

**July 25, 2023, HOG Business Meeting**  
**Called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Warren**  
Meeting was held at our meeting room at Renegade.

**Old Business:**

Road Captains – see discussion below.

**Dealer Representatives – Nic / Debbie**

See below.

**New Business:**

August 10 Social Meeting – this is the first night of Route 66 Festival. It was suggested that we delay the meeting one week – until August 17. Jeanne made a motion that we move the August Social Meeting to August 17 and Wayne seconded it. Motion passed. Warren will send out an eblast.

Road Captains – it has previously been suggested that we reinstate the road captain position. Warren talked with Mother HOG – who won't stop us but strongly discourages using the term "Road Captains". We can have a group of dependable members to fill in on rides when and where needed and call them whatever we want. Warren reminded us that we cannot train anyone. Brent mentioned that he's heard the terms Road Captains and Ride Leaders. One question is how does someone qualify to be a Road Captain / Ride Leader?

One of the purposes of this position is so that Nic can have a pool of people to call on if help is needed to manage rides. Nic clarified that with our Chapter growing, we need a position to be filled by individuals in between the Officers and the Membership. Marty suggested that this pool of people be volunteers. Brent suggested that we have a Head Road Captain who oversees this pool. Shaun clarified that what Mother HOG discourages is numerous members holding the title Road Captain because there is not a lot of structure and guidance if there is not a lead person to oversee things. Jeanne wants to see some type of criteria that anyone who wants to help out by being a Ride Leader / Road Captain so that the people filling this position are qualified and safe to lead rides.

What we're hearing is that we need a head Road Captain, we should go back to our Best Practices Guide, and Ride Leaders need to be evaluated by the head Road Captain so we know that our Ride Leaders are capable of safely leading rides.

Paul is concerned that the Best Practices Guide be the document put out by Mother HOG and not changed in any way. There was general agreement with this.

Shaun moved that we search out a head Road Captain and implement our Road Captain / Ride Leader program again. Marty seconded the Motion. Motion passed.

Nic and Brent clarified that the purpose for this is so that the Director, Assistant Director, and Road Captain can work together and arrange to have individuals available to help Renegade as needed. Nic feels that recognition needs to be given to the members who step in and fill the gap between the Officers and the Membership. One of the other benefits is that any volunteers get first choice of filling spots needed by Renegade and they can earn rewards.

The next order of business was a recent email that was sent by a member asking to be removed of all email lists because they feel that disparaging political comments not be allowed by other members. Warren reiterated that we are not a political or charitable organization but that we will not censor our members' speech. Shaun expressed that he's tired of hearing these comments and that the bullying and making fun of people has to stop. He feels that if we are a non-political affiliated organization, that politics should not be discussed at gatherings.

Nic feels that the leadership of the Chapter should not be political, but that the membership can talk about what they want to. However, we should also see that our membership is welcoming. Warren agreed that we can ask and remind the membership to be more aware of other members and their feelings. Jerry brought up that we need to be mature when dealing with other members.

Nic has run across some riders that have issues with a particular group of riders, but the riders who have an issue are generally not members who participate much in the Chapter. Reminding members to be welcoming to others could be a duty of the Road Captain when we implement the program to remind. We're having more groups and rides with various interests so we should try to ensure that members not judge the entire Chapter by just one group or ride – we offer different groups with different interests and different rides for different skill levels so members need to keep that in mind when interacting with other members.

Shaun mentioned that Mike can explain this in his New Member Orientation meetings.

The next order of business was about registered sex offenders – there was a recent incident where an individual posted a notice that one of our members is a convicted sex offender. We need to come up with some policy to handle this. Now that we know about this, our hands are tied on how / what we can do.

Our choices are to allow the person to remain a Chapter member or cancel their membership and return their money. Allowing them to remain a member opens us up to damage to our reputation and could open us to liability if any incidents occur at one of our functions. Following discussion it was determined that since our Chapter is a family-oriented organization, that we hold several public events each year where children are present, and that we are now aware of this member's conviction as a sex offender, we have no choice but to cancel their membership. While it will be a loss to our Chapter, a letter will be sent to the member along with a refund check and their membership will be cancelled.

**Officers:****Director – Warren**

Nothing further.

**Assistant Director – Shaun**

Nothing further.

**Secretary – Marty**

Taking minutes and posting them.

**Treasurer – Jeanne**

We have money in the bank and all bills are paid.

**Ladies of Harley / Photographer / Web Master – Sherry**

Not present.

**Editor – Lisa**

Not present. Jerry reported for her. Lisa asked that Debbie or Nic send her photos for Dealer event information. Debbie will talk to her. Articles are due by August 1 or before.

**Activities – Kasandra**

Not present.

**Membership – Wayne**

We now have 189 members. The list needs to be purged of members who haven't paid. He will take care of this.

We also have some members that aren't on the email list so aren't getting emails. Part of the problem with this is that he can't always read the member's handwriting. Also, members need to add us to their safe list. He also has some members who have provided a HOG number that doesn't exist so he can't add them to our email list or membership list. Warren asked Wayne to bring those numbers/members to Warren or Shaun at the Social and they'll look into them.

**Safety Officer – Mike**

New Member Orientations have been a great success and will continue.

## **HOG Mob - Antionette**

She sent an email about what is needed for the Chapter picnic this weekend.

The August 17 Social Gathering meal will be picnic style – sandwiches and sides. Members - please bring salads, desserts, fruit, picnic food.

Debbie clarified that Renegade generally pays for the main dishes at the Social Gatherings and the membership provides the sides/desserts.

August 25 is the baseball game – tickets will be available to associates first then available to members.

LAMA – Latin America Motorcycle Association - will be here Saturday, July 29, and will be grilling down the hill at 3:00 p.m. They should be done at 5:00 – which is when our picnic will start.

## **Other Business:**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

## **Officers / Dealership Present:**

Warren

Marty

Jeanne

Mike

Debbie

Shaun

Wayne