

Lake Country H.O.G. Chapter
Donahue Harley-Davidson/Buell
15808 Edgewood Drive
Baxter, MN 56425
Meeting
12/12/07

Mike called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Cindy Ledin	Jeff Ledin
Jim Dehen	Shannon Dehen
Greg Speed	Leslie Speed
Al Sorem	Gary M. Kechely
Red Adair	Bob Henke
Mike Rude	Joe Grenier
Jim Anderson	Ken Doust
Yvonne Doust	Vince Haack
Kathy Storry	Bob Storry
Mike Robinson	Ann Sherman

Secretary: Read minutes from last meeting. Addendum to minutes: the benefit held for Kay Stampe was held by her family, it was not a HOG chapter event. The notes reflected an update from Denny as to how it went.

Assistant Director: Toys were brought tonight for Toys for Kids and Bill will take them to the armory on Thursday. Some discussion was held concerning the State Rally. Bill has a sign up sheet for the upcoming State Rally in 2008 for contacts. Bob mentioned volunteering for Duluth. Mike indicated that we would need to help. We were not asked this last year due to getting our chapter organized and being new. There was some talk of working on getting the Rally to Brainerd. There should be a steering committee put together to do some research for putting together a presentation at the next fall's Rally meeting if we would like to see it here. Bill also brought an idea for a Biker Bar tour based on on a tour that is already put together. Could be done singly or in groups over several days, or different trips. Maybe take a picture outside the bar with the bike and give out awards next year. These are the types of ideas we need to get to Ann.

Treasurer: \$1903.00 balance. \$300-400 still owed for Tshirts.

Dealership: Calendar up at dealer for specials being run each week in December. Paul is talking about some type of a discount card for chapter members. More information to follow.

Membership Director: 105 members today. Still need to resign 5 from November, 8 from December, and 4 from January.

Activities Director: Mentioned a place in Iowa that makes things out of toothpicks, a museum, etc. for a possible ride. Ann talked to a Suzette Bush at the Convention and Visitor Bureau about a Biker event in June as a way to bring people into town. It would be held at the Civic Center with booths, a main event of some sort, etc. Would we be interested? More input is asked to be brought to next meeting to discuss. The survey is on the website now, so please fill it out and give input for ways we can improve, change, or continue as is. Ann will put together a calendar with ideas that people bring for rides. Jim D. suggested possibly hooking up with North Country Thunder for rides.

Editor: Absent.

Safety: If we let Jeff or Bob know where and when we have some rides they can help plan routes, etc. Looking at putting together a page with some rules, terminology, hand signals, basic things to help everyone for rides. The rides we had this last year went well. MN Safety Center will be offering training and refresher courses again for beginning riders as well as advanced and experienced riders. Mike is challenging the chapter to get a minimum of 12 members to take courses this year. Each member taking one receives a patch and pin. The chapter will receive a plaque. The cost is \$55.00 with \$50.00 being reimbursed by H-D.

Historian: Nothing new in Hogpen right now. Need pictures for the book. Mention of pictures brought an interjection that if anyone has pictures on disc to give Bill, he will put together a slide show on power point for the Holiday party.

Road Captain Director: Bob wanted to thank new volunteers. Greg S. and Vince H. have also signed on. Bob pulled some information from the Alexandria website for rules, etc. Will be putting something together for the chapter and guests. Mike and Bob went to a meeting with St. Cloud about MDA fundraiser ride. Someone from MDA will be coming to speak at our next meeting.

Director: Last year \$19,000 were given to MDA by St. Cloud. This year we will be joining them in this fundraiser. The raffle this year is for 2008 Fat Bob. There will 4,000 tickets sold-2,000 per chapter. Mike is looking for volunteers to make up a committee. Need to solicit business sponsors as well as door prizes, work booth, etc. The fundraiser helps children with MD go to a weeklong camp which costs \$650.00 per child. This camp benefits the child as well as the families. The ride will be June 7 with four stops one of which will be the Old Waterfall. Will need people to work Open House on 4/27. Membership renewals are ongoing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Vince moved to adjourn, and Cindy seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Carrington

