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| h.o.g. business agenda |
| Agenda items |
| 1. Call to order: The January 2025 business meeting of the Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter was held on January 28th, 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, Brent Emerson, Warren McDonald, Kathy Hartley, Johnna Forbes, Brad Sanders, Gregg Randall, Jon Goodnight, Chrissy Lowther, Brian Hartley, Debbie Vennekotter, Heather Burns, Archie Buckner  Guests in attendance included: Jerry Pedigo, Liam Forbes  Members not in attendance included: Mike Folkert, Corey Elder, Nancy Elder, Jeanne Randall, Antoinette Heitz |
| 1. Approval of the last meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous December 17th, 2024, meeting was made by Matt Conde and seconded by Gregg Randall. Motion passed by popular vote/declined for corrections. |
| 1. Officer Reports:   ***H.O.G. Manager***: Nic Lowther- Changes are coming for the new HOG room. We received approval on Thursday night before bike night.  ***Director:*** Mike Vennekotter-ROC training in Norman, OK was closed. Will be going to Chicago, IL 2/15/2025.  ***Assistant Director***: Matt Conde- Rider challenge books, 20 were turned in. For the Ride Leader patches, there are only two left and Marty, who previously made them, is no longer making them. To make them as they are, they are cost prohibitive. Will discuss more in New Business. Pins are in.  ***Secretary:*** Valerie Goodnight- Nothing to report.  ***Treasurer:*** Ramona Conde- We have $ 1,982.75 in the bank. This does not include a deposit or petty cash which should bring us up to around $2,400.00.  ***Safety Officer***: Mike Folkert-Not present.  ***Head Road Captain***: Brent Emerson- Currently there are four people in the Road Captain Program. Let Brent know if someone is interested in leading rides so that he can give them some information. We need more ride leaders for the rally. He had a good turnout for the new member orientation this past weekend.  ***Sargeant-At-Arms:*** Warren McDonald- 50 days until Spring!  ***Activities Officers***: Brian and Kathy Hartley- Saturday is Employee Appreciation at the dealership. Be here at 10:30 a.m. to set up and serve.  ***Ladies’ Harley Officer:*** Johnna Forbes- Good turnout for the ceramics LOH activity.  ***Membership Officers:*** Corey and Nancy Elder- Not present. Mike reported that they had approximately 203 members before cleaning it up. New memberships are due by 2/28/2025 which they estimate will take us back to around 180 members. Members who have not paid their dues will come off the eblast effective 3/1/2025.  ***Merchandise Officer:*** Brad Sanders- Items need to be ordered, but Brad needs help. Brent volunteered.  ***Chaplains:*** Gregg and Jeanne Randall- Nothing to report.  ***Historian:*** Jon Goodnight- Nothing to report.  ***Fundraising Officers:*** Chrissy Lowther- Spoke with Richard in Bolivar. For the Guns and Roses fundraiser, he suggested the Glock 19 and a Glock 43x. However, she looked at Academy Sports and found that she could get the same guns for approximately $100 less per gun. Suggest selling more tickets this time. Other suggestions include offering more points in the Challenge book for selling tickets. There are 3 tickets for $40 or 6 tickets for $100. She has other ideas for fundraising which includes trying another blanket. Warren suggested doing more shopping for better deals. Brent confirmed that it has been his experience as well that Academy offers the cheapest prices.  ***Food Team Officer:*** Antoinette Heitz- Not present.  ***Photographer:*** Brian Hartley- Keep the photos coming! He has been collaborating with Heather to use hashtags for the challenge book photos. This will make it easier for the photos. It will promote the challenge book while increasing social media presence. There is a sheet on the website for the hashtags for people to copy and paste, but Heather will do it for you.  ***Newsletter Editor:*** Debbie Vennekotter- Newsletter articles are due.  ***Webmaster:*** Heather Burns-Wants to update officer pictures. Would like to do at the next social. She would like the officers to look more relaxed or approachable. Let her know if you have any suggestions.  ***Rally:*** Archie Buckner- Currently 215 are registered for the rally. 43 of t5hem are from St. Charles. They estimate needing 500 rooms. They have 11 hotels in reserve for the rally. |
| 1. New business/Motions: 2. HOG Room Move-NL-There are no permits needed for this due to no structural changes. There is no completion date yet. He will eventually need to get the HOG stuff moved. Space is the biggest issue. The HOG room in the shop will be completed first, then the current service desk will be next. Once that is complete, then we will be moving into the new space. We will have a storage room or kitchen type area for the fridge, etc. The “Dyno Room” has a pass-through window. The question for the social in February is how we need to manage it. Really make it more like HOG branding stuff on the walls. Heather asked if we will ever have a back road route into the store and Nic reported that it is not in the near future plans. 3. Turn-in pledges and surveys from Team Building event-MV-Mike reminded everyone that if they did not turn in their survey or pledges from the Team Building meeting they could still be turned in. 4. Budget discussion-MV-Ramona reports that there were several events that we lost money on (i.e. : pancake breakfast) in the last year. We still came out overall positive, but there were events that we might want to look at for 2025. Warren suggested using the spreadsheet to determine what to cut (like the Corned Beef and Cabbage…a lot of robust conversation around that). Kathy and Brian have copies of the spreadsheet as well so they can look at the events and compare to the turnout. They can report on what their findings are. Suggestions included that better advertising was needed. They can use Canva to make flyers to increase visibility. Timing of events needs to be considered with dealership events to offer these fundraisers to have increased traffic. There were several purchases made in 2024 that are reuseable investments (like the sound system, signs, vests, etc.) that will not be needed again for 2025. Warren offered that in the past, they try to start and end with approximately $2000, which is where we are. Ramona asked if, going forward, anyone giving her cash had it in an envelope and wrote on the envelope where the money had come from. Often at the social, she tries to help people check in and give tickets, but they are also coming to her with money and although she tries to make notes, it is very difficulty to keep on top of it. She will keep envelopes on the table for folks to use going forward. 5. Ride waivers incomplete-VG- In filing the sign in sheets and waivers, it has become clear that many people are not finishing the waivers. The tops of the forms are left blank. Valerie asked how important was it that it be completed and whose responsibility was it to see that they are completed? Brent asked for an example which was shown to him, and it was decided that the ride leader is responsible for ensuring that the waivers are complete. He will bring this up at the upcoming meeting and discuss in his newsletter article. 6. Change Ride Leader patch to a rocker with the year-MC-As mentioned earlier in his report, Matt is asking how we want to proceed with the patches. He is suggesting that it be changed to a chevron and that the last two patches be given to the Historian. Brian Hartley made a motion that we change the Ride Leader patch to a Chevron with years being given for each year the criteria is met. The motion was seconded by Johnna Forbes. After discussion, the motion was passed by popular vote. 7. Revising or adding to the chapter motto-HB-Heather suggested that everyone adopts the Mother HOG motto and wants to have the chapter consider adding to the “Ride and have fun” She suggested that there are three options: 1. Change the motto completely, 2. Add onto the existing motto, or 3. Make no change at all. There was a brief discussion around they “why” behind making a change and that change just to be changing is not a good reason. Warren McDonald made a motion to leave the motto as it. It was seconded by Matt Conde. After a brief discussion, motion passed by popular vote. 8. Review of Action items-VG    1. During review, a motion for the Poker Chips-Design and order for the Rally was made by Nic Lowther to abandon and the motion was seconded by Archie Buckner. Discussion around the fact that the dealership will have poker chips and that it was an unnecessary expense for the chapter. Motion passed by popular vote. |
| 1. Announcements: None |
| 1. Adjournment: Brian Hartley moved that the meeting be adjourned, Warren McDonald seconded it, and this was agreed upon at 7:55 p.m. |

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| ACTION ITEMS | OWNER(S) | DEADLINE | STATUS |
| Member Renewals | Nancy and Corey | Renewals | On-going |
| Rally | Archie and Committee | On-going | In progress |
| Poker Chips-Design and order | Sherry/Brad | January 2025 | Abandoned |
| Ride Brief Cards-adding emergency procedures | Mike | Ordered | Completed |
| Ride Leadership Armbands | Brent | Rally | Completed |
| Guns and Roses | Chrissy | Started | In progress |
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