

Smoky Mountain H.O.G. Chapter #3002

General Membership Meeting

DATE: August 10, 2024

Harley-Davidson of Asheville (porch)

General membership meeting began at approximately 10:59 a.m. Director Matthew Mims called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone and then led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. Marcia Pruitt led the Chapter in prayer. Director Mims welcomed new members in attendance at today's meeting.

From the Director: Matthew reminded everyone of the 3 gift cards that would be given away to 3 lucky volunteers at the September meeting.

HD General Manager Steve Larson: Steve thanked everyone that helped participated in the Passport event, and promised that his team was working on a Fall Passport event. Tiffany is working on Raffle Baskets to help increase donations for the 2024 Toy Run Drive. Tickets for the baskets will be on sale starting sometime next week. August 31st is the dealership's Labor Day event; it's also Norm's birthday!!

From the Director: Director Matthew Mims reported that we'll be trying something new and different for Christmas in July next year. If anyone has suggestions please let Matthew know. We do have \$4000 set aside to purchase bikes this year. Matthew has been in touch with our bicycle dealer. Nominations for Chapter Director and Chapter Treasurer will take place starting next month. Our Chapter is in need of folks to take the role of Membership, Activities, and Merchandise. If you're interested please contact Matthew. August 29th will be the first let of the Patriot Tour. More details will be forthcoming on this event in the emails Matthew sends out.

Officer Updates:

Assistant Director Pat Harvey:

Treasurer Cliff Dodson: Our Chapter has made a donation to the Blue Ridge Honor Flight. We have a total of \$14,332.95 in the bank.

Secretary Marcia Pruitt:

Head Road Captain Robert Schweikert: Matthew reported for Robert on upcoming rides. Please check the event calendar for more details. <https://smokymountainhog.com/Calendar>

Safety Officer Michael Wilson: Michael talked about the importance of hydration when riding. Dehydration can cause slowed reaction times and a host of medical issues.

Membership Officer Kristen Schweikert:

Merchandise Officer:

Sunshine Officer Cara Wilson: Cara reported that cards had been sent to Hattie and Robin, both are recovering from surgery. Lorri McCutcheon reported that Larry Rhodes is still at the Laurels of Hendersonville. He would love to have visits from our HOG Chapter.

Photographer Tim Pruitt:

Activities Team Sandra Mims, Teri Nelson, Sarah Ashleigh, Tom Shantz: Sandra did the drawings for the June & July Ride Challenges in Kristen's absence. Sandra won for June and Jerry Harvey won for July. Sandra reminded us to sign the Volunteer Book if we can help on August 31st at the Labor Day Event. Thank you John & Brandi Drake for the beautiful Challenge coins that were used as door prizes today.

50/50 Drawing Shelley Dodson: Matthew Mims won the \$29.

Other Business: All HOG member will receive 10% off at the dealership today. Golda Trantham talked about the Gold Star Mothers' Ride coming up in West Virginia in October.

Final Announcements: Everyone please stay safe!!

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:37 a.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by M. Pruitt