

Minutes of GWTA Chapter GB Staff Meeting
Saturday, January 15, 2011
Wicker Residence, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Attendees: Steve (Chapter Director) and Sue Wicker
Shirley (Treasurer) and Bob Meyers
Mark Baudhuin (Chapter Educator)
Joan (Ride Coordinator) and Gene Barbeau
Roy Johnson (Web Master)
Cheryl (Secretary) and Tom Thomson

Steve Wicker led a meeting of Chapter GB staff to get input and ideas for Chapter activities.

Pot Luck. Steve suggested that we continue the spring and summer pot luck dinners. Joan confirmed with Jean Augustine that they would like to host the spring pot luck on April 17. Mark confirmed with Joyous Bowen that they would like to hold the summer pot luck on August 28. Staff discussed and agreed that the Chapter should reimburse the hosts for the main entree. Everyone else would bring a dish to pass.

Treasury. Shirley advised that the Chapter had approximately \$1,200 in its checking account. Bob advised that the Chapter made a \$100 cash donation to the Salvation Army in December in conjunction with the food drive collection at the 2010 Christmas party.

Spring Kick-off. Steve mentioned that Pat Williams (Wisconsin State GWTA Director) will be hosting a spring kick-off at his house on May 1, tentatively from 11:00 to 3:00. Pat, Steve and Mark volunteered to change oil on bikes for anyone that brings their own oil and filter. The Chapter will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and soda.

Blizzard Game. Steve asked whether the staff thought members might be interested in going to a Blizzards game on March 18 or April 1. Everyone thought it was a good idea. Steve advised that he'd check on the cost of group tickets and send out an email to let everyone know the details.

Smelt Fry and Chicken Run. Steve advised that a group will leave Maplewood Shell at 9:45 a.m. on May 7 for the smelt fry in Matoon. He also advised that Pat Williams will lead a ride on May 22 to Van Abels in Hollandtown for a chicken dinner.

Chapter Campout. Steve suggested that the Chapter hold its Second Annual Campout June 17, 18 and 19th and asked for input. While Camp Holiday in Boulder Junction was a very nice campground, it was suggested that we may want to consider a campground closer to Green Bay so that Chapter members could just come for the day if they wanted. Steve mentioned holding it at Heavens Up North campground in Lakewood, where he has his camper. He also mentioned that Russ Rodrian was interested in having a group campout at the private campground he has access to near Waupaca. After discussion, Steve advised that he'd contact Russ to see if he was interested in using his campground for our Chapter campout in June.

Timber Rattlers game. Steve advised that he'd check into setting up an impromptu outing for a Timber Rattlers game this summer.

Color Ride and Chili Dump. The staff discussed an appropriate date for a color ride and thought the weekend of October 15/16 would be a good time, with the ride perhaps on Saturday to avoid conflict with the Packers game. Roy and Mark agreed to come up with a route and find a place for dinner. Steve was going to let Belangers know that the staff did not want to impose on them to host a chili dump this year. [After the meeting and contacting the Belangers, Steve advised that the chili dump would be held on Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Belangers.]

Rick Verber Memorial. Shirley advised that the Chapter collected \$190 at the Christmas party to purchase a memorial brick for Rick at the Motorcycle Memorial Park in Door County. The brick costs \$150, so the extra \$40 will be donated to the park for upkeep. A ride to the Park to honor Rick will be scheduled on the first Saturday of the month sometime this summer. Roy also advised that Tim Leitzke told the Verbers that he would lead a ride to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in spring to place Rick's ashes. Steve suggested that it would be great if the Chapter carried on with Rick's annual "stick ride" in the fall after the leaves are gone.

Sponsor List. Steve asked for suggestion of how to maintain the website sponsor list and identify which members obtained which sponsors so that whomever obtained the sponsor could follow-up for next year's renewal. Cheryl volunteered to prepare a spreadsheet with the sponsors and renewal dates, and determine who obtained each sponsorship. Steve encouraged everyone to patronize our sponsors and thank them.

Vacant Officer Positions. The staff discussed the responsibilities of the public relations position and concluded that it should be the responsibility of everyone to promote the chapter and solicit new members. Steve was going to contact the former public relations officer to obtain any GWTA patches he might have have left. Staff encouraged the Chapter Director to think about recruiting an Assistant Director to help out.

2011 Christmas Party. Steve advised that he received very positive feedback about the Woods, the venue for the 2010 Christmas party. Consequently, he reserved the same room at the Woods for this year's Christmas party on December 4. Shirley reminded staff that the Woods requires a deposit of \$500 to hold the room, which is also the minimum fee regardless of the number of people in attendance.

Wednesday Night Rides. The staff discussed whether summer ice cream rides should be schedule every week or every other week. It was noted that there was poor attendance last summer at some of the "destination" rides without leaders. It was the consensus of the group to hold rides every other week. It was agreed that rides cancelled due to rain would be reschedule for the following week. Joan is going to solicit individuals to lead the rides and put together a schedule. Steve advised that, after consulting with the scheduled ride leader, he will notify members by email no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday of any ride cancellations.

Off Season Dinner Nights. Staff discussed locations for dinner nights after the riding season and whether we wanted to have walk in dinner nights in addition to reserved seating at select restaurants. A suggestion was made to think about replacing Townline with Julie's on Velp to keep the location closer to Green Bay. Rather than make a decision on dinner nights for next fall, it was agreed to get Chapter input at the Pot Luck at Augustines in April.

Gold Rush Raffle Tickets. Steve mentioned he has Gold Rush raffle tickets for sale. Anyone that sells 250 tickets will receive free admission to Gold Rush this summer. Mark encouraged staff to purchase tickets today.

Open Discussion. Steve suggested changing the name of the Sunshine Coordinator position to Chapter Secretary. Cheryl and the rest of the staff agreed.

Steve thanked staff for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a fun and safe riding season. Sue served sloppy joes, which were the best I've ever tasted.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Thomson
Chapter Secretary