

## Minutes

Toronto Wings

October 23, 2014.

Thank you to Nedda and Bob for hosting tonight's meeting.

## Attendance

Present: Rick, Ruth, Bob, Bill Hobbs, Stephen, Bill Hailwood, Warren, Sam, Andy, Joan, Zia, Kevin, Linda Khanna, Jay, Tom, Nedda. (16)

Regrets: Roy, Catherine, Allen, Robin.

## Treasurer's Report - Sam

\$298. in cashbox.

## Chapter Directors' Meeting

Region J. October 16 and 17th at Geneva Park.

Report - Warren

- Welcomed new members from Northern Ontario.
- brought copies of detailed Treasurer's Report - \$4036. in account
- summarised CD Reports. - Membership generally decreasing in all chapters and all clubs.
- To help encourage members to maintain interest and recruit new members, GWTA National Membership Directors were flown in and housed at Region J's expense. (\$700. for flights)  
Overall, the conclusion was that there is no magic answer. Riding and socialising on a regular basis factor large in attracting and maintaining members. Finding the problem and the fix is unique to each chapter. All CD's and Region J staff that attended the weekend meeting were reimbursed \$134. by Region J.
- Rick Hack was further reimbursed \$138. by Toronto Wings to cover the remaining half of his cost for the weekend.

## Suggestions to improve success of Toronto Wings

- Work together to make a difference in the community. Examples given: Packing boxes at Food bank; visiting a nursing home or hospital.
- Participate as a group in rides sponsored by other groups, i.e. Camp Huronda.
- More overnight rides. Go to different places. Explore new routes. Repetition discourages interest and attendance . Invite other chapters to join us.
- Increase relationship with Honda dealerships. Create a flyer to advertise rides and events . Ask if our brochure can be included in customer purchases.
- More day rides. Invite other chapters to join us.
- Interesting activities: Glider Rides, submarine tour, movies, gallery and museum tours.
- Club dinners and breakfasts in different locations on an ad hoc basis.
- Warm-up needs to be revitalised: could be a ride on rural roads in groups of 5 with stops every few miles. Discussion and critique of other members of the group. Rotate group leader on next leg of route until all members of small group have had a chance to lead. For further details, contact Karen.
- Practical aspect of motorcycling discussed at meetings; i.e. Tips on winterizing your bike.
- Keep website interesting and up-to-date by sending info to Rose on a regular basis. Warren has changed calendar format for ease of reading, as well as enabling the inclusion of detailed event listings.
- Remember to bring concrete suggestions for rides, activities and events to next meeting.

### Bike Shows

- Supershow - Jan 2,3,4. International Centre. Will be run by CD's and members from all of Region J. Details and schedule of booth personnel, set-up and tear-down to be distributed in December by Kevin.
- Kevin advised against entering the February bike show, usually hosted by Toronto Wings, previously held at The Metro Convention Centre or at The Direct Energy Centre at Exhibition Place. Discussion ensued. A vote was held. Toronto Wings and GWTA Region J voted 12 to 4 against participating in The Manufacturers' Bike Show in February 2015.
- There are shows scheduled for March and April in The GTA. Our participation at those shows was not discussed.

### Website

- It was brought to our attention that our website costs \$85. per year to maintain. Bill Hobbs has been paying this amount for many years. He'll be relinquishing this maintenance in the future. Our subscription lapses in June 2015. Bill advises that there are free solutions available. Someone else will have to do the research and report back to the group quite soon if we wish to maintain a presence on the internet. Bill accepted our offer of \$85. for one year. This amount was in an envelope in the cash box set aside by Stephen Daiter, our former treasurer. We extend our thanks to Bill for his very generous payments over many years on behalf of Toronto Wings.

### Other business

- 50/50 was conducted by Tom. Linda Khanna won \$22.50. \$22.50 was added to the cash box by Sam.
- Nedda was reimbursed \$10 for greeting cards and postage. One card was sent to Matt Vatcher and Samantha on the occasion of their marriage; and one to Jay and Brian Mandelker and family extending our condolences on the death of their beloved mother.
- Next meeting November 20 will be hosted by Hercy and Peter. Details will be sent by Tuesday, November 18.
- Meeting on January 15, 2015 will be hosted by Karen and Warren.
- Reminder for members and any friends and family wishing to attend the Christmas Dinner and Dance hosted by The Blue Knights in Newmarket on December 13th. Last date to buy tickets is November 20. Thirteen members and friends have purchased tickets so far. Join us for an evening of celebration catered by Jonathan's of Richmond Hill. Dancing to the sounds of an established DJ. Costs \$35./person. Contact Nedda for details and tickets [bobandnedda@rogers.com](mailto:bobandnedda@rogers.com)
- CD election: GWTA rules stipulate that election for Chapter Director must be held at the end of the calendar year. All other positions are appointed by the CD. Rick has advised us that he is stepping down. Our election will be held on November 20. Please consider taking on this meaningful position.
- Chapter dues of \$100. are payable to GWTA at this time. Sam will arrange to send a money order to National office of GWTA to register Chapter T Region J for 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Nedda Lash.