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| h.o.g. business meeting minutes |
| Agenda items |
| 1. Call to order: The October 2024 business meeting of the Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter was held on October 22nd, 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.
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| 1. Attendees:

Voting members in attendance included: Nic Lowther, Mike Vennekotter, Valerie Goodnight, Ramona Conde, Dwain Wilcox, Brent Emerson, Warren McDonald, Brian Hartley, Kathy Hartley, Michaell Wilcox, Nancy Elder, Brad Sanders, Gregg Randall, Jeanne Randall, Jon Goodnight, Debbie Vennekotter, and Sherry DavisGuests in attendance included: Shaun Davis, Johnna ForbesMembers not in attendance included: Matt Conde, Karen Ryan, Corey Elder, Kim Burk, Scott Krepps, Antoinette Heitz, and Archie Buckner |
| 1. Approval of the last meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous September 24th, 2024, meeting was made by Brad Sanders and seconded by Ramona Conde. Motion passed by popular vote.
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| 1. Officer Reports:

***H.O.G. Manager***: Nic Lowther- Reports that he was approached by Kim and Scott Krepps reporting that they are stepping down from the fundraising positions. They bought a camper and want to spend more time enjoying that. Please be on the lookout for a replacement. Sherry Davis and Karen Ryan are also stepping down at the end of the year. All banking issues have been resolved as reported at the previous meeting. ***Director:*** Mike Vennekotter-E-blast will be sent out regarding open positions. Fundraising ideas will be discussed at the planning meeting.***Assistant Director***: Matt Conde- Not present/No report.***Secretary:*** Valerie Goodnight- No report.***Treasurer:*** Ramona Conde- We have $5,241.24 in the bank, once a deposit is made. She has $400-$500 in the bank bag pending deposit. Need to reconcile some receipts. (1x/month).***Safety Officer***: Dwain Wilcox-No report.***Head Road Captain***: Brent Emerson- Road Captain Program was approved with two more-chapter members that have been approved as Road Captains with a Ride Leader program pending.***Sargeant-At-Arms:*** Warren McDonald- No report.***Activities Officers***: Brian and Kathy Hartley- Kathy reports that the dealership has donated hotdogs/burgers/chips for Harleyween, but there is still a need to purchase buns and candy. She estimated that she may need an additional $350.***Ladies’ Harley Activities Officer:*** Karen Ryan- No present/no report.***Ladies’ of Harley Ride Officer:*** Michaell Wilcox- No report.***Membership Officers:*** Corey and Nancy Elder- 188 members currently on the roster.***Merchandise Officer:*** Brad Sanders- They did an inventory of the patches that the dealership has, and they are missing several pieces to sell. Jeanne reported they just needed to place an order as more patches are sold at the dealership than at HOG socials.***Chaplains:*** Gregg and Jeanne Randall- They reported that Sheilla Killgore had an accident on her bike the previous week. Has 9 broken ribs and a displaced L4-L5. She is in a lot of pain and can only sit at this time. She has pain in her legs. Staying connected with her to help. Gregg requested that if an accident occurs during a ride, to please notify them as well as senior leadership.***Historian:*** Jon Goodnight- No present. ***Fundraising Officers:*** Kim Burk/Scott Krepps- Not present/Kim offered to produce another quilt next year for a fundraiser.***Food Team Officer:*** Antoinette Heitz-Not present. No report. It was reported that soup is planned for the November social. ***Photographer:*** Brian Hartley- Keep the photos coming!***Newsletter Editor:*** Debbie Vennekotter- Newsletter articles are due.***Webmaster:*** Sherry Davis-No report, but wanted to be sure that it was known that she was stepping down at the end of the year due to her busy work schedule. She reported that if they did not have a volunteer to step up, that her role could be absorbed by the two activities officers as one of them takes photos anyway and it would be an easy transition. ***Rally:*** Archie Buckner- Not present. Debbie reported on Archie’s behalf that there is a meeting Friday night at the Oasis. If you are on the Rally committee and you plan to attend, please let Debbie know as they are trying to get a head count for dinner. Paul Blotske will be present. Mike also reported that during the Texas Rolling Rally, they were given some time to put in some advertising about our Rally as well as asked  |
| 1. New business/Motions:
2. Event calendar are we doing them for 2025?-VG This question was already being discussed. Dakota as part of his new role needs photos. Renegade will participate again this year. Will revisit in November.
3. Ride submission form-AB As reported by Kathy Hartley, she and Sherry Davis worked together to create a Google Form to post rides on Facebook. They will also include a link in the e-Blast about the form. Brent wanted to know if rides could still be called in, which Kathy said they could.
4. Should any ride lead by a lady be automatically designated as LOH?-MW Michaell would like for any ride, whether it is a dealership event, or a chapter event be designated as a Ladies of Harley Ride. Nic reported that he had no issue with it. Standard operating procedure is that if there are at least 50% of attendees to a dealership ride that are HOG members, then it can also be considered as a chapter ride.
5. Ride Leading if not at 100% and how to manage going forward-DW-There was a brief review of the situation that had occurred that brought this issue out. Discussion took place regarding how to manage the issue going forward. Warren brought up that it is not the Safety Officer’s call but should be referred to as the Head Road Captain. On this occasion, Dwain reported that the officer was out on another ride and was not contacted. Instead, the situation was discussed and managed by Nic, Mike, and Dwain. Mike approached the ride leader regarding the concerns. Warren pointed out that it would be wise to have these conversations with two officers. Sherry also suggested that there be a resource for the ride leaders to call for additional information. Dwain was asked to develop a document to guide officers or Road Captains on how to proceed with this type of situation. The goal is for rides to be conducted safely, and no ride leader feel obligated to conduct a ride if they are not feeling 100%. Dwain will draft a procedure.
6. Benefit fundraising for individuals that are members and what is our policy-GR-Gregg reports that he was approached about doing a fundraiser to benefit an individual. The short answer is no. Our Charter states we are not a charitable organization in our charter/Mother HOG. We can and will continue to support charitable organizations as we currently do.
7. Chapter Flags-DW-Currently there is only one LOH flag. We need another and it was asked if we could have the funds to purchase one. Micheall Wilcox made a motion to purchase an additional flag, and it was seconded by Brent Emerson. Discussion took place that there are often more than one ride at the same time, so the question is if we need to purchase two flags. An amended motion was made by Ramona Conde and was seconded by Brent Emerson. Discussion was brief. Motion passed by popular vote.
8. Chapter activities cancellation-DW-Dwain asked why we had to cancel the Officer Breakfast given the number of officers that we currently have on the board and that it was thought there would be enough officers remaining to continue with the activity as it had been cancelled several days in a row. It will be discussed at the planning meeting if the breakfast should be continued in 2025 as the original intent has been fulfilled as it was to give the membership and opportunity to meet with and get to know the new officers.
9. Giving credit where credit is due-BS Brad reported that since he joined the chapter, he has had a lot of goals to fulfill as a part of the chapter and wanted to thank people for working with him. He reported that recently he met with Brent to investigate the Road Captain Program. What he thought would take a brief time, took several hours as they were enjoying conversation, and he was learning a lot from what Brent was sharing. He planned a ride with short notice and Brent took off early and when Brad asked him about it, he said that Brent just said he would not miss it! He wanted to also recognize Brent, Mike, Matt, and Nic for their support.
10. Fundraising designations for chapter 2025-MV Currently we have several separate fundraisers to support the community. They include HOGs for Kids, HOGs for Dogs, Easter, and Harleyween. The question is whether we need to stop the separate fundraisers and just have one bucket and pay the bills for the various charities. A motion was made by Warren McDonald that we just designate one fund to cover all fundraisers and not individual fundraisers. It was seconded by Jeanne. Discussion included that we would continue to have signage at the various events that said where the money was going as it increases charity participation. Motion passed by popular vote.
11. Review Action Items: VG
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| 1. Announcements: Need an e-blast about purchasing Christmas Party tickets.
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| 1. Adjournment: Brian Hartley moved that the meeting be adjourned, Gregg Randall seconded it, and this was agreed upon at 7:46 p.m.
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| ACTION ITEMS | OWNER(S) | DEADLINE | STATUS |
| Member Renewals  | Nancy and Corey | On-going | On-going  |
| Rally  | Archie and Committee | On-going | In progress  |
| Christmas Party | Matt C. | December | In progress |
| Poker Chips-Design and order? | Sherry | January 2025 | In progress |
| International Ladies Ride Patch | Valerie | October | Completed |
| 2025 Calendar | Dakota | November | In progress |
| \_Valerie Goodnight\_\_\_\_ SecretaryOzark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter |  | 11/26/2024Date of Approval |  |