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| h.o.g. business meeting minutes |
| Agenda items |
| 1. Call to order: The May 23rd, 2024, business meeting of the Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter was held on May 23rd, 2024, at the H.O.G. Room. It began at 6:30 p.m. and was presided over by Mike Vennekotter, with Valerie Goodnight as secretary.
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| 1. Attendees:

Voting members in attendance included: Nic Lowther, Mike Vennekotter, Matt Conde, Valerie Goodnight, Ramona Conde, Dwain Wilcox, Brent Emerson, Brian and Kathy Hartley, Michaell Wilcox, Nancy Elder, Jeanne and Gregg Randall, Debbie Vennekotter.Guests in attendance included: Jerry PedigoMembers not in attendance included: Warren McDonald, Karen Ryan, Corey Elder, Jon Goodnight, Kim and Scott Krepps, Antoinette Heitz, Sherry Davis, and Archie Buckner |
| 1. Approval of last meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous April 23rd, 2024, meeting was made by Kathy Hartley and seconded by Dwain Wilcox. Motion passed by popular vote.
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| 1. Officer Reports:

***H.O.G. Manager***: Nic Lowther-Nothing to report.***Director:*** Mike Vennekotter-Nothing to report.***Assistant Director***: Matt Conde-163,000+ miles. New Mexico ride leaving tomorrow.***Secretary:*** Valerie Goodnight-Nothing to report.***Treasurer:*** Ramona Conde-Balance of $4,682.81.***Safety Officer***: Dwain Wilcox-Nothing to report.***Head Road Captain***: Brent Emerson-Let’s ride!***Sargeant-At-Arms:*** Warren McDonald-Not present.***Activities Officers***: Brian and Kathy Hartley-Great volunteers for recent event.***Ladies’ of Harley Activities Officer:*** Karen Ryan-Not present.***Ladies’ of Harley Ride Officer:*** Michaell Wilcox-Let’s Ride!***Membership Officers:*** Corey and Nancy Elder-Nothing to Report.***Merchandise Officer:*** Jeanne Randall-Patches have arrived after 2 months back order. Name tags for the officers are still on back order. Jeanne would like to focus more time on her Chaplain work, so they are looking for a 2nd person for the merchandise.***Chaplains:*** Gregg and Jeanne Randall-Gregg expressed appreciation for all the volunteer help for the recent Convoy of Hope benefit. He also reported that Marty’s mother passed away. A card was signed by all officers present. Requested prayer for Marty as she takes care of her mother’s things.***Historian:*** Jon Goodnight-No report, errors on PowerPoint fixed.***Fundraising Officers:*** Scott Krepps-The gun Raffle will be held at the June social.***Food Team Officer:*** Antoinette Heitz-Not present.***Photographer:*** Brian Hartley-Nothing to report. ***Newsletter Editor:*** Debbie Vennekotter-Nothing to report, articles are due.***Webmaster:*** Sherry Davis-Not Present. Valerie reported on Sherry’s behalf that she will be out of town until June 5th and will not be able to post during this time, but everything is up to date at this point. Mike volunteered to take care of emails in her absence if needed and Debbie can look after social media. ***Rally:*** Archie Buckner-Not Present. Reported by Mike Vennekotter, Archie spoke with Mother Hog. Rally registration will be $40, and the chapter will get half of that. Mother Hog pays for the T-shirts, SWAG bags, pins, etc., as well as providing a case of reading glasses for the registration table. Other chapters have shared that their chapters did not have to spend the chapter money. The first Rally meeting is scheduled for 6/30/2024. Brent Emerson reports that the Lake of the Ozarks Chapter is willing to help. |
| 1. New business/Motions:
2. Friday Fun Runs and Saturday Scotts-NL-The May Saturday Scoot was cancelled the night before citing weather and safety as the reason and the weather did not end up being what was forecast. Nic would like to explore the possibilities of having a backup plan as the dealership is committed to having the ride regardless of the weather. Nic is mindful of the possible negative impacts. Discussion took place and it was decided that the call time for a ride should not occur before 7 a.m. of the day of the ride; keep it to more experienced ride leaders that can manage all sorts of conditions. Also discussed the possibility of having a rain delay, and or shorten the route or have an alternate route.
3. Follow up on matching our area with the map for chapter mileage-RC-Ramona reports that it is still not fixed, due to illness. The item will be moved to June.
4. Plaque of appreciation to a couple of area police departments. The idea is to take as many bikes as possible to make the presentation to the officers. Jerry said that he would do the leg work for the ride if the chapter would buy the plaques.-JP-Discussion surrounding that it is customary for a plaque to be given because of involvement in a project which is not the case at this time. They would like to postpone scheduling until the June meeting. Dwain Wilcox made a motion to take cookies in recognition (like last year) and not take a plaque. This was seconded by Matt Conde. Motion passed by popular vote.
5. Swap meet clarification/fundraiser-Yes/No-VG-brief discussion that there is no interest currently
6. Poker Chips for Rally follow up-DV-Debbie reports that she has a rough breakdown of the chapter poker chips. The cost is approximately $1.00/chip with at least 5–6-week lead time. She will provide the exact breakdown at the June meeting.
7. International Ladies’ Ride Day Patch Follow up-VG- Graphic was sent to Ozark Biker and he said that cost would be approximately $60 for 24 patches which would include the set-up fee, but if we want to order less, then it would have a $15 set up fee. He reports that the patch would have to be 10” tall to get the detail. He is going to work on it and see if he has something else.
8. Rhonda follow-up for workday, elevator pick up, and food train-KR-Karen was not present to provide a report. The item will be postponed until next month. An item cannot be discussed if the person wanting it placed on the agenda is not going to be present at the meeting or if they have not passed the information on to someone to discuss the topic on their behalf. Brent stepped out of the meeting and contacted the Ryans, and they agreed to take the lead on this project.
9. Follow up on how the Credit card process is going-VG-New process of running credit cards at the dealership has been reported as going well. Debbie said that she would follow up with Tommy and report in June.
10. Chapter Picnic-KH-Kathy is proposing that we have a Luau with smoked pork shoulder, beans, and Hawaiian rolls. She thinks that 40 lbs. of pork should be enough. The date is currently set for 7/20/2024 at 5 p.m. However, there are other events happening that day, like the Officer’s monthly breakfast and there is a dealership lunch fundraiser. If the chapter provides the meat, then the request will be made for the Chapter members to bring side dishes. The calendar was referenced for an alternative date and September 28th, 2024, was brought up as a possibility. A motion was made to accept the menu for September 28th, 2024, by Ramona Conde and seconded by Michaell Wilcox. Motion passed by popular vote.
11. Safety vests for rides/sweeps for big rides-JP For recent events and thinking forward toward the rally, should the group consider high visibility safety vests. Pros and cons discussed. They can be used for a variety of purposes…parking, rides to signify ride leaders/sweeps. These can be found on Amazone in a bundle price of One Size Fits All (most) for $254.50/100 or $5.09/vest. Discussion then proceeded to how many to purchase since loss will occur. The group consensus was 50. A motion was made to purchase 50 vests for chapter functions and rally from Amazon by Brian Hartley, it was seconded by Ramona Conde and the motion passed by popular vote.
12. Revisit the caging for the 10 rides-DW This subject was revisited from last month. Dwain shared his personal thoughts regarding the fact that he learned to ride which made it possible for him to compete. It does not seem right that people who choose to “cage” (regardless of reason) should get the same rewards for driving a car. Matt brought up that there could be consideration given to producing a different method of reward for those that cage, but that was not explored. After much debate, there was no change from last month.
13. Review of Action Items-VG
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| 1. Announcements: Food at the social has been an issue. Recently, Mike and Matt have been reaching out to other groups. One example that was brought up was the group at Pigtrail. They meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. then ride to a restaurant and have lunch. May decide in January to change venue. Antoinette has tried a variety of communications applications without success. To ensure that there is enough food to go around, discussion around a small fee and have food ordered in occurred. Jeanne mentioned that food was not always a part of the social, that this has occurred in the last few years. Jerry Pedigo wanted to know the dealership’s thoughts and the dealership sponsored the hamburger/hots because there was nothing planned. The downside of not serving food is the loss of attendees due to timing. We need to share these concerns/observations with the general membership. It was felt that an administrator is needed. In the past, Sherry was making calls and following up with people to ensure that enough food would be available. We need volunteers to plan and follow up on food for the socials. It was thought that Ellen Wiertzema and Michelle Nichols might be good candidates. Kathy Hartley said that she will call them and assess their interest/willingness to serve in this manner. Nic had the idea that we might consider running a social and ride trial alongside doing the social as it has traditionally been done in the past to see how it is received. Debbie voiced that the food job description needs to be revisited.
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| 1. Adjournments: Brian Hartley moved that the meeting be adjourned, Dwain Wilcox seconded it, and this was agreed upon at 8:20 p.m..
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| ACTION ITEMS | OWNER(S) | DEADLINE | STATUS |
| Member Renewals  | Nancy and Corey | On-going | In progress  |
| Name Tag Sign Up | Mike V. | Order was placed, but is on back order | In progress  |
| Rally  | Archie and Committee | On-going | In progress  |
| Poker Chips | Debbie V. | June | In progress  |
| International Ladies Ride Patch | Valerie | June | In progress  |
| Credit Card Process-follow up with Tommy | Debbie | June | In Progress |
| Food Service | Kathy | June | In Progress |
| Valerie Goodnight SecretaryOzark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter |  | 06/25/2024Date of Approval |  |