

Minutes of April

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Winnepesaukee H.O.G. Chapter 2529 Meeting

April 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Joe our Greeter who welcomed back returning members Bob and Sue Gaudette and new members Ed Solano, Lee Gilman, Donna Monti, Allen Burns, Debbie King, Anna McCormick and Bob Neeb. Riding season is upon us and he advised all that Joe Newman will be leading the first ride of the season April 30, leaving from the Dealership and going to Cabela's, meeting at 8:30 KSU 9AM.

Today's spotlight was on Judi Dunlap. Judi was born in Concord MA and grew up in West Concord MA, married Bob in 1966 and moved to NH. She graduated in 1963 and worked in banking, held various other full and part time positions and working in the family business after the birth of her son in 1972. While she hasn't served in the military, she is a proud daughter of an Army veteran who served in WWII and wife of a husband who also served. She has 1 son, 1 granddaughter and 1 great grandson. She is the eldest of 4 children, 1 sister and 2 brothers, one of whom is deceased. She retired from banking about 9 years ago and has been full and part time in retail up until 2015, but still works in the family business. She was +50 when she took the Rider Safety course. Her first bike was a 2000 fat boy. She prefers to ride 2 up with husband Bob in charge. She became a chapter member in 1997. She has varied hobbies, particularly involving the creative arts and loves music and dancing. She has lived her life in this general area and is not sure where else she would like to live out the rest of her life if the world was a safe place to live. Her bucket list is short-she would like to visit New Orleans for non-stop blues music and ride on a motorcycle through Bear Tooth Pass. If she won a million dollars, she would buy her son acres of land and build him a log cabin with a 5 car garage. Her only regret is not asking more questions of her grandparents to better understand where she came from. Maternal grandparents were from Italy and paternal grandparents were from the hills of Kentucky. She doesn't really have a favorite food, liking more than she dislikes, but prefers whatever is fresh and in season. She has lived in Sandwich since 1971.

The requisite joke was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting turned over to Director Ron Egalka.

Ron began a brief discussion on HOT training recently attended that highlighted the theme of 'Let's Ride'. HOG is looking to insulate itself from many of the rules and regulations that deter members from riding. The focus has shifted only to the riding. There are no rules/regulations for road captains and people wanting to get training in CPR and first aid as in the past. This will be the last meeting without time constraints unless the weather is poor and the ride following the meeting is cancelled. During the riding season, meetings will be limited to 30 minutes and the meetings will begin at 9AM.

Assistant Director's Report: Thom advised the group starting next month we will be looking for volunteers to staff the hospitality desk during bike week. We will be open Saturday June 10 @ 9AM and ending Sunday June 18 @ 5PM. We will be looking for 2 people for each shift. Bike week committee members are Thom, Lana, Cindy Lou and Joe Newman.

Secretary's Report: Lana advised 50/50 was being changed to membership donation. For those that were unaware, Alex Hood and Ed Almstedt will be leaving the dealership at the end of the day.

Treasurer's Report: Fran reviewed the chapter's income and expenses

Membership Report: there were 15 renewals and 8 new members for the period. There are currently 201 active members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities. Dave- advised the group the Spring Fling would likely be held at the Gunstock Inn after Bike Week. Looking toward a Pig Roast and Poker Run. More details will be provided as they become available. Lake George 7/14-16 overnight-20 people & 16 bikes-it is just about sold out, some rooms are still available. Rooms are at the Admiral Motel under Winni-Hog group. There is an overflow motel next door with same ownership. Ask for Maureen 518-668-2097 rates 149.88/queens or 160.95/king. Overflow rate is 172.05. We will be leaving Friday with NE lobster bake dinner cruise on Lake George that evening. Saturday will be riding to Ft. Ticonderoga, Adirondack Loop and Texas BBQ dinner and rodeo. Saddle up Sunday for ride home. Bar Harbor 9/8-10 overnight. 10 have signed up. Hotel is the Edenbrook Motel 207-288-5066 \$70.85/night under Dave Broughton Winni Hog group. Cadillac Mountain and Desert Island are planned stops thus far. He will be looking for a head count for the Mount Washington luncheon after the 8/13 meeting. **Cindy Lou-** LOH officer advised the group there will be an International Lady Rider Day event hosted at the Dealership May 6. The Ladies of Harley will be leading a 2 hour loop ride around Newfound Lake. Sign up at 10AM KSU at 11. There will be a luncheon and activities after. The LOH get together monthly and have several things in the planning stages. **Fran-** advised they would be bark mulching and planting shrubs completing the memorial bench area. The cost of \$100 is still bringing the project under the original budgeted amount. Judi advised that Sally Porter wished to donate the cost of the shrubs, and was unsure if she would be able to make the dedication. Fran advised the dedication would likely occur sometime after Bike Week. Southwest Vermont ride 5/20-21 will

be departing at 8AM. Lodging will be at the Olympia Lodge in Manchester VT 802-362-1700. 12 rooms have been set aside, rate of \$125 includes big breakfast. Their website is www.olympia-vt.com. Ride to Robert Lincoln family home, Norman Rockwell/Sugar Shack and Chocolatorium are planned. Isle of Shoals-Star Island 8/12 will be leaving at 11:15 out of Rye Harbour on a lobster type boat that will hold 21 people. There will be a walk about on Star Island and picnic type lunch-bring your own or purchase there-boat will depart at 1:20 and tour the harbor arriving at 2:15. **Stuart**-Anyone planning on attending the Mount Greylock overnight 6/24, please see Stuart.

Ride Committee. Fran reported the Ride Schedule is available on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Iron Adventure Rally** Mike brought the group up to date on the happenings in preparation for the Rally. 380 have pre-registered to date. There are still some hiccups with registrations. Demo trailer will be on site and looking for volunteers to assist in ½ day blocks. Volunteers for parking in 2 hour blocks are being sought. Tickets will be given volunteers and will be drawn for a prize at the end of the event. Again, Thursday night dinner is CASH \$30 and not included in your registration. Looking at having the Legion provide a breakfast-there will be shuttle buses serving local hotels and campgrounds. Next meeting will be in May at L-A Harley.
- **HOT Training.** Ron reviewed with the group 3 top take-aways each of the members attending came back with. Lana-need to use HOG provided membership form, don't use the term 50/50, if you are not current in your membership a waiver must be signed if you are participating in any riding event. Thom-chapter rides need to be stated in writing if they are open or closed, ride your own ride-ie.you don't have to follow the group through a red light, each road captain needs a membership roster. Joe-degree of dealer involvement in the chapter, have short new member rides to focus on building comfort with group riding, focus is on new member comfort-perhaps asking new members to stand up and introduce themselves may not be best. Rick-freedom-let's ride-no boundaries, break down any barrier to getting on with the ride-shorter meetings, HOG members come to meetings/dealership in their gear(colors/vest) be ambassadors for the dealership. Cindy Lou-meetings can be intimidating to new members-ways to reduce to encourage attendance and retention, use more social media, create a pin post outlining what can and cannot be posted on the chapter facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Bike Week.** Ron advised the group the Bike Week committee has been meeting and we will be looking for volunteers to help staff the desk. He has been meeting also with organizers of the event and hoping to improve relationships moving forward. He will be meeting with the Mount Washington Auto Road management to go over all aspects of the ride. Ron has also discussed the Pin Stop situation with Bruce Motta and no changes will be taking place this year-perhaps later. In a meeting with Asst. Director of the Association Jen Anderson, Ron was advised that some of the AMA sponsored rides didn't have leaders and asked if perhaps we might be able to assist. This would be pending insurance details. Additionally, we may be asked to have a member rotating at headquarters to answer any questions about our Chapter and HOG. He has also put forth the idea of having a Resident Appreciation Day where residents are given a discount for inconveniences that occur during Bike Week.
- **Discretionary Officers.** We have vacancies in both the Merchandise and Safety Officer positions. Please see Ron if you are interested.

Membership Donation was held.

Next meeting will be on 5/14/17 at 9am at LHD in our regular meeting room. If a change is needed, you will be notified via face book, website and e-mail. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am. Respectfully submitted, Lana Dearborn

REMINDER- the HOG number is 603-677-5337 for details of upcoming activities which is also available on our website. www.winnihog.2529.com