

**GWTA California
State Staff Meeting
Moose Lodge, Yuba City, Ca.
Saturday March 11, 2023**

Meeting Called to Order: Today's meeting was called to order by State Director, Paul Androwsky at 10:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance: This was led by Lynn Hollenback.

Thank you for coming today: Paul wanted to thank everyone who attended today's meeting. With the weather being unpredictable, we had a very nice turnout. He also stated, we are not a political, or religious group. Please be respectful of others. Remember our motto- Destination Friendship.

Paul asked that we also silence our cell phones or other devices that would cause a disturbance.

Paul thanked **Scott Koller** for reserving the Moose Lodge for us. I think we barely squeaked in for today's date.

We also want to thank the Moose Lodge for having the tables and chairs already setup for us.

Safety Talk: Again, Paul brought the fact we need to talk safety for any of our events. Whether it be a staff meeting or one of our functions. We need volunteers to be in charge of knowing where the emergency exits are, where the fire extinguishers are located, who will call 911, what is the address to our location.

Paul and Ruth will look into a First Aid/ CPR class. I am sure the participants will need to pay for the class, but we all need to know basic CPR.

Lunch Tickets: Please see Christi Cue. Tickets are \$13.00 each. Today's menu is chicken. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:50-12:50.

Introduction of State Staff:

- Paul and Ruth Androwsky- State Directors
- Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen- Asst. State Directors
- Christie Cue- Treasurer
- Vacant- Secretary- Jana Van Housen is filling in today. Thank you.
- Robert Kyes- Historian
- Steve Cue- Raffle Coordinator. (He will be selling 50/50 cards.)

- Skip Trautman- Webmaster
- Richard McMillan- Chaplain
- William Meyer- Stores
- Richard Ageson- Quarter Master

Mr. GWTA 2023- Robert Taylor

Chapter Directors Introductions: Chapter Directors, please introduce your members in attendance.

- Chapter A- Manny and Lucy Bernstein
- Chapter F- Robert and Katrina Kyes (not here) Ron Smith did the introductions. His wife Marie, Phil and Charlie Messer, Butch and Connie Ditmars, Colleen Klinger (daughter of Butch and Connie), Jim Barber, Karen Padilla William Meyers and Jane Rickets, and finally, Gary and Heather Koolhof.
- Chapter L- Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen
- Chapter P- Harry and Karen Davis (not here) Rich Mc Millan, Mel Teigen and Robert Taylor.
- Chapter R-Paul and Ruth Androwsky, Tim Smith.
- Chapter T- Scott Koller and Mary Lantzy. Steven and Jackie Burkart, Skip and Teri Trautman.
- Chapter V- Christi and Steve Cue. Steve and Ralphine Andrus, Joe and Mary Spencer.
- Outriders-None.

Welcome new members and guests: None.

Membership reports from the website: Ruth Androwsky handed out chapter members lists and highlighted those who have not been on the new national website and asked the CDs to follow up with these folks.

State Officer Reports:

- Secretary- Jana asked if everyone has seen the last meeting notes on the website. Were there any corrections, additions? Jana stated she noticed that she had forgot to put on each report, the event (ie; Fall Fiesta and where the meeting was held.) She will be more diligent in this. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Mary Spencer motioned to accept the minutes as written. This was seconded by Christi Cue. All were in favor.
- Treasurers Report- Christi Cue gave her report that the state had a starting balance on September 30th:

\$4,822.17		
9/17 checks bought	-17.96	
3/5 Skip Trautman (2yrs) Domain Name		-41.98
3/5 Skip Trautman (1yr) Website	-191.88	
3/6 Cash -change for meeting	<u>-100.00</u>	
3/11 Balance to date		<u>\$4,588.31</u>

This balance is after losing the \$1,123.70 to online theft. Per the bank, they are not liable to return the money as it was not reported within two days of theft. And they would not return the funds from fraudulent ACH payments. This is very frustrating. Many members have suggested to change from the bank to a credit union. Christi will look into this.

Christi also stated; we made over \$800.00 from the last Spring Fling 2022.

It was motioned by Manny Bernstein to accept the Treasurers Report and seconded by Jana Van Housen. All were in favor.

Regional Directors Report:

Ralphine Andrus stated that the National treasury bank balance is \$71,580.00. That is so much better than where we were several years ago, where we were begging members to dig deeper in their pockets to bail out National. Thank you, Judy Schaffer.

The new website cost was less than they expected. It is easier to navigate and be able to do reports that National needs. Please visit the National website if you have not done so. If you did not receive and email with your user name and password, you can contact Ralphine (707) 479-0749. Or John Hunrath-hunrath@comcast.net. At the new website, it is up to the members to update their information, and to create a new password. Again, if you need help, contact Ralphine or John.

Gold Rush fees will be going up April 16th. Rally Rate at the hotel is good until June 16th. Please contact Ralphine for the Group Code for the hotel reservations. She also has information on nearby camping, if you are interested. Remember, this years' theme is Lumber Jack. Get your costumes ready and participate in all of the activities that will be going on.

Ralphine discussed that Washington state is having a bit of an issue with membership. Though, GWRRA members have created a new chapter for GWTA.

Ralphine also suggested that we keep the GWTA pamphlets in our bikes and cars to hand out to potential members. Make sure too, that the members of your chapters are able to have access to the OPS manual.

National Introductions/Reports

- Board of Directors TEMP for Region B- Charles Horner (not here)
- National Webmaster- John Hunrath (unable to attend due to weather)

Paul Androwsky spoke for John, and being the silly man he is, John asked that we raise our arms as if we made a touchdown in football. WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE! If you did not know, John Hunrath and Judy Schaffer have been working on this for many, many months. It is finally here. These are John's notes;

Logging in

- If you have not received an email with a login link, contact John at hunrath@comcast.net or simply select the Contact Us link at the top of page. John gets all the emails via this link.
- After logging in, please update your profile info. That database will be our new membership management system and it is imperative that you do this.
- Why do we need a password? There are areas that need protecting. Such as members information (Profiles, Blue Line, etc.) Documents have been developed and perfected over the years.

Blue Line

- Blue Line is a member helping members tool for anyone of us who breaks down on the road away from home and needs assistance. Please consider signing up for this great need.

Chapter Directors

- Get with your chapter members during one of your meetings and choose up to 6 pictures that best represents the spirit of your chapter and email them to John.hunrath@comcast.net and he will post them on the chapter page.

This website has a lot of backend tools that allows us to retrieve stats at our fingertips.

Automated features

- When your membership is about to expire, you will receive an email alerting you that you are about to expire. When our memberships expires, you will receive an email telling you as such. Plus, your password will not let you into the membership areas. Admin gets notified if there was an attempt to gain illegal access.

We're not done yet

- We will continue to make changes and updates, making the site even better. We listen to you, all of you. So please contact us if you find any issues or have any suggestions.
- We are looking to bring you a Bulletin Board and Classified Ads page.
- We are currently working on a better way to submit photos for the Gallery.

That is all John had to submit. He really hopes you find the site easy to navigate and enjoyable to browse. Thank you for your patience. It's been a long time coming. Take care and God Bless, and be safe.

Chapter, State, National Events- Build the 2023 Calendar

- Chapter A- Manny and Lucy Bernstein Working on the Polar Bear Run for January 1, 2024.
- Chapter F- Robert and Katrina Kyes- Per Ron Smith Midwinter Gathering. Chapter Meetings Second Saturday of the month, Chapter rides following.
- Chapter L- Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen - Nothing
- Chapter P- Harry and Karen Davis-Nothing
- Chapter R- Paul and Ruth Androwsky - July 2, 2023, Barbecue potluck.
- Chapter T- Scott Koller and Mary Lantzy- Friendship Campout April 28 & 29th. Sycamore Ranch. There will be games, 50/50, raffles. It is a sad situation for this chapter, as they were not notified of the closing of the restaurant they held their meetings. Scott tried to get access to the restaurant to retrieve their many plaques and trophies but could not coordinate with the real

estate agent. They lost everything.

- Chapter V- Christi and Steve Cue. - Nothing
- Spring Fling May 26- 29th. Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth California
- Gold Rush- July 17-20th Onalaska, Wisconsin. Held at the Stoney Creek Hotel.
- Fall Fiesta September 29- October 1st., Sycamore Ranch, Browns Valley.

You can find flyers for these events on the state and national websites.

Spring Fling Planning:

- This year's theme is Hillbilly. Get your costumes ready and enjoy the laughs.
- Logo for the event. Ruth brought three suggestions, Ralphine had a logo, but it was not quite finished. Of the three that Ruth brought; we chose #3. you will see it on the flyer.
- Pre-registration- April 2nd to May 15th. \$50.00 GWTA members/ \$55.00 non-members.
- On-site registration \$55.00 GWTA members/ \$60.00 non-members.
- Youth 15 and under FREE registration.
- **DAY PASSES** \$20.00 per person.
- Friday dinner (\$10.00 adults/ \$6.00 under 15)
- Saturday breakfast (\$8.00 adult/ \$6.00 under 15)
- A new Mr. and Mrs. GWTA will be announced at opening ceremonies. This year's election committee includes the last three winners; Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen, Robert and Katrina Kyes, Robert Taylor. They have already made their decision for 2023.
- Who can transport the state trailer? You will be reimbursed for your fuel. Contact Paul or Ruth.
- Who can cook dinner for Friday night? Chapter V will host dinner spaghetti.
- Who can help with breakfast on Saturday? Charmayne Hunrath, Lynn Hollenback and Jana Van Housen.
- Registration times. Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, before and after opening ceremonies, Saturday during breakfast. Also, we will be around if you really need anything.
- Stores times Saturday after breakfast.

What do you want to see?

- Guided rides? Paul stated that we are GW TOURING ASSN. We need to RIDE!
- He listed many examples of TOUR definitions to support this.
- How many rides would you like? Robert Taylor and Gary Koolhof will plan and be the guides for these rides.
- Dirty Bingo...Every chapter should bring items WRAPPED and give to Charlie Messer. Please no adult/crude gifts. This is a family event.
- Saran wrap balls. Every chapter should bring \$20.00 worth of small prizes. Candy is ok, but there are several of the members who are diabetic. Some suggestions would be, gift cards, lottery scratch offs, money, coins...you get the picture.
- Raffle prizes. Every chapter should bring one gift worth no more than \$25.00. These should not be wrapped.
- Jigsaw puzzles? Yes. There are many who like to get together to create master pieces.
- Game nights? There are those that like to play 31.
- Potluck on Saturday. The State will not supply the main course. We always have so much food,

this is not necessary.

- Sunday morning donuts? Yes! Chapter T will provide.
- Theme pies? Chapter V will NOT be doing the theme pies.
- Illumination Procession to ice cream Saturday night. It was voted to stay at the fairgrounds for ice cream social. This will be for two nights.
- Photos--Bike, individuals, or group. Most definitely the group photo.
- Cue Cards- Steve Cue will hold at least one 50/50 daily. Hopefully we will have enough participants to hold two per day.
- Seated volleyball. This has been such a big hit in the past. Yes!
- Paul, Lynn and Jana are working on a new game. I am sure it will be fun.
- We will have the CD Golf set up too.
- Sunday Service-- This year, we hope to have the service start at 9:00- 9:30. Rich Mc Millan to organize.

Fall Fiesta

- Fall Fiesta September 29-- October 1. State Staff meeting on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 A.M. Held at the Sycamore Ranch, Browns Valley.
- Price for camping has been raised by the county. RVs are now \$42.00 and tents are \$24.00 per night.
- Friday night is potluck.
- We will have the famous Tortilla Toss on Saturday.
- State Staff to serve lunch.
- Pizza Saturday night. There will also be corn hole games.
- Steve Cue will conduct the 50/50.
- If there is something you would like to see, please contact Paul or Ruth.

Old Business

- Always remember, do not drink or be impaired while riding.

Vacant Positions:

- Secretary- keep notes at meetings, post to website. (This is not as hard as one might think. Paul and Ruth have it all outlined, and they will post to the website.)
- Support Team- Decorations, games, etc.
- Color Guard- ceremonial raising of the flags at beginning of events and lowering of the flags at the end of events. Stephen Cue volunteered for this position.
- Grub Master- Someone who is frugal yet can get the most for the money when it comes to buying food stock. To work with those in charge of cooking for the event.
- Donut Wrangler- someone who is willing to order and pick up the donuts on the day of events.
- Newsletter- Someone with skills to transcribe stories and events of local chapters and state events, and post to website. (You will get help from Paul and Ruth)
- Trailer Transporter- Someone who has a vehicle that is capable of towing the state trailer to and from events. You will be reimbursed for your gasoline.
- Rider Education- someone with skills and able to communicate to other riders the safety of

operating their bikes, bikes towing trailers in the safest manner. What to do if in accident, who to call, etc.

New Business

- We need to purchase a tape measure to be able to measure for the tortilla toss. This needs to be a 100-foot tape measure. After some discussion, Phil Messer will donate a tape measure that he has. Thank you, Phil.
- First Aid/ CPR at State events? Spring Fling/ Fall Fiesta? Paul and Ruth will be look into this.
- New Bank- Christi Cue will look into a Credit Union, it may be a better option.
- Volleyball Net? Can we purchase? Marie Smith motioned to buy a new net. Lynn Hollenback second. All were in favor.
- For Mr. and Mrs. GWTA- What form of recognition do we want? Some ideas are Medallion (as we have now), Patch/Rocker, Pin, T-Shirt, Hat/Visor, Tattoo. After discussing, it was determined a pin would be the most appropriate.
- Paul brought up where to hold State staff meetings, as it seems it is difficult to plan on the Moose Lodge and several chapters are traveling up to 5 hours to attend the meetings. A few locations were suggested: Tracy- Manteca- Stockton. Manny Bernstein stated he could get a location in Stockton as he has connections there. This will be continued...
- Paul congratulated everyone on the good work they do for GWTA. Keep it up!

Lunch Break!

- A big thank you to the Moose Lodge cooks. What a great job they always do.

50/50

Steve Cue ran the 50/50, and the winner was Joe Spencer in the amount of \$130.00. Congratulations Joe. Take Mary to dinner.

Paul asked that we take a minute to remember the fallen riders we lost this year, including our unofficial mascot- Harley.

Paul thanked everyone for attending today. Drive/ Ride safe on your way home. He also stated the day light saving will start Sunday morning. Set your clocks ahead.

Since the Moose Lodge had the tables out upon our arrival, and they would need them again, Paul asked that we tidy the room and make it look neat.

Meeting Adjourned

It was motioned by Rich Mc Millan to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Lynn Hollenback. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 P.M.

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