

GWTA Chapter T, Toronto Wings

Minutes of meeting 2012/02/19

Attendance: Paul Cuddy, Peter Smith, Moshe Winnick, Bruce Whye, Jay Mandelker, Joan Schroeder, Tim Norton, William Hailwood, Surjit Prewal, Jim Lloyd, Rick Hail, Bill Hobbs, Karen and Warren Jacobs, Tammy and Stephen Daiter, Allen & Robin Zaretsky, Patricia Peel, Kevin Welch, Alison and Steve Lawson.

Chapter Director, Paul Cuddy called meeting to order 09:50 following breakfast (at Wexford Restaurant). Started off by thanking Peter Smith for arranging the Wexford for us.

Introduction of new members/guests: Steve and Alison Lawson (newlyweds). Steve has been riding 50 years (since 16) and new to Gold Wings. Bought his 2012 GL1800 last year and 'finds it much easier to ride than Kawasaki Nomad'. Steve and Alison joined our chapter at January motorcycle show.

Breakfast at Wexford: We had our private room, which was worked by extra staff for our benefit. Paul encouraged those who commit to attend, to do so, because of the extra staff being hired.

Minutes of last meeting held at Jay & Bev's condo were reviewed by Paul.

Chapter T Stores: Jay will take over 'Stores' responsibility. Paul distributed paid items to those who'd been waiting and still has to discover what remains to be done on shirts, rockers, patches, etc.

Volunteers for Ride Coordinator and Social Committee are still needed.

New Business: It was decided last year that rather than each person pay \$2/meeting, each family membership shall donate \$25 to the chapter, annually. Those who haven't yet done so are asked to remit funds to Stephen Daiter, Chapter Treasurer.

May 6: Spring Ride-In Luncheon in Aurora at 'Legion'. Pay Nedda \$20/person, in advance, as it sells out each year.

May 12: Annual Spring Warm Up at Honda Canada. Kevin will make exercises in which we should all practice, e.g. U-turns, slow speed turns. Tom will again arrange to bring a tractor trailer truck so that motorcyclists can see how invisible we are to big rigs (to encourage extra caution when riding behind or around a tractor trailer).

EMS was present last year. We'll ask them to do their presentation inside the building.

We're trying to work, in concert, with Newmarket Chapter to organize Spring Warm-Up. We must ensure that every attendee is registered and has signed a waiver before participating. Volunteers are required to check those arriving to ensure documents signed and in order. Patricia and Robin will supervise this.

Four volunteers to work registration desk: It was suggested that each rider get a colored ribbon to wear so that each group will move to next area together. Kevin will ask Newmarket Chapter for volunteers.

May 27: Chapter K is conducting their annual MADD Ride, which is a fund raising poker run for Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. \$20 per rider with prizes and snacks afterward. Last year there was a live performance by a country music singer.

June 21-24: Friendship Rally, Minden ON, South Winds Resort and Campground (owned by Pat and Dave). The theme is 'Lumberjacks'. Kevin has registration forms. Last year 110 people attended. Get tickets early because resort has only one room left. Others will have to stay 'nearby'. There is a lot of camping space still available.

Gold Rush shall be in Missouri July 23-26. Kevin said Gold Rush is like a big family reunion. Many who attend once, want to attend again. It'll be held in Tan-Tar-A at Lake of the Ozarks Resort. Among the many events will be the talent show, which last year was won by Newmarket Chapter). Bikes will be parked in a secure garage with no cars. Destination is approximately 1500 kms from Toronto, with spectacular twisty roads as you approach MO.

Nedda has Gold Rush raffle tickets for sale. Surjit sold \$70. Tickets \$8/sheet of 8 tickets. Raffle tickets are sold on behalf of 'National' office to maintain itself and minimize necessary membership dues. National office pays for about 30% of association's cost.

Kevin will address Honda Canada regarding the brake recall on GL1800 to see if service might be arranged on site during Spring Warm-Up.

Paul asked for volunteers to organize rides for each of our Sunday 'BMRs' (Breakfast, Meeting, Ride). Kevin shall lead rides March 18th and Aug. 19; Allen Zaretsky, April 15; Dave Hollinsworth, May 20; June 17, Paul; July 15, Bruce Whye; Sept. 16, Peter Smith; Oct. 21, Kevin and Paul, Nov. 18.

July 19, Thursday Warren Jacobs will lead ride to Port Hope for outdoor concert.

Port Dover days April 13 and July 13.

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Stores: Jay Mandelker volunteered to take charge of this committee. Anyone wishing shirts, etc. should address Jay to place orders. Flags were sold for \$20 each and distributed to those who'd prepaid. T-shirts, polo shirts (short and long sleeved) will be made available, first to those who've paid. Those who haven't ordered should contact Jay immediately: mandelkerjay@hotmail.com

BMR (Breakfast, Meeting, Ride) shall be third Sunday of each month. Coffee will continue at Tim Horton's on Dufferin, south of Finch, every Thursday at 8 P.M.

Send all Ride Calendar items to Warren Jacobs: Warp.eng@gmail.com

Robin Z. urged spouses of members who don't ride to be encouraged to participate and help in events giving them a sense of belonging and contribution to events' success. They should feel part of the team.

Three new members, Bruno & Donna and Sandy weren't present today but missed; we're looking forward to meeting them soon.

Bev at Markham Outdoor Power has done research into motorcycle antennas – if anyone wishes further information, contact her. It is expected that they'll have a BBQ, the date of which has yet to be announced.

Kevin and Pat will host annual BBQ at their home on Sept. 8.

Stephen Daiter won \$32.50 in 50/50 draw.

Kevin, Tom and Joan donated prizes (dirt rags, jewelry box and magnetic note holder which were won by Tom, Peter Smith and Karen Jacobs).

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55. Next BMR is March 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Mandelker, Acting Secretary