted unanimously. Topics to be discussed at that meeting include: the Christmas Party and volunteering at the Silverman or Las Vegas Marathon. The actual date of the meeting will be selected and announced at a later time.

Announcements: Volunteers

The following Club volunteer positions have been filled:

- 1. Ride Chairperson – Tony Ratola**
- 2. Calendar Monitor – Erik Skramstad**
- 3. Route Coordinator – Will Henson**
- 4. Membership Chairperson - James Pearce**
- 5. Webmaster – Ron Volkmar**
- 6. Hospitality – Sheryl Giordano, Lisa Anderson, Christy McBride and Dawn Reis**
- 7. Public Relations – Sunny Hill**
- 8. Safety Chairperson – Ron Volkmar**
- 9. Merchandise Chairperson – Mary Filomena, Lisa Anderson and James Pearce**
- 10. Sponsorship Chairperson – James Pearce**
- 11. Elections – Sunny Hill**
- 12. NUBS – Erik Skramstad**

Sandy also took this time to remind members to visit Aspen Creek bike shop and JT's Bicycles. JT's will be opening at the end of May. Members receive a 20 % discount at each shop.

OPEN FORUM:

Ride Leaders: In an effort to encourage more members to post rides. It was discussed that ride leaders do not have to actually lead, or be in the front of a ride. A sweeper is not always required. The sweeper would ride in the back and should be able to change a flat tired if needed. The leader will post the ride on the calendar, with all the necessary information such as the leader's contact info, route description and link to the route. At the ride, pass out route slips and get waivers signed.

Ride Guidelines: Sandy reviewed the ride guidelines that are posted on the website and the difference between each ride, A / B / C.

Open Topics:

Paul mentioned that he would be posting summer rides called “Great Rides Series”.

These rides will be scenic rides covering areas throughout Las Vegas and beyond. Some rides mentioned were, Red Rock and Nelson’s Landing. He also announced that he would be hosting a bike-training seminar. An email will go out shortly with a ride to follow.

Ron announced that he has CDs containing bike tips; he will give them away to anyone who wants one.

Sandy touched on the subject of the Club’s liability insurance. She let us know that rides on the calendar are the responsibility of the club and the club’s insurance is a secondary insurance for members in the event of an accident. If a car were involved in the accident the, at fault, driver’s insurance would be considered primary.

ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Ballots were counted by a volunteer during the meeting, the following results were announced:

OFFICERS

President – Sandy VanDerPuy

Vice President – Ron Volkmar

Treasurer – Lois Hlohowskyj

Secretary – Sunny Hill

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Scott Dakus

Sheryl Giordano

Mike Hair

Trish Jones

Erik Skramstad

A raffle drawing was conducted with the winning numbers being pulled by Mark. Prizes were handed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.