

Sangre de Cristo HOG Officers Meeting Minutes - Final
15 January 2020

Attendees:

Glen Post	Gilbert Gurule	Carolyn Besch	Rob Lunn
Fritz Besch	Bob Bob Bob	Caroline Kline	Dizzy Jake
David Pearson	Debby Pearson	Carl Siel	

Agenda:

Treasurer's Report: Gilbert Gurule
Membership Report: Carolyn Besch
Editor's Report: Rob Lunn
Head Road Captain Report: Fritz Besch
Safety Officer Report: Bob Bob Bob
LOH: Caroline Kline
Activities: Dizzy Jake
Dealer Liaison: David/Debby
Director's Report: Glen Post

Treasurer's Report: Gilbert Gurule

The Treasurer provided a summary of the financials for the year:

- 2019 money we collected - \$1475
- 2019 expenditures - \$2042
- Current cash reserves - \$200
- Tax forms in order – State and Federal Tax Forms are in order and preparation has started.
- When he becomes aware, the Treasurer, will identify rides that are occurring in other locations/venues for the Editor to include in the Newsletter and for consideration by the Activities Director.
- Suggested the Dealership consider a HOG "victory lap" for anyone that purchases a new motorcycle. The Dealership agreed to explore the suggestion.

Membership Report: Carolyn Besch

The Membership Lead provided a summary of 2019 Membership and status as we enter 2020:

- Membership totals for 2019 – 68 (does not include Dealer members)
- New members in 2019 - 11
- Projected members for 2020 (if possible) - 39 have currently renewed (does not include Dealer members). More current members are expected to renew given the Directors recent announcements and expected completion date. There is currently 1 new member for 2020.

Editor's Report: Rob Lunn

The Editor provided a summary of the preparation and publishing of the Newsletter and changes planned for 2020:

- The Editor has switched from MS Word to MS Publisher, he plans to publish events and rides 2 months at a time using Chapter info emails, SFHD calendar and postings, HD News, events (e.g. rallies) anything HOG and now Old Fartz. The Editor is open to include anything someone wants to include in the Newsletter be it an article, picture, story about a ride, or something of interest that is relevant to the Chapter.
- Key to the Newsletter is getting inputs from the Board Members in a timely fashion as well as from Chapter Members. The Editor will send a reminder about 10 days prior to publishing the Newsletter seeking inputs.
- The Editor requested a stipend to cover the costs for ink and paper as the Newsletter is being prepared. There were no objections to the request.
 - Action: To encourage greater Chapter Member participation, the Editor will utilize the Newsletter to seek their inputs on subjects of interest including:
 - Member bios and how they got into motorcycle riding
 - Member write-ups of their rides – locations traveled, routes taken, sights seen, restaurants and hotels utilized.
 - Action: Chapter Officers provide a "get to know me" write-up as well as their thoughts and goals for 2020.
 - Action: Secretary, subject to Director approval, provide a summary of the discussions, decisions, actions that occur during Open Meetings for inclusion in the Newsletter.
 - Action: Membership Lead provide occasional (quarterly) report of current number of members, number of new members, members that have left the Chapter, update on dues status, due dates and cut off dates.
 - Action: The Editor and Treasurer to determine level of resources needed for ink and paper during the preparation of the Newsletter.

Head Road Captain (R/C) Report: Fritz Besch

The Head Road Captain provided a summary of 2019 rides and issues, as well as the plans for 2020:

- Highlighted issues included: no show of a Road Captain, missed rest stops, lack of route awareness, inconsistent use/passing of hand signals during a ride, inconsistent lane changing practices, and crash scene management (Tucumcari).
 - Action: Card for the R/C to use during the briefing before a Chapter ride has been developed. The R/C is expected to use the card and discuss the route, road conditions/hazards, planned rest stops, use of hand signals, lane change expectations, etc.
 - Action: 2020 Ride Card has been developed that identifies the lead R/C and sweep for each Chapter ride. In the event the lead R/C or sweep are unable to support the assigned ride they are to each out to the other R/C's as a replacement as well as contact the Head R/C and Chapter Director their awareness and support.
- 2020 Rides. Rallies/Touring Rallies/other overnight rides. – A summary of the numerous HOG rally opportunities was provided. These opportunities can be found on the HOG

website. For 2020 a Ride Card has been established. There are 14 rides with the date, location, R/C, and the sweep designated. One ride, to Pagosa Springs for lunch will have the option for riders to continue as an overnighiter to Ouray, CO. Details to follow.

- Action: The Activities lead will form an Activities Committee to determine which, if any, of the HOG rallies the Chapter would participate in an organized manner.
- R/C membership numbers & possible recruitment. There are currently 9 R/C's. The Head R/C is open to having new R/C's, but, at this time is not worried about recruiting additional R/C's.
- Group riding classes – 2 classes are being planned, one in March and the other in July. Open to non-Harley riders. AMA video and discussion of how we operate group rides.
 - Action: Head R/C is working on the details for the group riding classes. They will be posted in the Chapter Newsletter and in coordination with the Dealership.
- Pre-Rides – In essence, ride the ride before the ride. While not mandatory it is recognized as a good practice in order to understand the route, potential rest stops, and respective road conditions and hazards.
 - Action: Will use R/C meeting to discuss when a pre-ride is appropriate for planned Chapter rides.
 - Action: Dealership and Safety Lead to explore means to highlight the "NM Roads" website for road condition awareness on the Chapter and Dealership websites, and in the Chapter newsletter.

Activities: Bob Bob Bob

The Activities Lead provided a summary of efforts the Activities group will be considering for 2020:

- He opened his discussion with concerns about the planned ride to the Space Port. These included, cost, security restrictions, limited hours to access the facility, possibility for the ride becoming an overnighiter. Because of these complications there may be a need to refocus the ride on an alternate, nearby location. Suggestions included the Very Large Array in Socorro or hot springs in Truth or Consequences.
 - Action: Activities Lead to assess the feasibility of the Space Port ride and if determined not feasibility, offer an alternative for the Directors approval and adjustment to the Ride Card.
- Talk about how to deal with pick-up rides – Lively discussions ensued.
 - Action: Activities Lead to work with the Dealership to provide a space on a Chalk and/or Bulletin Board to post Pick Up ride listings.
- Coordination of rides with R/C assigned with monthly rides – This has been addressed by the creation of a Ride Card that includes an assigned lead R/C and sweep for each of the Chapter rides.
- Discuss forming an Activity Committee -Lively discussions ensued but it was agreed there was a need for an Activity Committee. It was suggested that in addition to overnight and rally ride planning the Committee should consider "other than ride" events like social outings (bowling, go-cart racing), as well as Chapter fund raising and recruitment events.
 - Action: Activities Lead to establish an Activities Committee to explore:
 - Overnight and rally ride opportunities

- "other than ride" activities.
- 50/50 Raffle at Chapter events.

Establishment of the Activities Committee will be accomplished by submitting a write-up of the committee's functions for approval by the Director and an announcement to seek volunteers.

LOH: Caroline Kline

The LOH Lead provided a summary of ideas for 2020:

- She presented the following potential LOH rides:
 - 15 March Dulce Fry Bread at Apache Indian Casino
 - 19 April Inscription Rock/Grants/Wolf-Dog sanctuary
 - 17 May Chama
 - 14 June Flag Day Taos Angel Fire Vietnam Memorial

There was a discussion of whether men and in what capacity they should be allowed participate in LOH rides; as a solo rider, as a rider with a female passenger, or as a passenger with a female rider.

- Action: LOH Lead to provide info on proposed rides to Chapter Editor for inclusion in the Monthly Newsletter and to work with the Dealership for broader awareness of the proposed rides for greater participation.
- Action: LOH Lead to determine whether men and in what capacity they may participate in LOH rides.
- Action: LOH Lead to work with the Dealership to coordinate possible LOH ride synergies celebrating the 100th anniversary of Women's Voting Rights.

Safety/Training Officer: Dizzy Jake

The Safety/Training Officer provided a summary of safety matters the occurred in 2019 and being considered for 2020:

- The Safety/Training Officer opened his presentation with a request to change his title from Safety Officer to Safety/Training Officer. His rationale was that safety and training were directly linked. After some debate, the decision was reached to change the title from Safety Officer to Safety/Training Officer.
- Open discussion of accident protocols – Discussed the events of the Tucumcari accident including ride preparation and accident scene management.
 - Action: Safety/Training Officer in coordination with the Head R/C to develop an Accident Protocol card for the R/C's. To include but not be limited to contacting emergency services and law enforcement, first aid to the victim, traffic management, retention of accident scene details.
 - Action: Chapter Director to provide Safety Officer with HOG points of contact to report accidents in the event they occur during Chapter rides.
- Further safety training opportunities – A lively discussion of other safety related training occurred.
 - Action: Safety/Training Officer to explore safety training opportunities to include but not be limited to:
 - Those new to motorcycle riding
 - Skills practice for new and experience riders

- Accident scene management
- Group riding skills and knowledge

This will be done in coordination with the Dealership to leverage their support infrastructure.

Dealer Liaison: David and Debby Pearson

The Dealer Liaisons provided a summary of the relationship with the Chapter:

- They opened their discussion acknowledging the relationship between the Chapter and Dealership was strong. They announced the establishment of the Miles High Mileage Club for 2020. There was interest expressed by some Board members for the dealer to have classes on the new Harley technologies related to the Boom Box (radio, GPS, etc) and Reflex Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS)
 - Action: Dealership to explore training opportunities to enhance understanding of the Boom Box and RDRS.

Director's Report: Glen Post

The Director provided a discussion of cooperative efforts with other Chapters:

- The Director indicated the Turquoise Trail Chapter was willing to open their rides for Sangre De Cristo participation. There was general agreement that the Turquoise Trail Chapter could participate in our rides as well. It was acknowledged that each Chapter has a similar ride schedule.
 - Action: The Director will continue to pursue collaboration opportunities with the Turquoise Trail Chapter
- The All NM HOG get together (June 19-21) was briefing discussed.
 - Action: The Activities Director and future Activities Committee should determine the level of the Chapters participation; W/E ride or 1 day or both.
- The Director also provided an updated version of the Sangre De Cristo Chapter information and membership pamphlet.