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Good Evening WinniHOG 2529 Members,

Hope you all are enjoying our weather and counting the days until we can ride, I know I am.

We had our first Chapter event on 18 January. We received a sneak preview of the 2021 H-D motorcycles, hints of coming attractions, and we had some food and beverages to boot. This was the first time we used our website for member event sign-up, which went very well. Many, many thanks to our Webmaster (Kristin T), our Activities Officer (Donna M), and our Chapter Manager (Meghan D) for the planning and organization. A great time was had by all. Checkout our website for some pics of the event taken by our Photographer Alan B.

Your Officers and Chapter Manager have been extremely busy getting the Chapter organized and planning started for this year. We have had four working sessions so far, and planning for the year ahead is moving ahead very nicely.

Please allow me to take a few minutes and bring you up to speed on a few items of importance. Here goes; 1. <u>Our Chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11 February, 630pm, at Patrick's Pub in Gilford</u>. Given the impacts of Covid-19, and wanting to be respectful of all our members and social distancing, we have changed our venue for the Chapter Meetings. Please register for the Chapter Meeting on our

website <u>www.winnihog2529.org</u>. If you are interested in having food at Patrick's, please eat before or after the meeting. It will be disruptive to be eating during the meeting.

2. <u>2021 Membership cards will no longer be distributed.</u> Active members will be issued a sticker that will be affixed to your HOG national card. Please come to a meeting to pickup your sticker from our Membership Officer, Susie Fernandez.

3. <u>We are implementing remote participation for our meetings beginning 11 Feb 2021</u>. Recognizing that we are still in a Covid-19 environment and wanting to maximize member participation, we are using the Free Conference Call app. The dial-in number is (425)436-6319, access code 7556107. Further details can be found on our website, along with the meeting announcement and sign-up. Many thanks to our Chapter Secretary, Chris C for making this happen.

4. <u>2021 ride planning has started and looking for your participation</u>. Our Chapter Assistant Director, Rob C, has put together a detailed timeline and tasks which need to be done, in order for us to have a complete riding season planned and ready to go by the end of April. We will be using a large portion of the Chapter Meeting on 11 Feb to kick-off the ride planning. We look forward to your participation and input.

5. <u>New Discretionary Officers selected</u>. Please join me in congratulating our new discretionary officers, and I want to thank them for stepping-up and volunteering;

- Joe Newman, Head Road Captain

- Merchandise Officer, Deborah Bondjoukdjian

- Membership Officer, Susie Fernandez
- Sergeant -At-Arms, Bob Jensen

Other Discretionary Officer positions may become available in the near future.

6. <u>Member Survey coming your way.</u> We will be sending out a link to a short member survey within the next week. We are looking for your feedback to help shape and move our Chapter forward.

Reminder for Action for you to take:

We are fortunate to have a very robust website, <u>www.winnihog2529.org</u>, and a truly energetic webmaster. Our website has a Members Section. In this Members Section, members will be able to sign up for future rides, future events, communicate with each other via messaging, etc. This is a private section for WinniHOG2529 Chapter members only and will be a great tool to keep everyone notified of everything going on that may not be posted publicly. <u>I am asking all of you to sign-into the Members Section</u>.

The details on how to do this are provided below, from our Webmaster, Kristin; *Please go to our website at <u>www.winnihoq2529.org</u> and click the Members Section. From there, a screen will pop up where you can "Sign up with email". From there, you will put in your email address and whatever password you would like to use for that section, then click "Sign Up". I will then be notified that you have requested access to the Members Section and I will approve you. If you have any trouble, you are more than welcome to email me at <u>kthayer04@qmail.com</u> or call or text me at 603-340-3001.*

A message from our Chapter Manager wrt MTR (More Than Rewards Program)

We have decided to discontinue the Rider Rewards program at all of our Dealerships effective January 31, 2021. We feel that the program had multiple technical issues and it was not functioning the way we wanted. We are hopeful on finding a new program in the future. You will no longer earn points after the January 31, 2021 date however your current points are all still valid and will continue to be until March 31,2021. We value you and are working on a way to provide you the rewards and recognition you deserve. Thank you in advance.

In closing, on behalf of Assistant Director Rob Clarke, Treasurer Gerry Fernandez, Secretary Chris Colbert, Chapter Manager Meghan Dodds, and myself, we look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. Finally, please know that we are striving to increase transparency and committed to executing our Chapter Mission; "Ride Safe & Have Fun."

Ride Safe & Have Fun

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