

# River Riders Chapter

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*Meeting Minutes*

June 12, 2011

Forest Lake VFW, Forest Lake MN

**Call to order 12:10 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome visitors and new members**

**Roll Call:**

**President:** Dave Bolduc (present)

**Vice President:** Bob McChesney (absent)

**Treasurer:** Rita Martin (present)

**Secretary:** Shelly Hansen (present)

**Chapter Rep:** Rick Mallinger (present)

**Sergeant at Arms:** Scott Lecy, John Kinsey, Steve Bolduc, Michael Bolduc (present); Roger Ball (absent)

Meeting was attended by a total of 26 members and visitors.

## **Officer Reports**

**Secretary:** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Pepper Moyer and seconded by Brad Hansen. There was no discussion on the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Brad Hansen and seconded by Bob Belland. Motion passed, minutes approved.

**President:** Dave put forth an open invitation to ride on Sundays. Meet at The Forest Laker around 10:00 for breakfast, kickstands up at 11:00. Go wherever, just get out and ride. Non-members are more than welcome to join.

Bob McChesney has resigned from his position as Vice President. His resignation is in no way reflective of dissatisfaction with the chapter. A big thanks to Bob for all that he has done for the River Riders.

Jim Palmer has resigned from his position as Sergeant at Arms. Thank you, Jim for your service to the chapter.

Instead of rushing in to a replacement for either position, a decision will be made at the July meeting.

**Vice President:** No report

**Treasurer:** Rita shared the breakdown of chapter funds. We currently have \$1083.05 for Buddy Bears, \$825.73 in the treasury and \$50 in petty cash for a total of \$1958.78. Our Ride of Your Life fundraiser earned \$2090.50 after expenses. The state will receive a portion of the proceeds. A final total will be provided at our next meeting. Bob Belland motioned to accept the treasury report. Motion was seconded by Charlie Hammer. There was no discussion and the motion to accept the treasury report was passed.

**Chapter Rep:** Rick

- ABATE of MN is a business just like Target or Dairy Queen. Any time is a good time to talk to your friends about what we do. It isn't too early to start talking about Biker Day 2012, or making plans for ABATE U. The State Rally is coming up in September. This is a fundraiser for ABATE of MN. Volunteers are needed for this rally, and volunteers are also needed for the rally in Algona. Anyone who works a shift in Algona will receive free entrance for the 2012 rally.

**Government:** Charlie

- Failure to Yield – HF68 and SF 201 are the bills proposing changes in the Failure to Yield legislation. HF68 flew right through but there are problems with SF201. The bill is stuck at this point. Both bills contained identical language – perhaps contacting our Senators and advising them that the very same bill was passed in the House might have some impact.
- Road Guards – Edgar Burke, the NW District Director, was instrumental in getting a bill drafted to make road guarding legal. The draft for the bill arrived too late to be introduced thus nothing will happen on it in the next legislative session.
- MRF – this is the Motorcycle Rights Foundation and is similar to ABATE but is on the National level. We are on the same side, working for biker's rights.

**Guardians of the Children:**

The St. Croix Valley chapter attended our meeting. Papa, the chapter's VP spoke and shared with us some of the things that they do. They take our Buddy Bears and sew vests for them. The GOC insignia is added to the vests and the bears are shared with children in need. The GOC assigns a member to be a contact person for each child they watch over. They follow the kids, attend special events, etc. They provide protection by giving these children their identity back. If the children go to court they will provide a physical presence, at times standing between the child and their aggressor. Washington and Dakota County recognize and welcome the GOC.

**New Business**

1. MRF renewal? Cost is \$100. The MRF serves as a first warning to us as to what is coming down the line. John Allan made a motion to renew our membership, Jim Palmer seconded.
2. Linwood Family Fun Days – we were contacted to see if we were interested in participating in this event and overseeing the bike show. Toni McChesney has handled this on her own for the

last couple of years but has stepped away from it this year. A motion to participate was made by John Allan and seconded by Dave Zaun. Scott Lecy offered to take the lead on this but will accept as much help as he can get. This is taking place on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. Pig Races – This will take place the weekend of August 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. Website payment – we approved payment of our website at a prior meeting but GoDaddy ended up billing us an additional small amount. Ed Murphy paid for this with his own money. Ed was not at the meeting and the exact amount was unknown. What this additional fee did was to provide us with a 2<sup>nd</sup> year renewal on the website so in the long run it is saving us money. Bob Belland motion to approve payment of the increase, John Allan seconded. Motion passed.
3. Brat Stand – Cub Foods in Coon Rapids, August 19, 20, 21. Dave will have a sign-up sheet available at our next meeting. Come for a morning shift, stay for the afternoon. It was a lot of fun last year and Cub is excited to have us back.
4. Dial-A-Ride – we can distribute the boxes of napkins wherever we'd like. There are no territories and we want to do what we can to get the word out. There is a possibility of some trailer swapping – that has yet to be determined by Dial-A-Ride. The trailer provided to the River Riders is still at Joe LaCasse's house. Dave has left messages and sent e-mails to Dial-A-Ride regarding the trailer but is still waiting to hear back from them. At this point we don't have access to the trailer in the event a call would come in.

### **Committee Reports**

1. **Buddy Bears:** There will be a delivery on July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Shaffer Fire Hall at 7pm. Meet at the Shaffer Saloon and Grill after 6pm. Pepper has made many calls and there will be more deliveries in the future. Rick was at East Central's June meeting and they mentioned that Fairview Hospital has requested six dozen bears. In the past we have done this jointly with each chapter donating three dozen bears.
2. **Fundraiser Committee:** Thanks to everyone who attended and assisted at our Ride of Your Life fundraiser. It was a lot of fun and it came together well. At our next meeting we will have final earnings totals.
3. **Products:** Linda Ball was not at the meeting.

### **Request for Chapter funds**

1. Tara Olson passed her Beginning Riders Course and requested \$100 reimbursement from the chapter. Bob Belland motioned to pay and Jim Palmer seconded. Request approved.

### **Announcements**

- The NE District meeting will take place at The Cricket in Rock Creek on 6/26 at 2:00.
- Today we will be riding out to the Bass Lake Cheese Factory in Somerset. Anyone who is interested may join us.

- Jack Pine Riders meet & greet and dart run will be leaving from Doc's Bar in Sturgeon Lake on 6/18 at 11:00am.
- July 16<sup>th</sup> there will be an MP Memorial ride out of Stillwater. Dustin will bring a flyer to our next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by John Allan, seconded by Pepper Moyer. Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.