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| h.o.g. business agenda |
| Agenda items |
| 1. Call to order: The March 2025 business meeting of the Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter was held on March 25th, 2025, 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, Valerie Goodnight, Mike Folkert, Brent Emerson, Warren McDonald, Brian Hartley, Kathy Hartley, Brad Sanders, Jon Goodnight, Chrissy Lowther, and Debbie Vennekotter.  Guests in attendance included: Jerry Pedigo, Matt Hough, and Katie Hough  Members were not included: Matt Conde, Ramona Conde, Johnna Forbes, Corey Elder, Nancy Elder, Greg Randall, Jeanne Randall, Antoinette Heitz, Heather Burns, and Archie Buckner. |
| 1. Approval of the last meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the previous February 25th, 2025, meeting was made by Brian Hartley and seconded by Chrissy Lowther. Motion passed by popular vote. |
| 1. Officer Reports:   ***H.O.G. Manager***: Nic Lowther- They are purchasing racks for tables and chairs. HOG room work is nearly complete and will be available for events starting this Friday. Renegade purchased three 65-inch TV’s. Hideout Harley Davidson in Joplin, MO is closing effective 3/29/2025. They are auctioning off the brass eagle this coming Saturday. Mike suggested that we might consider offering HOG members from the Joplin chapter membership with our chapter without paying 2025 dues. No vote taken.  ***Director:*** Mike Vennekotter-No report.  ***Assistant Director***: Matt Conde- Not present.  ***Secretary:*** Valerie Goodnight- No report.  ***Treasurer:*** Ramona Conde- We have $3,673.91 in the bank.  ***Safety Officer***: Mike Folkert-No report.  ***Head Road Captain***: Brent Emerson- Still need sweeps for the Rally and need volunteers for the Demo truck.  ***Sargeant-At-Arms:*** Warren McDonald- No report.  ***Activities Officers***: Brian and Kathy Hartley- Last weekend’s Poker Run was a great success.  ***Ladies’ Harley Officer:*** Johnna Forbes- Not present.  ***Membership Officers:*** Corey and Nancy Elder- Not present.  ***Merchandise Officer:*** Brad Sanders- Patches for ride leader and challenge book are in.  ***Chaplains:*** Gregg and Jeanne Randall- Not present.  ***Historian:*** Jon Goodnight- No report.  ***Fundraising Officers:*** Chrissy Lowther- All raffle tickets sold out. BACA wanted to team up in the future for events.  ***Food Team Officer:*** Antoinette Heitz- We will be having potluck dinners for the socials going forward.  ***Photographer:*** Brian Hartley- Keep the photos coming!  ***Newsletter Editor:*** Debbie Vennekotter- Newsletter articles are due.  ***Webmaster:*** Heather Burns-There are two volunteers to assist Heather since she is working full time and going to school. Chrissy Lowther and Katie Hough have offered to assist. Mike reports that he will reach out and speak with Heather.  ***Rally:*** Archie Buckner- Not present. Mike reported on his behalf. The next meeting is this Thursday. Currently we have 439 people registered. 34 are our members. Rally registrations are down for all Rally’s this year per Paul Blotske. We need our chapter members to show more support. |
| 1. New business/Motions: 2. Do we want to charge kids at fundraisers as at the March social, the group voted to offer food for free at the March social-MV For all events, it was voted on by the attending membership at the March social to not charge for food, but to set out a tip jar, but there will not be a charge for families. 3. Community outreach vs. fundraising and how they differ-NL Nic reported that he really likes the fundraising events and the vote of the chapter to allow families to eat without a charge. Nic asked the question of how often we could offer lunch for the community, staff, and HOG if the dealership provided the food, but HOG would staff the grill, and the donation jar would be set out. He reported that he saw it down at Daytona and it gives HOG members the chance to visit other Harley owners and a chance to talk up the chapter to grow membership. Brent reported that it has been a great experience for him in the past. Warren offered that it would develop “groupies,” and the dealership might want to be aware. Nic is most concerned about burning out volunteers. A thought was presented that it might be a great idea to start with the Saturday Scoots. Chrissy Lowther made a motion to start lunches with the Saturday Scoots, this was seconded by Brian Hartley. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by popular vote. 4. Do we want to sell raffle tickets at the Man Show-CL-Chrissy suggested that they have a raffle more aimed toward men for the upcoming Man Show at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. She suggested gift certificates for a barber and a restaurant and suggests selling tickets for $10/ticket. She will need help to staff the booth as she will be out of town. Renegade has graciously offered a space in their booth for a table to be set up to sell the tickets. 5. Do we want to sell raffle tickets at the Rally-CL-Crissy asked the group about offering a $500 gift card (general) for Harley and selling them for $5/ticket or 5 tickets for $20 and draw at the end of the Rally. Warren suggested checking with Paul Blotske first to see if that was an acceptable practice. 6. Review of Action items-VG    1. Membership-on-going with removal of inactive members (not renewing memberships) that started mid-March.    2. Rally-on-going. Meetings are every two weeks for now. |
| 1. Announcements: There are some fundraisers coming up. A dunk tank is planned for a day with a Saturday scoot. Looking at June or July to help increase attendance. Brent asked about New Member Orientation, where would that be held and Nic suggested that the use the Break room as it is already set up, has plenty of seating, and has the electronic hookups for presentations. Lastly, Valerie asked about a budget meeting to review the 2025 budget. It was discussed and that no changes were needed and therefore no budget meeting was needed. |
| 1. Adjournment: Briant Hartley moved that the meeting be adjourned, Brent Emerson seconded it, and this was agreed upon at 7:22 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 |
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| \_\_Valerie Goodnight\_\_  Secretary  Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter |  | \_\_04/22/2025\_\_\_  Date of Approval |  |
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