

OBVMC AGM
Saturday May 9, 2025, 1000
Delta Town Hall

Call to Order by President Ray Pilon 1005

Members in attendance: 44

Sitting Executive: President-Ray Pilon, VP- Dave Johnston, Treasurer-Heidi Schrybert, Secretary-Marj Milne, Founding Member- Ralph Thompson. Regrets-Ernie Olivo

Opening remarks by Ray: Welcome to all, great to see such a good turnout. Asked to take a moment to think about those who have passed over the year and to think about recent events in Brockville that have affected many.

Mention made that no individuals were nominated as President or Vice President prior to the AGM. He states he finds himself stunned to be at the front as this was not his plan. He was happy taking photos of interesting people. Squatch was at one time the VP and after a year he decided to step down, and Ralph suggested Ray take on the role.

He stated that we should be able to get through this AGM in good time.

Ralph was asked to say a few words as Founding Member: He spoke about the club being an amazing club and the Rally is the highlight of his summer. He mentioned that at one time it was old BMW, Norton, Triumphs, Indians, and things have changed. A variety of bikes and a more inclusive club including many female riders. He thanked Sherri and Lincoln for holding it all together through Covid and some rough, interesting times. Wolfe Shedler said at one time that the name Old Bastards may get us in trouble, and it has caused some interesting political discussions. It is a great, great club and he is happy to be part of it.

Dave Johnston-Membership – 279 members, 209 on email list. If people are not getting emails let him know. He can check

who opens email. 25 new members have signed up this past year. (report attached- with percentages per region)

Monthly Breakfast meetings are up from last year averaging 46/breakfast.

Delbert Juby-fallen member from the north.

If dues are outstanding over 3 years you will be taken off the membership role and need to be signed up as a new member.

See Dave if you think you may be lapsed in dues.

Ray- Communication Director position continues. He keeps the Web page current and FB running. Web is an information vehicle, all about us and all photos and videos from the Rally and rides. He has recently found photos of the Long Horn in Delta where the club used to hang out. Ernie and Ralph look like teenagers.

FB page, as we are a vintage motorcycle club he tries to keep it interesting and not simply forwarding the same posts that are on other bike FB pages. He likes to see the adventures that members are on, please share these pictures. Items are only seen by members of the FB page. All Exec members, other than Heidi, are administrators of the FB page.

Treasurer Report: Heidi has been brought on as Treasurer, and she is just getting going. Ray spoke to finances. A budget has been put together based on what has happened over the past two years. It is a conservative budget. When we factored everything in this past year had a surplus of \$1287.81. If everything goes according to plan with additional expenses \$382 will be the surplus.

Prices of things have not gone up-membership, rally etc. Our three sources of revenue are -the Rally, memberships, and regalia. Our biggest expenses are-regalia, Rally T-shirts, and the bands.

Balance in our bank account is \$14,898. We also have approximately \$10,000 in regalia in the trailer as well as the trailer itself. Financially we are flush. Typically, we do ask for suggestions of charities however as we are new in our positions

we want to defer this at this time. While giving to charity is not a mission statement of ours it is what we do, and we are well respected in the community because of this, and we want to keep that up.

Motion made by Ray- Seconded by Al Dobson- to defer donations and contributions until we are more comfortable in our positions and in the financial situation of the club.

Question from Austin Pearce regarding whether this would affect our Non-Profit Organization status. Ray stated that this would be just deferring these funds at this time. Discussion regarding this situation ensued, particularly regarding insurance. With no games, no alcohol, vendors required to have one million in insurance, the Saturday would be insured for \$3,000. Waivers vs insurance was discussed, -insurance actually wants waivers. These were researched and waivers are common in clubs and in any medical situation. They do not take your rights away they simply make you think about what you are doing. Motorcycle riding can be hazardous to your health.

Going back to the motion at hand-Carried.

Ray reported that the Executive have been holding monthly meetings since January to keep us all on the same page. We keep everyone informed at the monthly breakfast meeting by discussing with you what we are doing so there are no surprises.

Changes to the Constitution for consideration:

6.10: Monies Submitted

All monies from all sources shall be submitted to the Treasurer following the receipt of event/activity monies.

3.3 - Responsibility & Assumption of Risk

All Members and guests acknowledge that they are solely responsible for their own safety, actions, and conduct at all times.

Participation in all Club activities is voluntary and undertaken at the participant's own risk. The OBVMC does not assume responsibility for the actions, conduct, or safety of individual, participants, and participation does not imply supervision or control by our Club.

All participants in club riding activities shall:

- Possess a valid driver's licence properly endorsed for motorcycle operation
- Operate only a properly registered, licensed, maintained, and insured motorcycle.

- Wear a compliant helmet where required by law.
- Everyone must sign an annual waiver.

Motorcycles, equipment, participation may be denied where legal safety standards are not met.

The Old Bastards Vintage Motorcycle Club will not insure any events, including rides and/or social activities.

3.4 C- All participants shall adhere to established riding protocols and appropriate conduct during all Club Activities.

Any participant may be refused or removed from Club activities where conduct is deemed unsafe, inappropriate, or contrary to the interests of our Club.

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Unsafe or reckless riding
- Behaviour that endangers others
- Threatening, intimidating conduct

All decisions regarding conduct and participation are final and made in the interest of group safety.

The OBVMC will do what we can to insure fair and safe activities.

Ray enquired if there were any questions. He noted that Ernie had told him, 'I'm always cautious about telling anyone what to do, rather than suggesting what they should do.'

Motion by Ray, seconded by Fred Gieratz. Carried.

Secretary Report: Marj

Minutes of the 25 AGM, May 10, 2025, highlights provided.

These can be found on the Web page. Also, a thank you to Sherri and Lincoln being our leaders over the past several years and a welcome to the 2026 Executive Team with Ray at the helm we are in a strong position.

Regalia discussion: We have been investigating options for regalia that would not include hauling around items in the trailer or mailing out items incurring postal costs and money exchanges. We have investigated an online option with Ladybug Design, and we have gone to meet with them at their location outside of Kemptville. Items were available to show quality. We have an option of setting up the online store with a code to be provided only to members. We will probably keep our embroidery items with Villager in Kingston due to their setup.

An attachment to purchases can be put in place to continue to make money for the club. The trailer will still be available at the Rally for items, Rally T-shirts etc.

Ray noted that the trailer is moving and will be at Rick Phillips place in Lyndhurst and could be used from there for items that are presently in stock.

Question regarding delivery costs, it was felt that this cost is imbedded in their price, but more information will be coming as we move forward setting up the online store. We will decide on how much we add on for our percentage of revenue for the club.

Ray discussed Rally shirts from last year, bought for \$2700 and sold for \$3000, making \$300. This is not a huge money maker as people do mention the cost of items.

Discussion from Derek Reath regarding money that was made years ago when he was responsible for Regalia which he feels was much more lucrative. Lincoln and Sherri noted that costs of items have increased without increasing costs to members.

Fran Thompson spoke to the fact that one of the things she appreciates about the club is the donations to charity which has been part of it for so many years. She feels losing that would change the focus of the club. She was assured that this will not be lost, it is being deferred for a time. Once the finances are stable and settled by the Executive there will be a call for charities to be brought forward for consideration.

Dave noted that we presently do not have a Regalia person and our efforts are to provide this without it being a large job for anyone. We are not in the T-shirt business, we are exploring options to make things easier for people.

Billy Peterson asked about operating costs and when these were last raised. Membership remains the same at \$20 but with the cost of \$20 for a patch. The patch used to be included in the membership. Our present budget was set up without considering any increase in operating costs. We are just being conservative at the present time.

Looking ahead:

Delta Bike Nights have begun, Thursdays at the chip truck in Delta.

ROB rides- Billy already called one this Thursday prior to Bike Night.

Mileage Award- get your starting mileage to Katrina Boyd for tracking. Start of the season and then completion when riding season is over-the end of September.

Lincoln and Sherri Tribute Ride- May 30. Deadline for response on May 24 as the Legion needs to know numbers for lunch. Al Dopson asked for a map to the event. Dave will send that out closer to the event, reminder to RSVP and map.

Rally- well underway, park and bands are booked, vendors are coming forward.

Ray notes that several groups are cancelling events quite probably due to the cost of insurance.

Shawn Flanagan asked for a directory of members and names for the Web page and Ray has investigated this however has not come up with a reasonable way to provide this.

Awards/Patches:

Fallen Members Mileage Award- Billy Peterson

Founder Patch- Ralph Thompson

Treasure Patch- Heidi Schrubert

Vice President Patch- Dave Johnston

President Patch – Ray Pilon

Discussion regarding Roy Pearce who has had health problems-having a ride by to present him with his Lifetime Membership patch. This will be later, and Lincoln will keep members informed when this may be held.

Billy Peterson made a motion- seconded by Randy Stoddard- to make Tim Lancaster a Lifetime Member- Carried

In closing: Transition to Present Executive is complete, we continue to have monthly Exec meetings and will keep you informed. The Rally is well underway, Rides are being posted,

Delta Bike Nights are scheduled weekly on Thursdays. Information is in the monthly Newsletter.

Ride captain guide was presented by Dave Johnston after a breakfast and is available on the Website. It is a good idea to refresh yourself on a group ride. Budget is in place and information will be forthcoming.

This is our opportunity to share rides with a group of people, call a ride, a ROB ride or whatever you want, that is what it's all about, the camaraderie and riding motorcycles. Stay safe and enjoy the season.

Meeting was adjourned at 1110. All members to join at the front of the building for the annual picture.