

OBVMC AGM

Saturday May 10, 2025, 1000

Delta Town Hall

Call to Order by President Lincoln Pearce at 1007

Members in attendance: 42

Opening remarks by Lincoln: Jan and Feb he announced that he and Sherri want to step down. They did this early so that people could have the opportunity to stand for these positions. No one came forward save one member and it would have left this member with the sole responsibility for the club. So, the elections have been deferred at this time to be revisited again later this year. He encouraged people to consider this, appreciates the interest of members who have indicated interest but have not been with the club for 2 years. This mistake has been made previously, and members are encouraged to get to know the club, what it stands for, before they take on these responsibilities.

In the meantime, things will go forward as other years, plans for the Rally are going forward, bike nights are going forward.

Minutes of AGM Apr 28, 2024, by Marj Milne: These can be viewed on Website.

VP Address by Ray Pilon: First, he asked that we remember

Doug Griffiths, he was present last AGM and is no longer with us. He was an active member of the club and will be missed.

Ray stated that he became interested in the club 10 years ago, with a background as a career photographer recently retired looking for something to chase. He has found this club is full of the most interesting people he's ever had to photograph. He stated he never aspired to be up at the front like this but has been pleased to work with the present Executive.

Retired Old Bastards Rides (ROB rides) These don't need to be organized by Ray, anyone can plan and post a ride and people can join. These will be posted on the FB page and with enough time to do so an Email will be sent out.

Bike Nights have started, 2 have already been held which have been gloomy and cold but members have attended. The chip stand people are appreciative of the business. His granddaughter and a friend work these nights for their summer income.

Mileage award -Fallen Members Award is on again this season. Ray feels like he is begging people to sign up. Send in your beginning mileage and end of season mileage. Last year it was awarded to Susan Macaulay with her mileage clocked at 22,065 km. Susan is an interesting person, a blogger, writer, photographer, she started riding at 67 years old. She has had some hardships this past year, hoping to get riding again this season and was thrilled when Ray presented this award to her.

The award was started as the Benji Award with Terry Dixon aka Benji, riding over 18,000 Km the season before he passed. This award is to honour riders that go the distance and has since been named the Fallen Riders Award.

Shawn Flanagan asked at this time if it were possible to have an album of photos of members that could be seen as not everyone knows who everyone is. Ray states this can be investigated. He does post pictures of members that he has taken and will include the obituary photo when families share this.

Secretary Report-Marj: Nothing as a report other than the minutes that have been read. She noted that she could be used as a cautionary tale having had a spill 2 weeks ago while avoiding a deer resulting in a collar bone fracture and repairs being necessary on her Shadow. Watch for the deer as they are being fed on some backroads. Good news is she is wrenching her bike and Dave has given her a new name, Wrench Wench

Treasurers Report- Sherri Pearce: Total revenues \$15,843.30
Expenses \$13,500, Accountant, Rally shirts, laptop, insurance
Insurance is up, and rally shirts are up this past year.

Full Treasures report attached.

Items discussed, laptop crashed and the most recent edition of Quickbooks is online and will cost \$700 annually. She has gotten all club information moved to the new laptop. She will gladly turn all this job over to someone with knowledge of

these programs and meets Club requirements.

Insurance was discussed regarding the fact that this is an issue with other clubs and agencies as liabilities trend high. Even with finally receiving insurance at the 11th hour last Rally the games and road ride were not covered. Decisions will need to be made this year regarding these Rally activities.

As for the Rally, 234 people attended, 50/50 was \$561. With T-shirts, Regalia and the BBQ lady, Willis Bowman donating \$9,142 were raised. The remaining moneys to be divided for charity will be \$3,500.

6 have been brought forward: Loaves and Fishes-Brockville, Leeds and Grenville Interval House, Delta Food Bank, Our Livable Solutions -Kingston, House of Lazarus-Mountain, North and Central Frontenac Food Bank

Shawn Flanagan had suggested an organization, Homes for Heros, small homes for Veterans, which does good work but is also promoted and is sponsored nationally. In discussion with Lincoln, he removed this charity to focus on more local ones.

Randy discussed an organization that assists young children to ride bikes. Held at Lombardy. Billy Peterson states he has brought this forward previously; it will be investigated.

Further discussion regarding insurance, signing waivers etc. This is a requirement of the insurance company but is not worth any more than the paper it is written on. We will be looking at someone else for insurance this year. There are Bylaws for fees

at the park and the community. A flea market was suggested across from this building and it was declined d/t liability.

Winchester has the same problem as has Wildman's Rodeo.

Distinguished Gentlemen's ride is covered nationally. There is a reverberation from the states over the past 10 years regarding suing which is a very real possibility.

The park does carry their own insurance, but this does not cover our Rally even with being unlicensed and if the park were being sued, we would be sued.

It will be interesting to see how the Smith's Falls Bike Nights go this summer, both how it is accepted and how they manage insurance issues.

OBVMC also has Executive Insurance that is carried annually which does not cover the Rally.

Roger Hogan spoke about municipalities covering small organizations with their umbrella as they have had difficulty maintaining this coverage. Lincoln did investigate this a few years ago but only got concessions that they would not charge us for parade or event permits. We continue to investigate insurance possibilities.

Regalia Report-Lincoln: Prices have continued to increase. Supplier stated that we dealt with Covid pricing and now we will need to cope with Tariff pricing. Even with Canadian pricing. Stock items, some hats, hoodies, long sleeved shirts, but items are decreasing and there has not been a huge

request for items. Oil skin hats are popular but are also expensive and the club makes nothing. Distributing regalia is also expensive and not the most important aspect of this club.

Membership Report-Dave Johnson Attached

Lincoln gave congratulations to Dave for producing and distributing the Newsletter as a new opportunity to find out more about what is going on both in OBVMC as well as the greater biker community. If anyone wants to write items for the Newsletter you can send them to Dave for consideration.

Ray- Rally items. Vendors have been contacted. BBQ lady is coming back, usual other vendors will be there. Another food vendor was interested but may be too much with the concession stand as well.

FB statistics, 2,600 people looking at us. 40-45 people post regularly. Most popular post of the year was from Will Robinson, bad gas in Merrickville. It was noted that FB has never found an infraction on our page. Post approval remains on the page to keep it as relevant to the club and motorcycles and have it a little different from other groups.

The OBVMC web page is for information about the club, photos, videos, minutes of AGMs, donations. Old photos were recently shared at bike night, and these will be archived into the website.

Chance Peterson enquired if there could be a section on the website to highlight fallen members and Ray will investigate

this.

Again, Ray encouraged people to post their rides, wrenching etc. to keep FB interesting to members.

Sherri reported that two bands have been booked for the Rally this year. Power Blues Trio-Sandy Hayes and Brian McAuley are members, on the Fri night as karaoke fellow no longer available.

Sat night will be Texas Tuxedo, Kingston band. Under contract and ready to play. Entertainment has been beefed up in case ride and games are not able to be held.

Donations: \$3500 divided by 6= \$580

Moved by Chance Peterson and Seconded by Austin Pearce that \$500 be given to 5 charities and the remaining funds \$1000 given to Interval House. Carried. Lincoln will have Ernie do a presentation to Interval House for this donation.

Constitution Amendments: rewording for clarification suggested by the Executive. All members are encouraged to review the constitution and request amendments if noted.

Article 3.2 regarding Honorary vs Lifetime members. Discussion was held regarding the differences between these. Moved by Lincoln seconded by Bill Peterson. **Carried**

Constitution items to be revised:

3.2 - Honorary Member - may be granted to anyone, member or not who has exhibited a special

contribution/service to the Club. Or to identify a special status. This status is not permanent. Dues for this status may be deferred.

Lifetime Member - granted to a member who has fulfilled an executive position and has remained in good standing for at least three years.

Or any member who has reached the age of 75 years and has maintained a good status (dues paid) for at least consecutive 5 years. Lifetime members do not pay annual dues but do maintain voting privileges.

A list of lifetime members will be maintained on the Club's website.

Article 3.1 Clarification of the article. Moved by Lincoln seconded by Derek Reath. **Carried**

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Dave suggested a change to the time frames for dues to be paid to be able to track this more easily. As this was a last minute request membership was asked if this was to be allowed-agreed. Discussion held that you would be covered for the year depending on when you joined.

3.5 - A - Dues for each fiscal year shall be determined by a membership vote at the AGM.

B - "Dues will be paid annually.

C - Membership Lapses: Membership with outstanding dues in excess of 3 years will be considered as having left the Club and their membership records will be purged. If they return to the Club they return as new members.

Moved by Dave seconded by Randy. **Carried**

Lincoln: Randy Stoddard has been a member for many years and is being nominated by Lincoln as a Lifetime Member.

Seconded by Billy Peterson. **Carried**

Leroy Shepherd also a member for many years was nominated by Lincoln as an Honorary Member, seconded by Derek Reath.

Carried

Closing remarks by Lincoln. No elections were held this year as only one person stood up to be elected. He would like to retire but there are no options out there so current members of the executive committee will stay, and elections are deferred to a later date. Could be this year or by next years AGM. He thanked the club for their support and thanked the person who came forward. Paperwork will be done regarding insurance. We do continue to look for a treasurer as well.

Shawn suggested a ride to Kingston to allow new members to join us. Dave was riding to Battersea and on to Kingston all are invited along. Roger noted that as some are not on FB, so it is difficult to let folks know about a ride. Emails can be sent to Ray or Dave, and the details can be sent to members interested in attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 1140