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| h.o.g. business agenda |
| Agenda items |
| 1. Call to order: The December 2024 business meeting of the Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter was held on December 17th, 2024, in the H.O.G. Room. It began at 6:30 p.m. and was presided over by Michael Vennekotter, Director, with Valerie Goodnight as secretary. |
| 1. Attendees:   Voting members in attendance included: Nic Lowther, Mike Vennekotter, Matt Conde, Valerie Goodnight, Ramona Conde, Dwain Wilcox, Brent Emerson, Warren McDonald, Brian and Kathy Hartley, Michaell Wilcox, Nancy Elder, Brad Sanders, Gregg and Jeanne Randall, Jon Goodnight, and Debbie Vennokotter.  Guests in attendance included: Johnna Forbes, Chrissy Lowther, Jerry Pedigo, and Heather Burns.  Members not in attendance included: Karen Ryan, Corey Elder, Kim Burk and Scott Krepps, Antoinette Heitz, and Archie Buckner. |
| 1. Approval of the last meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous November 26th, 2024, meeting was made by Matt Conde and seconded by Warren McDonald. Motion passed by popular vote. |
| 1. Officer Reports:   ***H.O.G. Manager***: Nic Lowther- Shared information about his clearing project as a step toward progress.  ***Director:*** Mike Vennekotter- No report.  ***Assistant Director***: Matt Conde- The Christmas Party was a great success and we have passed 750,000 miles so far as a chapter.  ***Secretary:*** Valerie Goodnight- No report.  ***Treasurer:*** Ramona Conde- We have $1997.41 in the bank.  ***Safety Officer***: Dwain Wilcox-No report.  ***Head Road Captain***: Brent Emerson- No report.  ***Sargeant-At-Arms:*** Warren McDonald- No report.  ***Activities Officers***: Brian and Kathy Hartley- No report.  ***Ladies’ Harley Activities Officer:*** Karen Ryan- Not present.  ***Ladies’ of Harley Ride Officer:*** Michaell Wilcox- No report.  ***Membership Officers:*** Corey and Nancy Elder- 195 members and the 2025 renewal period has started.  ***Merchandise Officer:*** Brad Sanders- 2024 pins have been ordered, there is a 6–8-week delivery time for the 10 rides award.  ***Chaplains:*** Gregg and Jeanne Randall- Reported that Sheilla is scheduled for surgery in January. She is still in a lot of pain.  ***Historian:*** Jon Goodnight- Reported that all the artifacts in HOG cabinet in the dealership have been photographed and the lighted project has started.  ***Fundraising Officers:*** Kim Burk/Scott Krepps- No report by outgoing officers. Mike reported that he has started inquiries about putting together a “Guns and Roses” package as a fundraiser this year. More to come.  ***Food Team Officer:*** Antoinette Heitz- Not present.  ***Photographer:*** Brian Hartley- Keep the photos coming!  ***Newsletter Editor:*** Debbie Vennekotter- Newsletter articles are due, sooner rather than later please.  ***Webmaster:*** Sherry Davis/Heather Burns-Introductions were made all around the members. Heather asked for grace and mercy as her last appointment for training did not occur. Starting now, the calendar is under activities. She would like to increase LOH visibility and refresh the chapter webpage. Nic gave consent to her to use any shared dealership material. She asked about using an app called “Canva” which has a cost of $15/month. This is a graphic design app. Deb offered that they may be able to add her to the dealership account. She will check into this.  ***Rally:*** Archie Buckner- Not present |
| 1. New business/Motions: 2. Annual Benefit Ride-DV: The dealership has been contacted by a Women’s Group that is planning their 1st Annual Ride for Domestic Violence. Debbie asked if we could get LOH involvement. They will be passing through Springfield on September 9th and there will be a need for volunteers to host. Johnna has agreed to help with this. 3. Ride/Event Forms-DW: Dwain reported that the ride sheet that can be downloaded from the website has had changes discussed previously by the group. He proposes that we add lines for the 6 ride positions needed for more than 10 bike rides. He would like to update the sheet to include these. He then asked about adding a space for guests separately as that is helpful for Matt when processing the ride sheets for miles. Warren and Jerry asked why it matters to include that information as guests should not be signing the sign in sheet; only waivers are needed. This information was not known to all officers. 4. Employee Appreciate Lunch-KH: It is scheduled for February 1st. Will not interfere with the Saturday Scoot. She is proposing pulled pork, beans, potato salad, and rolls. Estimated cost is $150. 5. Volunteer Certificates-KH: Kathy also asked about providing volunteer certificates for members who have volunteered their times. She found some on-line and they cost $203. Last year they were printed in-house. Chapter suggests doing a price check at Staples for a more cost-effective option. 6. Ride Leading Awards-JP: Jerry asked if there was an award for those who plan and lead a lot of rides. He thinks it might serve as an incentive to ride planning. Mike and Warren both believe that it is covered with the ride patch and then going on into the Road Captain program. Since the Road Captain program is still new, it may need to be revisited. Jerry’s perspective is that the Road Captain is more for those that ride a lot. There was a discussion that the Ride Leader program could be adjusted. No decision made. 7. Challenge Books-BH/BE: Brian presented an overview of the purpose of the Challenge book. He views the challenge book as personal. A challenge for himself. As an officer, he leads by example. He is offended by hearing “I give up because someone else always wins, so why try? Does it need to be named as something other than a “challenge” book. Greg offered that he likes the book because it gives ideas of places to ride. He walked through the “new” challenge book item by item. Overview only in notes…they have tried to group things like all National items (ex: Ride 365, 15 for 25, 50 Rides) all in one area, Rally rides are together, etc. LOH can be separate or included together. Decision was to keep it together. Long rides will be specified either by mileage or overnights. Bringing back monthly photo challenges. Highlighting volunteering. At the conclusion of the presentation different “rewards” were discussed. As currently presented there would be an approximate $1400 cost for the chapter for the year. Discussion about money being an issue and Mike suggested that a plaque, chevrons, and patches be used instead. Mike made a motion to accept the chapter challenge book as it is with the monetary rewards. It was seconded by Matt. More discussion followed and it failed to pass by popular vote. Mike then made another motion to accept the Chapter Challenge book as it is without the monetary rewards and use chevrons as rewards. This was seconded by Jeanne Randall. Discussion took place. Motion passed by popular vote. There will be categories for men and women. Valerie asked if mileage would be counted by actual miles on the bike and not by just ownership. Debbie Vennekotter provided clarification that when the dealership miles are entered into the system, they do not verify that all members have ridden (whether driving or riding pillion) is up to the honesty and integrity of the members. Dwain made a motion that the mileage challenge be reserved for bike riders only (drivers or pillion riders). This was seconded by Heather Burns. Discussion took place. It was decided that people could still drive and attend the events and make the challenge chevron of 2000 points…the book was designed that way to accommodate those members who do not ride in any fashion. This was passed by popular vote. Brent will be tracking who gets the book. Riders and passengers each need their own book. This will start in February 2025, which is when the book can be made available. 8. Review Action Items: VG    1. Helmet Stickers-discussed previously after the accident in November, with discussion about revisiting later. The officers agreed that no action would be taken at this time, and it will be removed from the Action Items list    2. Arm Bands: This also was discussed as part of the After-Action brief that despite the ride brief that is given before the ride identifying members of the ride leadership team, that it had been suggested that something like an arm band might be helpful to quickly identify who is a resource. Warren suggested that it be consistent regardless of what we decide to do. At this time, there will be no change for routine rides and the armbands will be used for the Rally. |
| 1. Announcements: January 25, 2025, will be a Team Building event at the OASIS Hotel from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for all officers who can attend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Debbie so she can order the correct amount of food. This will include goal setting for 2025. |
| 1. Adjournment: Ramona Conde moved that the meeting be adjourned, Nancy Elder seconded it, and this was agreed upon at 8:25 p.m. |

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| ACTION ITEMS | OWNER(S) | DEADLINE | STATUS |
| Member Renewals | Nancy and Corey | Starting 2025 renewals | On-going |
| Rally | Archie and Committee | On-going | In progress |
| Poker Chips-Design and order | Brad | January 2025 | In progress |
| Ride Brief Cards-adding emergency procedures | Mike | Ordered 100, will be ready in 4 weeks. | January 2025 |
| Ride Leadership Armbands | Brent | January 2025 | In progress |
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| \_Valerie Goodnight\_\_\_  Secretary  Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter |  | \_\_01/28/2025\_\_\_  Date of Approval |  |