

St. Croix Valley Riders

Informational General Meeting Notes

Date: Sunday, May 15, 2022

Called to order: 1200p

BOD Attendance

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Scott Thom

of members in attendance - 40

Position/BOD Member	Present	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused
President – Mark Koon	X		
Vice President – Chris Hawkinson	X		
Secretary (Interim)– Lisa Bright	X		
Treasurer – Brenda Hawkinson	X		
MN Legislative Director – Randy Swenson	X		
WI Legislative Director – Dan Hren	X		
Director at Large – Norm Pollard	X		
Director at Large Crash Schneider	X		
President Emeritus – Dwight Smith		X	
Sargent at Arms – Scott Thom	X		

President’s Introduction – Mark Koon

- Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave out some upcoming important dates
 - We will have Roadside cleanup after the meeting. Pizza and beverages will commence after we are done.
 - Fun Run is June 25, 2022
 - We need volunteers to help with this
 - Rides for Wishes is June 4, 2022
 - We need volunteers at the end for the merchandise table and membership.
 - We were put on their shirts for the run.
 - Scott Jensen was nominated for the Democratic party for governor.
 - We will be having a town hall meeting soon. Be sure to plan to attend.
 - Chilly Feed is September 9-10, 2022
 - We will need volunteers
 - ZZ3 and American Hitman will be two of the bands that weekend.
 - We are in the Saint Croix Valley book that is in all the wayside rest stops. Pick one up and check it out.
 - ABATE of WI sent a thank you card for our donation to them.
 - June BOD meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7 at 630p. It will take place at the usual place.

Dan Hren made a motion to suspend the meeting, Rhys Moreno at 1210p.

Meeting resumed at 1225p

Secretary Report – Lisa Bright (interim)

Motion was made by Michelle Moreno to waive the reading of the minutes – seconded by Chris Hawkinson - passed

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Treasurer's Report – Brenda Hawkinson

Account Balances:

General Fund \$13,399.86

Sunshine Fund \$2,983.57

Merchandise trailer fund I at \$1213.00

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Chris Hawkinson – seconded by Michelle Moreno – passed

- Officer nominations –
 - President – In addition to Article 3 section 3.3 of the bylaws, work with ABATE of MN state coordinator, work with ABATE of WI state coordinator, work with MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard, work with MRF Government Relation’s officer, work with MN Department of Safety and other governors and politicians. Direct all SCVR general membership and BOD meetings, attend committee meetings, attend Meeting of the minds, Heartland STEAM and Lobby Days at the Capital. Create monthly phone message and set it up with One Call Now System. Address our guests at Membership drives, rides, Chili Feed and Appreciation party. Attend Public Relations events such as biker days at the capital, toys for tots, swap meets and other club or organization events. Deal with all media and work with our legislative directors on political contacts. Do banking and purchasing of items for SCVR and oversee checking account. Responsible for the agenda of the BOD and general membership meetings. Write quarterly SCVR Newsletter articles. Responsible for the PO Box and SCVR check card.
 - Nominations
 - Norm Pollard – accepted 4/10/2022, withdrew 5/15/2022
 - Chris Hawkinson – declines 4/10/2022 and declines 5/15/2022
 - Jay Griffiths – accepted 5/15/2022
 - Secretary – Attend all general membership meetings and BOD meetings. Find a substitute to take notes for meetings if you must be absent. Take diligent notes during each meeting. type the notes and distribute to the board the following week for review/revisions. Submit final minutes for posting to the webmaster. Print and bring the minutes for the general membership and BOD meeting to the next meetings to be distributed. Read minutes during the general membership meeting for membership approval. Keep historical records of the minutes for all meetings.
 - Nominations
 - Lisa Bright – accepted 4/10/2022
 - Dawn Griffiths – declined 4/10/2022
 - Director at Large – be the liaison for members that want issues/feedback/ideas brought to the BOD. Attend SCVR general membership and BOD Meetings. Listen to concerns from members. Find answers if possible. Solve problems. If cannot solve problem, bring to the attention of the BOD. Keep BOD informed of general concerns/issues of members. Clarify correct facts to membership. Participate in/complete tasks to ensure successful SCVR events. Troubleshoot at SCVR events. Act on behalf of other BOD members or chairpersons when not available. Represent SCVR at outside events (i.e. Legislative Day, booths at events, STEAM conferences). Membership spotlight article for quarterly SCVR newsletter. Other duties as assigned.
 - Nominations
 - Jay Griffiths – accepted 4/10/2022, withdrew 5/15/2022

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- Chuck Reisman – declined 4/10/2022
- Tom Pollard – accepted 4/10/2022
- Mark Koon – declined 4/10/2022
- Matt Torgenson – accepted 4/10/2022
- Andy Biehl – declined 4/10/2022
- Norm Pollard – accepted 5/15/2022
- MN Legislative Director – Attend all SCVR membership meetings. Monitor and report on all pertinent State and Federal motorcycle issues by means of website, newsletter and reports at membership meetings. Attend State Legislative committee meetings of interest as schedule allows. Testify at Legislative committee meetings of interest as schedule allows. Communicate immediate threats to membership via website and/or “one call now” for membership response. Encourage Members to be come politically involved for motorcycle rights. Coordinate with “Web Master” to post legislative items of interest for the membership to read. Establish an on-going relationship with State and Federal elected officials. Attend SCVR general membership and BOD meetings, Bikers on the Beltway, Meeting of the Minds, Heartland STEAM as schedule allows. ALWAYS BE A POSITIVE FORCE AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE SCVR AND MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS!
 - Nominations
 - Don Morly – accepted 4/10/2022
- Audit Committee – Attend annual meeting to audit the SCVR books
 - Nominations
 - Nicole Mohler- accepted 4/10/2022
 - Christy DeCamp – accepted 5/15/2022

Nomination closed at 1232p

Ballot counters for the June meeting will include: JoAnn Alexander and Randy Swenson
Absentee ballots can be requested but will need to be mailed and post marked no later than Wednesday, June 1 or emailed to SCVR@yahoo.com no later than Sunday, June 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Merchandise Report – Michelle Moreno/Tiffani Tjepkes/Dawn Griffith (absent)

Help will be needed for the booth at the Ride for Wishes event.

Membership Report – Lisa Bright

Membership renewals have been coming in. We currently have 605 members of which 66 are lifetime.

Rider’s Education – David Bright

- We will have another Crash Scene Management course on May 22 from 9a-430p.
- St. Paul Harley is offering a discount on all basic rider courses schedule before the end of the month. Be sure to share this information.

Road Captain – Matt Tjepkes - absent

- Fun Run is June 25
- Looking at an earlier ride time for the Chilly Feed so more can participate.

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- Know you can do your own ride as well, if you wish.

MN Legislative Report – Randy Swenson

- Legislative districts are changing, be sure you know who is your new representative. be sure to go to our website and get information on who your legislator is. (MN – <https://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov/iMaps/districts/> and WI - <https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>)
- **Underinsured/Uninsured bill. (SF1428) is still on the table. Be sure you call your representatives and tell them to vote NO!**

WI Legislative Report – Dan Hren present and left early

- Dan Hren posted his resignation at the May 15, 2022 meeting.

Public Relations – Kim Fricke (Absent)

- All posts on FB need to be approved by an admin. We will not post what conflicts with our own events. And we are not here to promote bands.

Adopt-A-Highway: Jay Griffiths

- Clean up is today. Hope to see many of you there.

Web Master – Sheila Sumner (Absent)

- Please be sure to send any items that may need correcting or adding to the website to Sheila.
- We will be needing a new webmaster as of Jan 2023.

Newsletter – John Olson (Absent)

- Lisa assisted John with the newsletter this past quarter.
- We are getting newsletters back, please be sure to update your address if you move.
- Next deadline for newsletters is June 15th. Please make sure you get your articles in on time.

Advertising – Vacant

We are looking for someone who may be interested in filling this position.

Sunshine Fund – Brenda Hawkinson

- No events to report.
- Remember to let Brenda know if something is going on so she can send a card – weddings, babies being born, illness, or death. Remember we want to share with the good too!

Chili Feed – Mark Koon handing the baton to Norm Pollard

- Meeting July 10 at 11am at the Gaslite Bar
- Looking for vendors of all kinds (food and or other things) if you think someone may be interested have the contact Chris Hawkinson
- 2023 will bring the need for new parking chairs – we would love for someone to shadow this years parking chair. Let us know if you are interested.
- Sign ups for areas will be out soon.

MFR – (Vacant)

- This weekend was Bikers on the Beltway

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- Taking nominations for MRF Hall of Fame
 - MRF is being inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame in Sturgis this year.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trailer fund – we are looking for about \$5K for a new one, we currently have \$1213.00
- Alzheimer Run is June 18 - there will be a cash raffle drawing!
- Fun Run is June 25 – Them Pesky Kids will be the band at Gaslite
- Scotty Run is August 20 – Uncle Chuck will be the band at Gaslite
 - Free tent camping and half price RV camping – remember no hook ups available.
- Grass drags – October 1
 - Pig roast again
 - Norm will be gone, but will have another couple hosting for him
 - They need volunteers

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

- Motion was made by Michelle Moreno to give a \$250 donation to Rides for Wishes, seconded by Christy DeCamp – passed.
- Chilly Feed
 - Would it be possible to get the Ellsworth Fire Department out to extinguish the fire at Chilly Feed if needed on Sunday?
 - We will post on FB that there should be NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS in the bonfire at Gaslite.
- Judy Murry talked about two opportunities to help out Sarah Gibson in her fight with Cancer.
 - June 26 there will be a ride beginning a Sablesloft at 10am KSU at 11am and July 16 at 1pm there will be a benefit at Gaslite.
- Joey's ride is this weekend on May 21, it starts at Neumann's.
- Anyone who is road guard certified and interested in an opportunity to make some extra funds this year, talk to Randy Swenson. He has a pretty sweet gig.

- New members present today
 - Ruth and Brad Ellerbroek
 - Bobbi Jo Coomer
 - Craig and Mary Denzer
 - Scott Bowman

Chris Hawkinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 113p, Rhys Moreno seconded - Passed

Minutes Respectfully submitted by



Lisa Bright – Membership Coordinator/Interim Secretary