

Old Bastards Vintage Motorcycle Club AGM

Apr 28, 2024 - 10:00AM

38 Members in attendance

President **Lincoln Pearce** opened the meeting at 10:05AM.

All members were welcomed and thanked for attending. No elections were taking place as no names were put forward so it should be a fairly straight forward meeting.

The biggest order of business will be to take care of donations to charities.

VP Address- Ray Pilon – I do what I do to keep things going. I am the Director of media communications, working with the web page and Facebook. Presently there are 2046 FB members of whom 15 contribute regularly. We average about 75 posts/month. There are a lot of memes posted on many FB pages, while we let some through we would prefer more interesting content, personal experiences etc. I have lots of things I can post but I don't want it to become my personal page. Please post items of interest on FB

The webpage is not much work; it is an information page of our club. There are photos, videos, all are encouraged to go take a look at the webpage for interesting items. Videos of people being interviewed, a video of the presentation we did in Winchester.

On the Rally front-vendors are being booked. The BBQ lady, Erica Render, is coming back has been asked to change her menu, leather vendors, Natural Riders. Some are not returning, the Butter Tarts, Lemonade and NoGo coffee will not be attending this year. We are looking for a dessert person and beverages.

Lincoln mentioned that the FB page is on post approval as some content had been posted that was not in keeping with our standards. We won't allow arguments, political things but most posts do get approval, very few get stopped but if controversial they will be discussed by Ray and Lincoln

Membership Director-Dave Johnston: Total membership 320 of that 223 in good standing. If members have not paid membership in 3 years that are contacted and if no reply they are removed from the books. If they rejoin, they will receive a new number.

There are 245 members on the email list. If not receiving emails, see Dave and he will add your address. There is a Vintage Motorcycle magazine that is forwarded through email quarterly.

With new members a survey asks how they found out about the club, FB- 10.6, Website-4, a bike event-15, and a current member-55%. So, members are recruiting.

There are presently 27 lifetime members. The list was read out at this time and noted that names were missing. This list will be merged with Honorary category. Anyone on the executive board x 3 years will be added to the list and not have to pay dues. This will be reviewed to ensure that all are included that should be.

Lost members- list was read out at this time. Ernie noted that an original member Bob Garant recently passed, and his wife has offered some patches and pins from Ride for Dad that he was involved in over the years. These can be picked up after the meeting.

Secretary- Marj Milne: Minutes of last year's AGM were read at this time May 28, 2023

Treasurer-Sherri Pearce: A copy of the financial report can be emailed to anyone requesting this. Total revenues- 19,039 Expenses- 8712, Total Net Income 10,326 with holdback and funds to restock regalia the amount to be distributed to charities will be 6,000.

Sherri notes that the rally saw 606 individuals coming through the gates. Total net income from the Rally was-3795.

Lincoln noted that lifetime members, past Directors of the club Ralph Thompson and Ernie Olivo were in attendance and asked if they wished to speak, they declined but Ernie states that he is very happy with the club.

Donations- List of suggested Charities was read by Marj. In the past we have pared down the number of charities to allow for a larger amount be given to those chosen.

A motion has been emailed in by Ernie to ask to limit donations to humans rather than animals as the present needs are high, food bank numbers are increased, domestic violence is high which is why he suggested that the majority of our money go to human needs. Not that animals are not important but larger numbers could go human needs and smaller amounts to the animal charities. Also, a discussion regarding individual donations, a family that had a fire, a child with difficulties requiring a service dog, this donation changed his life drastically. Nominations for charities need to be suggested one month prior to the AGM.

Crystal requested clarification regarding human needs and individual needs. The charities were discussed, food banks, individual needs and animal charities as food banks don't generally provide money for pet food.

Motion: As many people are facing serious economic and domestic problems throughout the nation, we move that the bulk of charitable donations be given to alleviating the needs of humans. Made by Ernie Olivo, Seconded by Ralph Thompson. Carried

Breakdown by Sherri: 8 Foodbanks – \$600, Jordan Shillington- \$600, Interval House - \$300, 3 Animal shelters \$100 each

Austin Pearce spoke to the fact that a ride could be organized with a specific donation in mind as the ride for the House of Lazurus was last year. If there is something that you want to support, contact one of the members and we will review this and determine if it can be done. Last year an individual from Newport wanted money up front and this was not going to work for the club. All things will be investigated however if you put something forward you will be expected to work on it. Last year Austin and Sean organized and ran the HOL ride which was a great success.

Constitution Review: No one brought forward anything to be changed other than Lincoln and Ray. The suggestion is more for clarification as it was not written formally.

3.3 Responsibilities and Privileges

All members in good standing have the right to vote at club meetings AND SUBMIT NOMINATION FOR CHARITIES.

Moved by Lincoln, seconded by Ray. Carried

Upcoming Events: Rally, a few changes, ideas for new games are being reviewed by Roy Pearce. Country Rocks band, 5-piece band will be providing Sat evening entertainment. Most sites are pre-booked from year to year. The park was fully booked last year although some sites remained empty as people booked extra sites and did not attend.

Long Road Home Charity Ride-Habitat for Humanity ride. May 11. Ride will be from Restore in Kemptonville to Restore in Brockville. Starting at 1000, it will cost \$10, and money will be given at the end of the ride and include a BBQ. Most members in attendance are planning to ride that day. It will continue to be advertised on the FB page. Ray encourages people to click 'Going' on the FB page to determine numbers. People can attend by car if they like to contribute money for this cause. The map for the ride will be posted. If there are too many attending, it will be broken into two groups.

Sherri asked Jude to come forward and presented her with a cheque for the Angel's Cupboards Dog & Cat Food Bank. All other cheques will be mailed out.

Bill Barber suggested we find out who else is supporting area Food banks so we can perhaps make a priority of ones that have more limited exposure to donations. He will investigate this.

Fallen Members: Ray notes that 23 individuals have presented mileage. This is easy to do, take a photo of starting and ending mileage for the season.

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Ray has suggested that these be called ROB Rides (Retired Old Bastard Rides) these could be on Thursdays; rides would take in different roads but end up in Delta at the chip stand around 6. A discussion was held regarding a night to hold this, stay tuned for more information. Ray will work with Billy Peterson on this.

Winchester Bike nights would be the destination on those Thurs evenings. Vince is looking for volunteers for these events and has reached out to Lincoln to see if OB members would be available to man gates.

Regalia: This has been looked at over and over again. Sales have traditionally been highest at the Rally with occasional sales at bkft or events. It is suggested that the club concentrate regalia sales to the Rally. Some order online but few and this is time consuming with to and from Post Office to determine cost of shipping and this can become expensive and time consuming. The trailer may be made available at bike

nights as well. A question about flags was raised, presently there has not been a vendor found to provide this item. Lincoln is looking for options for the Rally shirts as these are also expensive.

The motion was made to sell regalia at the Rally and perhaps ride nights this coming year.

Made by Bill Barber, seconded by Roy Pearse. Carried

Crystal MacKenzie spoke about Bike Nights in Kingston, Storrington. Last year \$6000 was raised to go toward support dogs who provide independence for individuals with various needs. There will be a charity ride poker run July 13 followed by beef on a bun meal. \$35/person. More information will be posted on FB.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.