

Meeting April 24, 2014.

Meeting Minutes

Chair: Warren

Present: New member Brian Mandelker, Warren, Linda Khanna, Surgit, Rick, Ruth, Matt, Tom, Joan, Stephen Fishman, David Hollinsworth, Bill Hailwood, Sam, Zia, Kevin, Nedda, Bob, Peter Smith, Jay, Hercy.

1. Thank you to Hercy and Peter for hosting the meeting

2. Minutes from March: Sam

Read and approved.

3. Business arising from minutes:

- a) Roy had asked Rick for a treasurer's report on a more regular basis.
- b) Nedda asked for a brief summary at every meeting, listing large expenditures or money taken in through 50/50 or other sources; and current balance.
- c) request for Jay to list stores and, needs and expenses.
- d) neither Honda Canada nor Markham Outdoor Power was able to supply a bike as promised for our GWTA booth at the February Show. Last minute changes were necessary to modify the display.

4. Treasurer's Report : Sam

- a) \$135. given to Rick to subsidize half the cost of Chapter Directors' meeting at Geneva Park. (Other half was subsidized by Region J)
- b) \$448. remains in Toronto Wings' treasury as of April 24, 2014.

5. Presentation: by Sherpa Motorcycle Tours

<http://sherpamoto.com/>

Travel2Explore is the parent company. An extremely interesting presentation, replete with audio-visual showed us two trips that they can arrange. One was in Sri Lanka. Dual sport bikes that blend in with local traffic taken along rivers, through villages. Sometimes on challenging narrow mountainous roads but more often small towns, cities, beaches, greeting children, locals and others. There is usually a "chase" vehicle to carry backpacks and mechanical support.

Participants stay in decent, clean local hotels

Another was in Indonesia, making use of ferries to island hop.

They have travel industry support similar to TICO in Ontario. The company is based in Holland. SGR - (sgr.nl)

Raphael and Shu reviewed itineraries, trip packages and described their tours as "the road less-travelled". Tranquil and exciting blend of riding and seeing the locals, the countryside, animals and some attractions. There are some free days built in to relax or continue to explore.

Questions about booking process and payment were thoroughly answered. Airfare is extra for all trips. The booking process begins with contacting Sherpa Motorcycle Tours. Some North American Tours are also available.

5. GWTA National Office

Kevin will be part of a conference call with all other Region Directors from GWTA next week. If there's something that you'd like him to discuss please contact him. kevw9@sympatico.ca

6. Meetings and events :

- a) Ride on Sunday, April 27. Depart from Timmies Dufferin south of Finch 10 am.
- b) Markham Demo days - Saturday, May 3 10 am. Toronto Wings to BBQ. Markham supplies food, BBQ and canopy. Proceeds to be donated to Hospital for Sick Children.
- c) Ride In Lunch - Sunday, May 4 - Legion Hall New Lowell, Ontario. Depart 10 am. Tim Horton's Dufferin south of Finch.
- d) Spring Warm-Up - Kevin - hosted by Toronto wings and York Simcoe Riders. Honda Canada - May 10, 10 am. GWTA members only. 3 different exercises then 2 seminars. Seminar content: EMS and Co-rider seminar. BBQ followed by Riders' Challenge (skill riding contest) in afternoon. 50/50 draw.
- e) Next meeting - Thursday, May 15 at the home of Linda and Vivek Khanna. Details to follow.
- f) Honda Factory tour. Date to be announced.
- g) Sunday, June 29 - Jay - Waterloo Airport.
- h) July 5 - Tour HMCS Ojibwa in Port Burwell Ontario www.projectojibwa.ca. Most were very interested to tour submarine which is on a concrete dock. Price \$20/person. As ride coordinator, Patricia to coordinate visit with Fred Rowe, CD of Chapter K, who proposed the ride to all Chapters.
- i) July 19 - Fantasy Ride - Warren

7. Other/New Business

Sign-holder for booth. Brian offered to help in that regard. Needs measurements to proceed. Kevin to supply measurement and coordinate details with Brian.

8. Good and Welfare

- a) Many thanks to Paul Cuddy for leading a great ride in Central Ontario on April 20. Many new and interesting roads. Snack and meal stops were perfect. All who participated really appreciated Paul's expertise and camaraderie.
- b) Congratulations to Andy for a successful, informative, compelling seminar concerning Holocaust awareness presented to a large group of people at the North York Seniors' Centre.
- c) Congratulations to Karen on her successful, entertaining performance with The Clarington Concert Band and County Choral Group. Karen displayed her talents playing the Glockenspiel as well as her saxophone as the CCB performed an enjoyable variety of music.
- d) Thank you from Samantha and Matt for card from Toronto Wings expressing our good wishes for happiness on the occasion of their February wedding.

9. Next meeting: Date and place to be announced in an email to all members.

Respectfully submitted.

Nedda Lash.