

Green Valley Cyclists
May 28, 2005
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Attendance: See sign in sheet for general membership names present.
Board Members Present: Sandy, Peri, JC, Linda, Ron, Sheryl
Absent: Kent, Michael, Jim

Meeting called to order at 9:30am

Old Business:

Sandy - Review of and approval of old minutes. Motion made, seconded and general membership voted to accept minutes as they stand.

New business:

Treasurer's Report:

Lois- Current membership is 75 as of today. The IRS tax return was filed in May, on time before our non-profit deadline. We are non-profit status; if monetary assets are under \$25,000 then we don't have to pay federal taxes. Therefore we did not have to pay taxes for the 2004 tax year.

The current GVC fund account balance is \$2826.55. There was a problem with the Eric Hayes donation, the check got thrown away/shredded. It is being reissued as soon as the stop payment is confirmed.

Report of Officers and/or Committees:

Per Trish there has been a lot of inquiries about the cycling group and routes/rides from Nu-Vision Bike shop in Summerlin, cards have been dropped off there. The Bike shop on Pecos needs more cards, Sandy will drop some off. JC will take more cards to Manual and Ollie's today (5/28/05) after the meeting.

Mark gave an update on the old and proposed Bylaws – no way to do current elections with the present Bylaws. Discussed the special section for sub-committees if added to the group. Discussed a potential new addition of a group called NUBS and gave an example on how that would work with the new proposed bylaws or if say for example Angel wanted to start a mountain biking subgroup. Mark discussed the changes that are suggested in Article 7. He also discussed the new proposed bylaws and how it would make it easier for the Board and general membership to work within the suggested changes. A motion was made for the new bylaws, seconded and unanimously passed by the general membership.

Ron - Update on the Wheels on Water Street from 5/21/05. Ron indicated the event was very successful for GVC. We did a great job to show our support in the community, good bridge for GVC and Silver State Bike Coalition and Las Vegas Valley (LVV) Bike Club. The Silver State Bike Coalition gave out helmets to children and we had a GVC booth on Water St. We had one new membership sign-up. We gave out lots of information on the club; Marilyn, Ron, Sandy and Sheryl manned the booth. Ron assisted LVV Bike club members in conducting safety checks with the children on their bicycles. There were at least 100 children that participated in the event.

Sandy - Update on the Library ride. The current information is that it will occur sometime in the fall. We will need someone to lead/volunteer to take on the coordination of the GVC sag stop. Tony/Sheryl to volunteer if scheduling works out. Concerns regarding schedules with Lighthouse ride. Will try to contact to see if dates have been set yet for the ride. Per Marilyn a suggestion was made to contact the coordinator of the Library ride to see if he could try to coordinate the ride around the Lighthouse ride so more GVC riders could participate in the Library ride. Sheryl will get information to email and make contact with ride coordinator. Will report back to board on this issue.

Sandy - Ride Calendar – Per request by Michael Y. who is out of town, would like to see a ride calendar on a monthly basis with the route posted on the website. Discussion ensued regarding monthly calendar posting on the GVC website, Ron to volunteer to coordinate with Karl to get that going. Sandy discussed a way that people could somehow sign-up from the website to lead or sag if they saw an open slot to make it easier to get volunteers. Like a self-scheduling system, the member would fill their name in the open slot as the leader or sweeper and put in the route and the departure time. Will have to check with Karl when he gets back to see if this is possible. Will take a vote at the next general membership meeting to see if everyone is in agreement with the idea.

Sandy - Discussion of extra jerseys and use of club funds toward the purchase of jerseys. Will discuss at next Board meeting and see if Kent is willing or will request another Board member to send out a survey for GVC jersey interest. We will need to get 16 people that would be interested in the same style to order that style. Also discussed getting another bid on hats. Waiting to get a name from one member who may know of a place that does not require us to purchase 144 hats at one time.

Sandy- Discussion of the Bike Journal website to let everyone know about it. And availability of cycling information on the site. Kent sent out instructions on the Yahoo message board, and is a good resource for questions about the site or the journal.

Sandy/Tony R - Discussion about the donation of a Lance Armstrong picture (from Diane and Craig Shanklin - Photographer) and Beach Cruiser Men's Bike (Brand New) to a club raffle. Discussed the possible legalities of opening it up to the community. Motion made to keep the raffle within GVC only, seconded and general membership unanimously voted in favor. Board members to determine price of raffle tickets at next meeting. Raffle to be held at next general membership meeting in August.

Ron - Update of the Ride of Silence on the West side of town sponsored by the LVV Bike Club. Turn out was good all kept silence in honor of those cyclists killed on the road. Show of support by those GVC members who attended appreciated by LVV Bike Club as they thanked us during the Wheels on Water St. event. Ron indicated that they are thinking of doing this event annually. Peri wanted it to be on record that if she passes away GVC club members are to talk throughout a ride dedicated in her memory.

Sandy - discussion regarding agenda, coming up with ideas for the general membership meetings and what members want to discuss or hear. Opened up the floor for ideas:

Trish - discussed sweeper should carry an emergency bag with emergency items. Pink Tony's, pink bag was quickly nominated and quickly donated for the noble cause. The pink bag, being highly visible, and carried on either the sweeper or another designated person's bike, might have an inner tube, CO2, bandages, emergency food, etc.

Sheryl - Stopping for flats. Suggestion made that experienced people should be able to change flats with another person or two and catch back up to the group. But a new person should have a few people (2) but not the whole group like last week (5/21/05) when we stopped at the beginning of the ride. We need to keep the group moving so we don't get back too late as it is getting much hotter outside now. The sweeper should be able to help with a flat and always stops to help in any kind of an unforeseen emergency type situation – hence the purpose of a sweeper.

Ron - Starting at 6:30am versus 7:00am. Consensus, would like to keep start time at 7:00am and be sure to leave at 7:00am sharp. Made clear to group that the rides are leaving at 7:00am sharp so be ready to go at that time. They should come a little early to be ready to leave on time.

Ron - Discussion about new riders that may show up without a lot of road experience, especially riding in a group. A discussion ensued about how to handle these situations. A suggestion was made to give new GVC members and riders a new member packet. This would include a waiver and information about safety basics on the road. This way it would be the new member/riders responsibility to read at some point, hopefully before they get into the group ride. They would get the packet when they sign the waivers and become members or ride with GVC.

Sandy - Staying together and splitting up during rides working out ok with the sweeper. The consensus was the sweeper is working out very well for this.

Voting & Elections:

JC and Linda - Volunteered to do the ballot counting.

Results:

Announced by JC:

President – Sandy Vice President - Ron Treasurer – Lois Secretary – Sheryl
Members At Large – Erik, Kent, Mike, Peri, Tony

Guest Speaker:

Ron – Safety issues on the road

NRS 484.503 “...Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle...”

NRS 484.509

“...Shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable,...except:

- a. When traveling at a lawful rate of speed commensurate with the speed of any nearby traffic;
- b. When preparing to turn left; or
- c. When doing so would not be safe.”

Ron gave a safety lecture regarding riding in the group with a visual handout. Discussion regarding the NRS, instant stop maneuver, reviewed collisions, safety concepts, use of right lanes and example of narrow two lane roads (e.g., Warm Springs over pass).

Pink Tony – Special Presentation to Peri a “Pink and purple yellow brick road” hand made quilt. Tony graced us with his fine handiwork as he presented Peri with one of his handmade quilts.

Tire changing contest:

Winner – Al in approximately 2 minutes and 20 secs.

2nd Place Robert 3minutes and 45sec. (approximately)

3rd Place J.C. (Can’t Remember!)

4th Place Tracy (A.K.A. “Pee Wee” “Little One” “Robert’s Sister”) 4 minutes 45 secs.

Next Club Meeting: Next Meeting in August. To be posted on website.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:30am