

**Muletown H.O.G.**  
**November 15, 2017 Officer Meeting**  
**Minutes**

The Officer's meeting was held at Ken Steverson's house. The business meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm by Assistant Director, Ken Steverson. Attendees were Ken Steverson, Terry Fox, David Payne, Trish Shearn, Red Thomas, and Eddie(Zero) Fisher.

The agenda discussed was the Chapter Christmas Party, 2018 Dues Increase, 2018 Officers, Columbia Christmas Parade, Review of Charity Ride, Newsletter Article Deadline.

**Christmas Party:** Details of the Christmas party were discussed. Fox will get with Carlene the caterer to make sure of the details on her end. Zero shared the chapter finances going into the party. Based on last year's expenses, we would run a deficit if we did not charge a fee for food and prizes. It was agreed that we would charge \$10 for members, and \$20 for non-members to attend the party. RSVP of your choice of food and payment must be turned in by 12/1/17. Trish suggested that we explain to the membership that these charges are just to break even. Ken will send out an email to the chapter members of the Christmas party plans, with Zero sending out an Evite. Members can pay at the Nov. Chapter meeting, the Chapter box at the dealership, or mailing a check to Zero.

Activities for the party will be dirty Santa and an indoor poker run. Zero will check to see if he has the poker run materials.

**Chapter Dues:** 2018 Chapter Dues were discussed. We have not had an increase in dues although expenses have risen. All of the officers agreed that we do not want to get into fundraising activities to cover expenses. The officers discussed that it would be desirable to cover our picnic and Christmas party by not pulling ahead any prepaid dues from the following year to cover expenses. Trish suggested that new members who join late in the year pay a discounted fee for that year, and then be charged like all members for the following year. Currently we charge new members who fall into this category the full amount for the following year and include the late months in the current year as a bonus. There was discussion, but no decision on this suggestion. It was agreed that the chapter dues would increase by \$5 to \$25. A \$5 discount would still apply if you prepay 2018 dues from now until the first Chapter meeting in February.

**2018 Officers:** Ken Steverson - Asst. Director, Terry Fox - Membership, Trish Shearn – Webmaster, Bridgett Thomas – Activities, Red Thomas – Head Road Captain, Zero – Secretary/Treasurer, Doc Ullrich – Newsletter.

**Columbia Christmas Parade:** Ken shared that HD of Columbia will be sponsoring a Christmas parade float on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Dealership has offered to have the Chapter members ride on the float. Fox will get with the dealership for further details to share at the Nov. Chapter meeting.

**Review of the Charity Ride:** Ken stated that he thought the charity ride to help the Maury County Veterans was a great success, and praised the membership for their generosity. \$835.00 was raised this year, which is a record. He challenged the membership to get to \$1000 next year. Fox suggested that Magic Riders was a charity we could fundraise for. Charity selection for 2018 will be selected at a later date.

**Newsletter:** Ken relayed the message from Doc that Officer newsletter articles are due Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also would like some "HOG Tales" to be written.

**Other Discussion:** Ken said that the dealership is collecting new coats for Maury County kids in need. There was an email sent out by the dealer. You will be entered in a drawing for a \$200 HD gift card for your donation.

Meet and greet for the membership will be held at an area restaurant on Saturday 1/20/18. Red will talk with Bridgett to get this set up.

Trish brought up the fact that one member of the club in particular is bringing the same guests to ride on chapter rides more than two times. It is her understanding that someone who is a guest more than twice must join the club. It was discussed that although this is desirable, we don't have a hard and fast rule, just a suggestion that the guest should join. Spouses who are not member and ride on the back of a member's bike are not an issue. The discussion led to guest and chapter members who ride too slow and where they should position themselves on the group rides. Slow riders should always be at the back of the group. It was agreed that at each ride, the Road Captain will stress this. Also, the Officers talked about Road Captains pulling out from a stop, especially from turns. They need to move out quickly so the rest of the group can get through the intersection.