



Biketember Fest Sept 14-16

MEETING MINUTES WINNIPESAUKEE H.O.G. 2529 SEPTEMBER 16,2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Joe Boucher. He mentioned todays ride to New London to the new Peter Christensen Tavern. He then led us with the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe introduced Jerry Fernandez as the new membership officer and his wife Susie. Joe finished with his joke of the day.

Ron Egalka welcomed everyone saying he was glad to be back after a wonderful month and a half of riding. Starting out with his great trip to Sturgis with Tom Cady. He stated that they did over 7,000 miles to and from Sturgis and had great weather the entire time. He, Thom and 15-other Members had a great time in Nova Scotia at the Digby Wharf Rat Rally with the entire 6-day ride (1,200 miles) led by Barb and Carl Harris.

Ron then thanked Gerry Fernandez for taking the Membership officer's position. He went on to thank Cathy Foster for her over two and a half years of dedicated service of volunteering for what is mostly a thankless job.

Joe Boucher forgot to ask if there were any new members at todays meeting. Melody and AJ spoke up stating they were looking for a "fun chapter" and they thought they had found it. We all agreed that they had found a fun group.

Ron then went on to bring up Road Captains that had completed their training but had not received their vests yet. Ed Solano, Davie Williams, Don Winget and Doug Cronis. He thanked all the Road Captains for their hard

work and gave a brief overview of all the preparation that goes in to making a ride.

Ron addressed the confusion over the date changes in the schedule, were mostly due to several officers being out of town (on vacation) and some changes at LHD.

Anna Perkins spoke about the activities involved in LHD's 10th anniversary party being held September 16th at the dealership between 12-3pm. They will be drawing the winner of the Harley Davidson 115th Anniversary bike.

Ron went over the change in the route of the scheduled ride. Because of some difficulties with arrangements at Peter Christian's Tavern, they will be going to The Flying Goose (about 1-mile away), with a total ride distance approximately 110 miles.

He said there is a Newbie ride scheduled for next Saturday to be led by Rick Bassett. Next Saturday is also LHD's Poker Run of Covered Bridges. He and Cindy Lou need a third Road Captain to volunteer for that event. Sunday there is a ride to Petey's in Rye Harbor, New Hampshire.

He also stated that next weeks Newbie ride on Wednesday has no one signed up. If no one signs up, that ride will be cancelled.

Ron went on to remind everyone that Don Winget is leading the ride October 6th to Weeks State Park in Lancaster.

Ron mentioned that Rick Bassett will be out of town for a ride he was scheduled to lead. Ron said he, or Bruce Klinger would handle it.

There also still rooms available for the overnight ride to the Sudbury Inn, anyone interested please contact Carl Harris.

Joe Newman spoke of his and Maria's ride to Milwaukee for the 115th Anniversary party of Harley Davidson. He stated that several members of the Chapter also went to the event. He shared how amazing the event was and how well organized it was. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming.

Julie Klinger mentioned that she and Bruce were able to join Joe and Maria on the part of their trip to Milwaukee, going as far as Niagara Falls. She said that when she first joined the Chapter she would have never imagined that she and her husband would forge such friendships with the motorcycle club.

She encouraged new Members to take time to get to know other Members and realize we really are a fun group of people.

Dave Broughton brought up the Fall Festival and that the event was scheduled for October 27 at Hart's Turkey Farm. This year the plan was to do a Halloween Theme with prizes and games to win for prizes. He has tickets available for member \$17.00 and non-members \$34.00. Maria Newman asked if the date could be changed. Dave said it is the same time as last years' event.

Julie directed a comment to Dave regarding the date of the 27 of Oct. She asked if the date could be discussed as several members had mentioned after the August meeting that the end of October they couldn't attend. She said that her thoughts were that Carl Harris works so hard on compiling the years rides into a video for the club, she felt it only fair the date work for him.

Ron suggested that it be discussed in the next couple days to see if there was an alternative.

Dave Broughton discussed the next event that is the Tree Decorating for the Altrusa Festival of Trees. He spoke of how successful last year was. We had 31 people who helped decorate the tree and that our Chapter collected \$420.00 worth of gift certificates to donate to the families. He said that due to the clubs' generosity every needy family that participated received a gift card. Cindy Lou mentioned that even though every year she and Ron and other Members are out of town with family, they donate to the cause. Dave continued by saying that the club then goes out for a meal to celebrate. Last year we went to Giusepee's for lunch following the tree decorating. Joe Newman also spoke of his participation last year and what an amazing feeling it is to help so many people.

Dave also mentioned the Snowmobile trip planned for January 25th staying at Stonehurst Manor in Conway. He said the ride Saturday will probably be up Mount Washington. He said that there will be ice sculptures and Vodka Ice Bar Friday and Saturday nights.

Fran Maineri spoke of his enjoyment in retirement and his 5 week trip with Karen across the Midwest. He talked of the amazing riding and scenery and encouraged anyone who can to see the country.

Fran gave a quick overview of the last two months financials. July balance \$4,614.19 with \$946.67 income. August balance \$5,476.92 then after

expenses from Norscot of \$892.80 (HOG patches, pins and other items) and other expenses ending balance \$4,936.16

Financial statement on file.

Maria Newman asked amount budgeted for HOT training for 2019. The answer from Ron and Fran- \$2,500

Maria Newman stated that as Merchandise Coordinator she has some left-over shirts she is selling for \$5.00 each, 35th anniversary patches for \$5.00 and zipper pulls for \$5.00 anyone interested see her after the meeting.

Ron mentioned that Biketember Fest seems to be a success. Get a bracelet and enjoy live music, areas of Weirs beach cordoned off for adult beverages .

Regina Cronis asked about the possibility of “expanding:” access to the Winni HOG web page. She stated that members can not post directly. Ron explained that “HOG” has rules regarding who can make direct posts. Bruce mentioned a similar situation with another club regarding limited access. Ron advised that posts need to go through him or Lana Dearborn. Regina asked if a second, more interactive site would be possible. Ron Egalka said he would do some investigating to see if it was possible.

Mike Gregory asked about the HOTLINE, Ron explained that when LHD changed to new telephone operating system it was down, but that they were working to rectify the problem.

Joe Monti wanted to speak about how fantastic the trip was to The Wharf Rat Rally. He said how amazing the trip was thanks to Carl and Barb Harris. He said they took care of everyone personally, like their own personal guides. He wanted to thank them for their efforts.

Julie Klinger mentioned that if anyone was interested in going on the unofficial 2529 cruise, the date is Feb 9th, 2019 on the Caribbean Princess leaving out of Fort Lauderdale. There are approx. 12-15 club members going. See her or Bruce for details.

Ron asked Joe to briefly speak about the plaque the chapter won at the Iron Adventure. Joe Newman told everyone of the victory of winning First Place at the Iron Adventure that was held at Sunday River. We won for contests, Road Captain volunteers and Chapter Member participation. The plaque will be placed in the Chapter showcase downstairs in LHD.

Joe Boucher stated that along with todays drawing of membership donation, Theo donated a motorcycle helmet and a pair of saddle bags. The saddlebags were won by Fran Maineri who gave them to Gerald Reiniger. The Helmet was won by Don Winget and he gave it to Mike Gregory. The membership donation was won by Chico Gempka.

The meeting concluded a little after 10:00am with 45 members in attendance.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Klinger