

Minutes of January

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Winnepesaukee H.O.G. Chapter 2529 Meeting

January 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order with 39 attending at 10:00 by Director Ron Egalka after Joe our Greeter welcomed all with a few comments and the usual joke. Joe advised that this was his 16th year as our greeter and on Jan. 30 he will celebrate his 63rd wedding anniversary (congratulations Joe!) and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance following today's spotlight which was on Rob Clark. Rob was born in 1969 in West Chester PA. He went to several schools in MA, ME and PA. He has lived in every state in New England except Vermont. He attended Naval boot camp in Illinois. His first career was as a cook, he has worked in factories, served in the military and worked on the technical side with computers. He was on active duty from 1989 to 1993 in the Navy and in the Naval reserves until 2005. He is single, never married and has no children. He has 2 half brothers, 1 deceased and 1 in MA; an older sister who lives in Seattle and a younger brother who lives in San Francisco. He has worked for Liberty Mutual for the past 19 years working with computers. He was 16-17 when he got his first motorcycle, a Yamaha Enduro 125. He has had 3 Harleys -1991 Sportster, 2012 Dyna Wide Glide and 2014 Street Glide. He has been a HOG chapter member since October 2015. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, shooting, kayaking and of course riding motorcycles. Something few people know about Rob is he is descended from pirates on his mother's side. They owned most of St. Croix at one time and were still rum running around the time of prohibition. His family has extensive military service throughout the branches. If he won a million dollars, he would stop working and do fun stuff. He tries not to have regrets, but supposes we all do but everything happens for a reason and turns out exactly as it's supposed to be. Favorite food is almost any kind of meat and ice cream. Rob currently lives in Farmington NH.

Reminder to all from Joe-not everyone has passed in their profiles. No pressure, but please fill them out.

Ron thanked Barb for the excellent job done on the Chapter Newsletter, copies were made available-it is available on the website and will be published quarterly.

Ron and Carl presented a certificate of appreciation to Judi Dunlop for the multitude of services she has performed for the Chapter over the years. Thank you so much Judi for all that you have done!

Carl updated the group on the Iron Adventure Run-HOG has completely taken over and further information should be available following their Jan. 14 meeting. The rally is closed to HOG

members only. They are looking for 50 guided and self-guided rides. Again, excellent opportunity for our Chapter Road Captains to participate. More info coming.

Secretary's Report: no questions. Minutes will be made available on the website and emailed to members.

Treasurer's Report: Fran expressed his thanks to outgoing Treasurer Judi for passing the books balanced and in super order. Chapter income and expenses were reviewed as well as advice on outstanding budget items that will be impacting the balance going forward.

Assistant Director: no report.

Membership Report: there were 6 renewals and one new member for the period. There are currently 189 active members. Remember, unless you are an existing life member, your membership renews when your national membership renews. Chapter membership cannot be renewed until your national membership is renewed. Current Life members renew January, future Life members will renew the month joined. Question raised regarding a membership drive for this year. We will be looking at that, more info to follow. Barb will be looking into cost of printing Chapter info cards for members to carry to hand out to prospective new members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Activities.** Dave thanked all again for their efforts and gift cards in support of the Festival of Trees and noted the thank you received from them. March 12 Chapter breakfast meeting will be held at Schuster's Tavern located in the Gunstock Inn. There is an AYCE buffet, member cost \$5pp, chapter will pick up the remaining \$11pp. Update on Snowmobile trip-those interested in attending needed to confirm by end of the meeting. Trip will be Feb. 18-20, snowmobile rental will be in the AM Sunday the 19th. Further details to be provided to those attending once reservations are finalized.
- **Ladies of Harley.** Cindy Lou reminded all that your Ladies of Harley membership comes free with your national HOG membership. LOH promotes HOG and the local chapter. Ladies meet monthly and get together for a variety of activities. Next meeting is at Church Landing Friday Jan. 13 at 6PM.
- **Safety.** Jason reported he is looking to get a first aid class put together specifically geared toward riding accidents and a skilled rider's course especially for Road Captains. Many suggestions were made where additional training can be obtained. Great

opportunity for anyone wishing to improve their skills. Any suggestions, please contact Jason. Additional information will be provided through the year.

- **Prospective Road Captains.** Fran provided the group with information regarding the steps he takes when preparing for a chapter ride. Highlights are: paper maps to online maps to HOG ride planner for beginning to determine the route, followed by planning rest stops/lunch, followed by a pre-ride. Overnights include all of the above and a little more-locating place to stay with a place to eat within walking distance. He encouraged members to consider becoming road captains, stressing you don't need to 'lead' and can work your way up to that point.
- **HOT Training.** Available to Chapter Officers. Will be held in Buffalo NY Apr. 8-9. Let Ron know if you are interested in attending.
- **Ride Committee.** Meeting Monday Jan. 9 to begin finalizing ride list. Some weekends will include Saturday and Sunday rides. It will be some time before the final list is available as road captains also need to be matched up to the rides.
- **Road Captains.** Tony advised when he returns there will be scheduled training. Will try to set up at least 2 training sessions to go through which in addition to safety, there will be discussions on what you go through ride organization, what takes place during the ride etc.

Dealership News. Will updated the membership on changes upcoming with the Dealership. A quarterly newsletter will be published outlining upcoming events rather than the weekly emails done in the past. These will be emailed-if you aren't on the list-get with him, as well as available in hard copy at the dealership. Will introduced the new program-Resolution to Ride. This is a 12 month program mileage contest specific to LHD. There will be 9 categories, you must register by Jan. 31, 3 methods- storage folks via service dept., ride your bike in or take a picture of bike, vin# and odometer reading and email it in. Even if you don't think you will ride enough miles to win, various programs will be ongoing throughout the year that you must be registered to participate in. Register to Win programs are changing. You must be present to win and the prizes will be high value items. Feb 11 will feature a pre-paid maintenance package! Chili Cookoff to be held Jan. 21-customers to decide winner-prize is \$100 gift card to O's. Get with Will if you will be bringing your best Chili. Pond Hockey Feb. 3-5. Should have ice this year. Lots of new events will be happening. There is a new prepaid maintenance package offering-2 options are available. One is a 3 year unlimited mile plan that is not limited to in-house service-check with sales staff or Krista in finance.

All prizes were drawn and distributed. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Next meeting will be on 2/12/16 at 10am 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 11:40 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

!!!!REMINDER- MEETING TIMES WILL BE 10AM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!!