

Transparency:

We build trust within our community by openly sharing all support group and service group information.

Vital Cycles continues operational clarity and develops trust by sharing all information about the business decisions of the group and service groups. We make information reasonably available to our members and in appropriate public outlets. However, the most closely held information within Vital Cycles is the personal information about individual members.

Example 1: Although the notes were brief, and focused mostly on the issue of how to distribute the group's treasury, Maria circulated the one-page meeting minutes to all that were comfortable releasing their email addresses. She carried a hardcopy to the group for anyone who wished to review it at break for two weeks.

Example 2: After discussion, the Bristol, England Group decided that their group format had some interesting variations from the original format that the group's founders pulled from the Vital Cycles website; they had generated an "art night" that provided a once/month alternative to their traditional sharing format. Jane forwarded the format to the Vital Cycles website information email, and was pleased to see their format posted on the site as an alternative choice several weeks later.

Example 3: The Vital Cycles Board, which is a service group, routinely publishes its meeting minutes, annual financial statement, and bylaws on the Vital Cycles website. These documents can be printed and reviewed by any interested party.