



## **MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**WINNIPESAUKEE 2529**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Joe Boucher. He mentioned the Celebration of Life for our Chapter's Judi Dunlap, who passed away on Thanksgiving. He also reflected on the death and remembrance of President George HW Bush stating, that when he was in the military, he met three presidents: Eisenhower, Nixon and Johnson.

Joe spoke of the success of the November 25<sup>th</sup> event for the Altrusa Club - that there were 40 Chapter members in attendance and \$1,195.00 in gift cards raised. He mentioned that there was an article in the *Laconia Daily Sun* this past week.

Joe also mentioned the record-breaking level of funds raised during Pub Mania 2018 of over \$580,584. He said he followed on Facebook with video of Julie Klinger lip syncing and of Rick Bassett singing while in ladies under garments.

This year was the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor and that anyone having the chance to visit the USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu would find it a moving experience. Joe lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe shared that often Judi Dunlap would email him jokes for the meetings, and he offered one of her Christmas jokes.

Director Ron Egalka started by reading the article in the *Laconia Daily Sun* regarding the Altrusa tree event and the fact that the Chapter's efforts were dedicated it in Judi's memory. In addition to the fully decorated tree, the chapter donated more money than it ever has in the past.

Ron reminded everyone that the dealership was offering 20% discount all day following the meeting. He mentioned that today we would complete the election. He pointed out that he had

ride suggestion forms up front for interested parties to fill out. Hand them in to Tom Cady, Carl Harris or Rick Bassett.

Assistant Director Joe Newman thanked all the members for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving and Happy holidays. He said he was waiting for Bruce Motta to offer more info on HOT training and that nothing has been finalized yet. As soon as he had info he would share with the Chapter. Joe detailed the Chapter *Ride 365* results: Winni HOG did 181,504-miles collectively. That averages about 7,563 per rider. We finished in 80<sup>th</sup> in the country, and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Northeast Region – both of which were extraordinary, given our limited riding season. Joe shared that Bruce Motta has not finalized what the awards will be yet. Interested parties can go online to check on updates.

Joe mentioned an article in the *Thunder Press* that mentioned the good work done at the Iron Rally by Barb Harris and Mike Egeler. There was no mention that Winni 2529 came in first in the Chapter Challenge. Mike Egeler stated that is the first time in 25 years that the chapter had won a challenge.

Fran Maineri spoke on when he took over as treasurer from Judi how easy it was for him because Judi was so organized. Fran shared the Treasurers report: beginning with last month's balance of \$4,329.99 the Chapter added income from memberships, member donations, & merchandise sales totaling \$480.75. Various expenses totaled \$397.36 bringing the ending balance to \$4,413.38

Fran then did a brief overview of the year's breakdown of monies/in and out. He explained that most of the money comes from membership dues, bike week, merchandise sales and member donations. Major expenses are Spring Fling and Harvest dinner Chapter offset and the biggest expense every year is HOT training which is \$2,500. Ron Egalka then stated that \$925.00 was for education of the Chapter members including the Accident Scene Management class that was very beneficial to the club.

Julie Klinger thanked Ron and Fran for their help and support to the club during their time on the executive board.

Dave Broughton, spoke of the Altrusa. 46 members participated in the event of which 43 joined afterwards for lunch. He stated that Julie Klinger was going to be the next activities director. He said that he has already planned that next year the Altrusa Tree decorating was now an annual Christmas party and that it was now being called Judi D's Christmas party. He announced that Bruce Klinger or Joe Monti were going to play Santa Claus and it was going to be a Yankee Swap. He was going out with a bang knowing we raised \$1195 in gift cards.

Dave stated his last official act as activities director is going to be the Snowmobile trip/Ice bar event at Stonehurst Manor. Anyone wanting to rent a machine needs to let him know today so he can reserve it. He advised that someone had to cancel their reservation and that, subsequent to Ron sending an email to the Chapter, Brian and Wilma are taking that

cancelation. He said that there were only 300 tickets available for the Ice Bar and that no one could get any as they were sold out.

Ron thanked Dave for all his dedication over the last years and that he did a great job. Dave thanked Carl Harris for always doing the video for the Harvest Supper.

Jerry Fernandez gave a membership update of 160 active members and that January is a big renewal month. He will be sending out emails to those up for renewal, so he can be proactive to get them done in a timely manner. He shared that we have two new members Kerri Solomon and Suzie Fernandez.

Maria Newman said she was waiting on the new 2019 HOG Merchandise catalogs to come in for merchandise ordering.

Bruce Klinger thanked all the Road Captains for the safe riding year we have had. He then presented to Joe Newman a rocker "FIXES SHIT". Joe elaborated by stating that that phrase was coined by Judi Dunlap when, during a ride, when the leader of the ride, Fran's bike broke down and Joe was able to fix it. Leaving that phrase to stick with Joe.

Kathy Swart shared a limerick she wrote for Judi Dunlap. Kathy also thanked everyone for their participation in Pub Mania. She spoke fondly of how Judi had embraced her and told her that Winni Hog was a great group of people when the Swarts moved to the area. Kathy shared a story of her personal struggles with being a single mom and needing help with food or money and why being involved in Pub Mania is so personal to her. She has great new ideas for next year's auction, hoping that the Membership will help also. One of her ideas is to put together a large auction item, like a basket with H-D poker chips and t-shirts from as many dealerships as possible. She stated that 2 years ago when team BPS retired, they were the top fund-raising team, collecting \$34,000. She wants to beat that total. Barb Harris asked if the t-shirts and poker chips can be collected from anywhere. Will thought we might focus on New England area. But it was echoed that it can be whatever "we" want it to be. Cindy Lou mentioned what a great spot Iron Butts has at Patrick's right in front of the stage. Maria Newman said that she was pleased to know the money was used locally and one place to benefit is Belknap House a cold weather shelter.

Will Swart mentioned there will be more info coming for the *More Than Rewards* program. He has a printed list of how some of the points will be awarded, such as attending the monthly HOG meetings. He asked Joe B. to give Will or Rick a copy of the sign-in sheet. Will mentioned he will be leaving on vacation Dec. 22, going south to visit family. Will mentioned that rewards Bucks/Funny money needs to be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>. He told everyone that Tom Cady won the mileage contest (surprise!?). Dealership hours will be 7-days a week until Christmas. Mon-Fri 10am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday 9-6. They will close early on Christmas eve and closed Christmas day.

Will reflected when he came to the dealership and met with Alan Beattle about joining Pub Mania. He said how surprised he was each year that the money raised continued to climb. He shared that his daughter, with her own money, decided to have a bake sale where she raised \$117.00 which she was able to donate.

Will listed the top fund raisers #1 Was Robin Watson raising \$1883.

#2 Was Dave Broughton raising \$1200

#3 Was Julie Klinger raising \$850.

Joe and Donna Monti won for Best Santa and Mrs. Claus. Donna Monti played several 50/50s and won but gave a total of \$215.00 back to Iron Butts/Pub Mania.

Craig Hodsdon won the ugly sweater contest with a sweater knit by Judi Dunlap.

There is a video posted of Rick Bassett singing in what Will called "Scarioki".

Mike Egeler won \$50.00 for his participation in Naughty hour. Pub Mania is a yearlong fund-raising effort, with every day people doing extraordinary things for others. Pub Mania raised \$353,000 this year total of the entire event's \$585,000

Dave Broughton said that his opinion is that Will has been the best supporter of Winni HOG 2529 ever.

Rick Bassett asked about the ride committee, which Ron stated that it would be announced at January meeting.

Fran, as chair of the Memorial Plaque committee, they will be adding Judi's name to it.

Barb Harris asked anyone wanting to put something in the newsletter, she needs them to her by 12/27/18. Articles classified ads or photographs.

John Zanchi shared sad news with the club that one of his dear friends and club member John Lashnits recently passed away suddenly. We were all saddened for this loss. Ron remembered John, stating that he had been very helpful the last couple years at the WinniHOG hospitality desk during Motorcycle Week. Ron also stated that John's name will be added to the plaque as well.

Clark Mansur asked about volunteering for the Ride Committee. He was told that Tom Cady was temporarily the chairman and Fran Maineri, Carl Harris and Rick Bassett were also on the committee. Ron said he would like several members on the committee, but too many makes it difficult to have efficient meetings.

Ron said at the last meeting there had been a motion on floor to close nominations as both Director and Treasurers positions had no opposition. Ron asked someone to make a motion on the floor to unanimously elect Mike Gregory as Director and Joe Monti to Treasurer. Motion

moved by Maria Newman, seconded by Barb Harris. By a show of hands, the vote was unanimous. Ron presented new rockers to both.

Joe Newman gave Fran M. a certificate of appreciation for his service to the Chapter and a gift certificate. Then offered the same thanks to outgoing Director Ron Egalka, including a gift certificate and Certificate of Appreciation.

Joe Boucher said that Will gave three prizes for the raffle. Winners were: Dave Broughton, Ron Egalka and George Tessier.

Membership donation was won by Clark Mansur.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Treasurers report on file.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Klinger