

**Pittsburgh HOG Chapter #2224**

**January HOG Chapter Meeting**

**January 11, 2024**

**Monte Cello's Restaurant**

**Officers Present: Josh Sutton, Bill McCarrier, Mike Booth, Tim Caliguiri, Ruth McCarrier, Larry Szramowski, Linda Szramowski, Tim Beck, Rhonda Diercks, Bill Huwe**

**Officers Absent: None**

**Director: Josh Sutton**

- Opened the meeting @ 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Last month's minutes were approved by Tim Caliguiri and seconded by Bill Huwe.
- Thanked last year's officers.
- Presented Mux Macario with a "Former Director" license plate cover.

**Activities Officer: Linda Szramowski**

- There are activities planned for every weekend through March since we are not riding.
- There will be a paint and sip painting event at the dealership on 1/26 presented by chapter member Suzanne Connors.
- There will be a board game day and Chinese food event on Saturday 1/13/24. See Linda for details. This is a BYOB event.

**Treasurer: Bill McCarrier**

Beginning Balance:		<b>\$4,645.60</b>
• Revenues		
○ December 50/50	\$110.00	
○ T-shirt sales	\$50.00	
	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
• Expenses		
○ Christmas party	\$888.37	
○ Gift for Monte Cello servers	\$200.00	
○ Iron Britches awards	\$125.00	
○ Pony Express Award	\$100.00	
○ Printer Ink	\$86.90	
○ Officer Patches	\$60.37	
○ Business Cards	\$39.27	
○ Software	\$19.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,518.91</b>
Ending Balance		<b>\$3,286.69</b>

A motion was made by Russ Walker to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Mike Booth

**Secretary: Ruth McCarrier**

- No report

**THRD Owner George Gatto:**

- Remodel is on hold while they adjust plans with the architects.
- Todd Levinson:
  - January 24 will be the public release of all new models.
  - Model year end sale going on now with low interest rates while supplies last.

**Assistant Director: Mike Booth**

- Thank you to all outgoing officers.
- We have purchased a new flagpole and Josh Sutton donated a new flag for the chapter.
- T-shirts are available (a few left)
- Please remember to purchase directly from our sponsor dealer TRHD rather than online.
- There are three officer positions that are still vacant:
  - Social Media
  - Ladies of Harley
  - Historian
- Road Captains are needed.

**Membership: Tim Caliguiri**

- The membership form is available online. The form can be filled out online and then printed but the form must be physically signed by the member.

**Tim Beck: Webmaster**

- The website is up to date.

**Editor: Josh Sutton**

- Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.

**Road Captain: Rhonda Diercks**

- Road Captain meeting will be held on Saturday March 2 @ noon at Monte Cello's. Please be prepared with ride destination, time and starting location planned.
- Thanks to Rob Peck for being Road Captain for 5 years. A job well done!
- Bill Kerr will plan a ride to West Virginia but there will not be a rafting trip planned this year.
- The winners of the Iron Britches contest are:
  - Cotton: Russ Walker with 4238 miles
  - Denim: Bill Huwe with 6327 miles
  - Leather: Todd Havekotte with 9261 miles

- Tin: John West with 10,623 miles
- Iron: Will Demshar with 12,731 miles
- The new Iron Britches contest has begun. If you have not previously participated, please send a picture of your starting mileage (Odometer) to Rhonda.
- Former Road Captain report (2023):
  - As a chapter we rode 1,661 miles
  - We had 178 riders and 29 passengers.
- The 2023 poker hand winner was Mike Booth with a pair of 9's. He won \$38.00.

**Safety Officer: Bill Huwe**

- THRD had another successful Polar Ride (37 years in the making!)
- Be aware of the salt piles on the road at intersections. Make sure to wash the bike well to remove the salt residue.
- Check your tire pressures regularly if you are riding in colder temperatures.
- There will be an IRC (Intermediate Riding Course) sign up next month.
- There will be a LADIES ONLY BRC (Beginner Riding Course) with female instructors on 3/23 and 3/30.
- Please sign up for a trike course if you are riding a trike. Lots of useful information in the course.
- Instructors are needed.

**Photographer: Larry Szramowski**

- HE LOVES US AND WE LOVE HIM!!

**Drawings:**

- Door Prize: \$25.00 TRHD gift card- Larry Szramowski
- 50/50 winner: \$90.00- Russ Walker
- Rollover: since member renewal just began, the rollover will continue to roll over to February. No member number was drawn.

The motion was made by Chris Weilock to adjourn the meeting. Alicia Suess seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Next Chapter meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm at Monte Cello's restaurant.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth McCarrier, Secretary