

Royal Highlands Bike Club Meeting  
November 8, 2023

The monthly meeting of the RH Bike Club was called to order by President Tom Dixon at 4:04 p.m. in the Rec Center meeting room. Ten members were present.

The Minutes from the October meeting were read. Mary Freisinger moved to accept the report. Alicia Cooke seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Jerry Freisinger reported that the Boke Club has \$201.82 in its account and has 35 members in 21 households. Mike Kowalski made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mary Freisinger seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jerry reminded the members that dues for 2024 are due and can be paid any time.

The Club discussed the fall day trip. The new section of the Suncoast trail will be the ride. There is a good video of this section on YouTube by Lenny Willcox. This section is 12.6 miles one way. We will do this ride the first week in December.

The next meeting (December 13) will be our holiday party in addition to the meeting. Mary Freisinger is coordinating the party.

We next discussed the weekly Wednesday trail rides and the email notifications of them. Presently the email announcing the trail of the week goes out to everyone yet very few ride them/ Tom suggested two separate email accounts – one for general bike club information and one for the Wednesday trail rides, with a smaller distribution. We decided that the Wednesday rides would work better via texts. And we are further looking into WhatsApp as it has even a better way to text. Tom is looking into WhatsApp.

The final item on the agenda was "How can we increase our membership." Some of the suggestions were: a scavenger hunt for the bike riders in the community; ladies only rides; speed limit rides (i.e. 12 mph rides); include riders from other communities; etc. Including people from other communities could be for inside and/or outside the community rides. It was also mentioned that we could do more with the web site. No decisions were made. This will be discussed at the December meeting.

As part of the above discussions, we talked about having a Social Director to find fun things outside of riding for the bike club to do to make it more inviting for new members. For example, we went on a cruise a few years ago. One or two extra things a year would be fun for the members and may entice new members to join.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02.

Respectfully submitted, Lynda Streight, for Secretary Linda Smith