

Gold Wing Touring Association

Board of Directors

July 12, 2009

The Pledge of Alliance was said by all members present.

A prayer was by given by Max Kruger.

Roll call was taken with the following members present.

Region A – Evelyn Carroll
Region B – Charles Horner
Region C – Dave Telford
Region D – Albert Waldron
Region E – Chuck Gibbs
Region F – Max Krueger
Region H – Dennis Farnum
Region J – Martin Scott
Life Found Member – Barb Johnson
Secretary – Linda Grimm

The meeting called to order at 8:30 AM by Charles Horner (appointed Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors by Ed Davis, who was unable to be present).

Bruce Keenon, Executive Director, was introduced and gave all members a “State of GWTA Report”.

1. Jane and Tara are no longer with GWTA
2. Jennifer is doing all the bookkeeping & compiling Touring News – 40 hrs a week
3. Suzanne is responsible for membership and member updates – 40 hrs a week
4. Bruce has talked to many GWRRA members and many are not satisfied with their organization. We are encouraged to invite them to attend a GWTA meeting and chapter ride.
5. We ALL need to let people know of our organization
6. Honda does not support any organization or have any advertising budget at this time.
7. Pre-registration for Gold Rush GOOD
8. 34 vendors are registered for Gold Rush. Please support our vendors attending Gold Rush
9. We ALL need to help increase our membership numbers – approx. 2800 memberships at present
10. Give out GWTA brochures to prospective members – best advertising

11. Invite motorcyclists to join us and remain POSITIVE!!!

BREAK

A motion was made by Dave Telford to go into Executive Session and discuss the following subjects. Seconded by Dennis Farnum.

Region J's problem regarding Touring News and the costs to Canadian members.
Discussion of personnel

Dave Telford made a motion to retain Bruce Keenon for next fiscal year.
Seconded by Max Kreuger.

Discussion by Board Members. Vote was unanimous.

Barb Johnson made a motion to adjourn for lunch. Seconded by Evelyn Carroll.

The meeting was called to order by Charles Horner in general session @ 1:15 PM

Discussion of Article 3 Section C – suspension of Life memberships.

Albert Waldron made a motion to add the following sentence to Article III, Section C, Life memberships.

The purchase of a lifetime membership (single or family) be suspended immediately until such a time as the Board of Directors choose to reinstate. Barb Johnson seconded.

Unanimous ballot to accept and added to bylaws.

Dave Telford would like to discuss Article 4 – Affiliate Program. Barb Johnson will correct the errors and omissions in the 2009 bylaws and Board members will be sent a copy. They will also have the GWTA web site updated.

Article 4 – Affiliate program

Dave Telford made a summary of discussion from last year's Board meeting – subject of "limited numbers" of owners of touring motorcycles other than Gold Wings and non-motorcycle owners.

The chairman of the Board and a founder member explained the affiliate program was established for chapters. It was to give the chapter members control and autonomy of their chapter. The limited number of affiliate members in your chapter can be anywhere from 1% - 99%. Touring motorcycle can be any road worthy motorcycle. One item was a redundant phrase and the last request for an affiliate member to be considered for a State/Provincial Director position.

Discussion of absence of Chairman of the Board of Directors. Barb Johnson made motion to add – Article 5, Section 5.3 and add an “H”. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, he or she may appoint a vice chairman to chair a meeting from the current Board of Directors members, who has been a member for a minimum of one year. Seconded by Martin Scott. Discussion. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Break

Charles Horner asked the Board of Directors members to volunteer to help cover the Information Desk during Gold Rush! Charles will give schedule to Linda Keenon.

Chuck Gibbs – Discussion on members being able to apply for the Executive Directors job yearly.

The Chairman of the Board will publish a notice in Touring News for 2 consecutive months (Oct-Nov). Application deadline for self nomination is Feb. 1st of the following year. Information and job description will be sent and received thru the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

A motion was made by Chuck Gibbs . Evelyn Carroll Seconded. Discussion. Motion passed with the following vote. 6 yes and 2 no’s.

Region A – yes

Region B – no vote (Chairman of the Board of Directors)

Region C – yes

Region D – no

Region E – yes

Region F – yes

Region H – yes

Region J – no

Life member – yes

Article 5, Section 5.4 – Minutes of 2004 and 2008 Board meeting corrections to be corrected as follows:

Elected directors – 3rd line to be corrected from 2005 to 2006, and 2006 changed to 2005.

Life founders elected beginning 2005.

Evelyn Carroll made a motion to ask our current Chairman of the Board (Ed Davis) to step down from the position due to his family situations for the betterment and wellbeing of GWTA. Seconded by Dennis Farnum. Discussion.

Motion passed with 7 yes and 1 no.

Region A – yes

Region B – no vote
Region C – yes
Region D – yes
Region E – yes
Region F – yes
Region H – yes
Region J – no
Life Member – yes

Chuck Gibbs suggests that operations update TA way to state that it is a guideline, except where by-laws are quoted. By-laws are understood to be association policy. Chuck has volunteered to contact appropriate persons for the changes and or suggestions.

Barb Johnson – Life Member representative

Article 16 – She will verify with our legal consultant the requirements of the by-law about publications and costs.

A suggestion was made to recognize Dave & Michele Willenborg with a plaque for their past 4 years service as Chairman of the Board of Directors. A collection was taken and Kay Telford volunteered to take care of this matter.

Charles asked for comments from the audience.

1. Keith Diller made the comment that maybe some new members may like to apply for the Executive Directors position, since we are getting new members from other organizations.
2. Kurt Seaton made the comment that new items for the agenda be submitted prior to the board meeting so that discussion and voting can be done without taking it back to the membership.
3. Ken Johnson of Nebraska applauded the Board members for their service and dedication.
4. Russ Grimm reminded members that to add new items to the agenda, they must have signatures from 25 members, including 5 chapters, to be brought before the Board by their Board representative.

Charles Horner thanked every Board member for their service during this difficult time. Everyone thanked Charles for taking over with such short notice.

Martin Scott made a motion to adjourn. Evelyn Carroll seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Grimm, Secretary