

# JANUARY 2018 MEETING MINUTES



**WINNIPESAUKE H.O.G. CHAPTER 2529**

**JANUARY 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 10AM with 49 **M**embers in attendance. Ron opened with the fact the Joe Boucher was out sick and didn't want to get anyone else sick. Ron advised that Cathy Foster was not present today and any new member inquiries or payments could be made to Julie.

Fran Maineri opened with a joke. (he is a brave man to fill in for Joe!)

Joe Newman lead us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce reminded everyone of **50/50** tickets for sale and that Will Swart was donating 2 prizes to todays raffle.

Ron continued by telling the group that Anna was selling H.O.G. merchandise. T-shirts for \$5.00 each and that there is a new catalog and she will be accepting special orders.

Ron mentioned that we have four new members in attendance. He also congratulated the two new officers, Joe Newman as Assistant Director and Julie Klinger as Secretary. He went on to announce Lana Dearborn as the **new Social Media Officer**.

Ron then called up Thom Cady and Lana Dearborn and **presented** them both **Certificates of Appreciation** for their dedicated service to the **Chapter**, Tom as outgoing Assistant Director and Lana as Secretary. A heartfelt thanks to both of you for your time and service!

Joe Newman **requested** volunteers for **the Chapter "Laconia Motorcycle Week Committee" which coordinates:** the H.O.G **Welcome Desk** at the dealership, **the** sale of water and raffles, **the HDMC Demo Rides tent, the LMWA Rally location and the National HOG Hospitality Tent (last year at Broken Spoke)**. The **demonstration of the** overall goodwill of the **Chapter at**

**the Rally is a great opportunity to be seen and possibly promote new member.** He had up a sign-up sheet for anyone interested **in participating.**

Fran Maineri was next to offer the Treasurers report. Last month's balance **was \$ 5,936.92. Taking into account operating and donation expenses and new and renewal membership fees left a** balance at \$5,808.61.

Dave Broughton shared a picture from a year ago **of** the Altrusa Festival of Trees, where 12 members participated in decorating. This year we had 31 participants. He also thanked Julie for suggesting that everyone wear "Ugly Christmas" sweaters to the event, Lana interjected that Julie had also spearheaded the Halloween **costume** contest for the Fall Fling. Dave continued by saying that he received an email from the president of the Altrusa **Club** thanking the Chapter for our participation and generous donations. He reminded everyone the donations are tax deductible.

Dave moved on to discuss the **potential** snowmobile trip planned for February. He needs **a** minimum of 8-10 people to rent a ski lodge. Dates that were up for discussion were first week in February or last week. Due to the H.O.T training at the beginning of **February**, it was agreed on the last weekend in Feb.

Approximate costs would be \$165.00 for a single and \$195.00 double **machine.** Dave asked **that he** not be "left holding the bag!" **If** you commit to **going**, please be there. All costs are based on the number of people going; if you **don't go**, you up the costs for **the** other **Members.** Call Dave or email him if you are interested.

Judi Dunlap asked to speak on her feelings on the Altrusa **Club**, of which she is a member. She stated that 43 trees were donated, offering 43 families an opportunity to **have** a Christmas that they would not been able to afford. Julie suggested that we add a motorcycle ornament to the trees in the future to help the families remember our **Chapter** as the donator. Judi stated that the **Chapter** used to do that. Rick Bassett and Will said they would donate that.

Lana Dearborn wanted anyone who had pictures or info to share with her for the **Chapter's Social Media at** her email: [iana7879@gmail.com](mailto:iana7879@gmail.com)

Ron introduced Bruce Klinger as new Safety **Officer** to see if he had anything for the group. Bruce, said that "if" anyone was to be out riding this time of year to be very aware of salt and sand on the roadways.

Rick Bassett asked about Accident Management Scene class **as to** who was going and if anyone wanted to carpool. Ron stated that the original location of Concord **HOG** had changed and the meeting was now taking place **at** the Hooksett Library, 31 Mount St Mary's Way in Hookset. Fran mentioned that parking was limited and car pooling was advised. It was suggested that everyone going to the class meet at the Belmont Park and Ride on Rte 106 at 8am. Ron will send an email to all attending. Bruce suggested that everyone who wears full-face helmet to bring it to the class He also suggested kneepads as there could be considerable time on your knees.

Mike Egeler brought updates for the Iron Adventure **Run Rally** from the meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Rally dates are August 2-4. There will be entertainment nightly. Daily rides to Mount Washington @ \$25.00 per. Sunset rides @ \$27.00. There will be no "games" this year as the goal is more about riding. Next open meeting will be March 17<sup>th</sup> **at** Ocean State, exit 15 off Rte.95. Information can be **sent** to you by texting [IAR2018 to 84483](tel:84483). **Also**, you can receive alerts from [The Iron Adventure Run of New England 2018](#). As always, they are looking for volunteers to help. This being the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **year**, they **are** expecting big crowds. A reminder that the recommended hotels are Snowcap Inn, Grand Summit Hotel and The Jordan. Reservations can be made : 1800-207-2365 and offer code 85TOJT when booking. Registration is open now until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Judi asked if there was going to be a Quilts of Valour this year. Mike will follow up as details become available. It was mentioned that " games of chance" are still being discussed due to State of Maine regulations. Cathy Letellier mentioned what a great job Carl Harris is doing planning the rides. Mike mentioned that the hotels are offering meal packages at the hotels. Rob Clark stated the hotel will allow adding on the meal package up until 2 weeks prior to check in.

Will Swart went over the final tally for **LHD's Iron Butts Pub Mania success at** \$15,300.25 . He stated that the Iron Butts participation gave us a second place standing. There **were** only 100 points between first and second place. He said the dealership is already working on events for this year (**2018**). The chili cookoff is Jan22 . Entries only need to bring a crockpot of their best concoction. The voting is customers choice for the best chili. There will also be a beer tasting available that day sponsored by Great North Ale Works. The dealership is still working on new mileage contests for the upcoming year. Will mentioned that Thom Cady won **with** 25,000 miles in 2017. 2018 contests are designed for all people to participate so whether you ride 25 or 25,000, **everyone can be involved. This idea stems from trying to get more**

new riders involved in the **Chapter**. He shared that the planning stages of Laconia Motorcycle Week are in the works and details will be coming in the next 30-60 days.

Ron mentioned that anyone interested in submitting **2018** ride ideas that today was the deadline. There are forms up front to fill out, and to see Fran, **Thom** or himself with questions. Ron continued by stating that all rides would have a **return** E.T.A. before hand. **This would make** it easier for members to not have to wonder if the ride was possible to do **within their allotted time**. Rick Bassett, Ron and Will will be coming up with a list of dealer rides (info to follow). Ron also mentioned we are including shorter ride choices ie: before lunch rides or evening rides.

Rick stated he will be offering "newbie" rides for people new to the sport or new to group rides. Smaller groups 2-5 riders, going on less traveled roads etc. Geared for inexperienced riders **so that they will** feel comfortable riding in groups.

Rick brought up that the dealership will be having a ride simulator on February 8 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is an RSVP event to allow people who might want to see what it feel like to ride. Feeling what it is like to turn, shift gears etc.

Will Swart, talked about the philosophy of mentorship. Getting new riders to join come into the dealership and get to know the real people **and** not the façade. These new relationships will help build the sport.

Joe Newman challenged the Road Captains to mentor one new person to help grow or members.

Ron stated the Road Captains were the key to our success. **It takes a lot of time to prepare for and** create rides. The behind the scenes work and end result is very rewarding. The **Chapter** currently has 22 Road Captains **and, given the large number of expected rides in 2018, we'll need more**. If anyone is interested, **they should** see Ron **after the meeting or by email**. Member Clark Mansur mentioned that he was interested.

Ron stated that first requirement of **a Road Captain** is being a safe rider. He went on to explain that once chosen **to be a prospective RC**, the person would need to complete three shadow rides: one **riding alongside the lead RC**, one **alongside mid RC** and one **at sweep**. **This process is to have** that person understand all aspects **and perspectives** of a ride. After the completion of those **shadow** rides you will be rewarded with a great new yellow vest! Ron again thanked all the previous years' Road Captains for their great work keeping the **Chapter Members and guests** safe. Ron then stated that with **some of the** new shorter rides that it was a great way for potential road captains to **gain experience**.

Ron shared that has now joined the board of Laconia Motorcycle **Week** Association. This year they are hoping to add another Hill Climb to the already existing Gunstock Hill Climb. The addition is Tower Hill, **off Lakeside Ave in the Weirs**, which **would** be a professional ride. They are also looking into a ramp to ramp **Harley** jump. Discussion **with** Cole Freeman as the professional jump rider is **taking place**. Ron will offer more details when they are confirmed.

Ron made available a picture of the correct placement of patches on a vest that had been provided by Bruce. Copies are available up front at the desk for anyone interested. Copies of the **WinniHOG** newsletter also available at the desk for those not **able to read** online.

Fran Maineri came forward to suggest that new members not be "scared off" by the length of January's meeting. That this is not the normal time frame. Ron agreed stating that in the summer months the meetings are **a maximum a half hour (when a Chapter ride follows the meeting)** and the **meetings** start at 9am **during riding season**.

Clark asked if anyone was interested in "the ride home" (**the ride to Milwaukee in August**) to see him as he was interested. Joe Newman explained that the ride is **the 115th Anniversary Ride**. Northeast version leaves from Portland Maine to Milwaukee. People interested should check the **Harley** website for more info.

Ron said that he and Thom Cady were **planning to ride** to Sturgis, **late July - early August**, if anyone was interested.

Bruce mentioned that Jan 20-21 there was a motorcycle expo being held at the Big E, **West Springfield, MA** if anyone was interested in getting a group together. Stu offered his house as a meeting place.

Bruce announced the winner of the membership donation raffle : Ed Allard .

The two gifts offered by Laconia Harley Davidson winners: Steve MacDonald and Maria Newman.

MEETING ADJORNED AT 12:05PM MEMBERSHIP report on file.

NEXT meeting on February **18**, 2018 at 10:00am Laconia Harley Davidson upstairs HOG meeting room. (**note: this is a date change!**)

Respectfully submitted: Julie Klinger

REMINDER: THE HOG # IS603-677-5337 for details of upcoming activities.

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