

STAR Touring Chapter 153

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2007

I. Call to order

President Mike Haskins called to order the meeting of the General Membership of STAR Touring Chapter 153 at approximately 7:10 pm on July 20, 2007 at the Western Coffee Cup on Auburn Blvd.

II. Roll call

Secretary Mary Jeruss had everyone present sign in on the sign in sheet. There were 33 members and guests at this meeting.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes will be emailed to the officers for approval within the next few weeks. Once approval is received, the minutes will be forwarded to the State Directors.

IV. New business

- Guests introduced themselves and included Carleen's boyfriend Kelly, who rides an 1800 Gold Wing and Emmanuel Corpuz, who rides a Roadliner.
- President Michael Haskins reported that Holli-STAR was a great event. He also gave an overview of the upcoming rides. STAR Days will be held on July 24th in Tennessee; Northwest STAR BQ is being held August 3-4, 2007 in Shelton, Washington and Chapter 315's Horseplay Foundation poker run is August 11th. The Wentworth Springs ride will be held August 18th and will be led by Southwest Regional Director Sam Laughlin.
- Carol Arens announced that he will lead a dinner ride on August 4th. The ride will start at Roseville Yamaha and members will spend about one hour at the dealership, then leave for the Feather River Casino via Hwy 65 to Marysville. He will set the time for leaving after arrival at the Casino, around 7:30 – 8:00 pm, and will post more information to the forum soon.
- Secretary Mary Jeruss asked that anyone who has not signed in ensure that they see her before the end of the meeting to ensure they receive credit for attending the meeting.
- Treasurer Janet Sturkey reported that the chapter has \$711 in its account and expended \$128 on patches and rockers. She also has chapter t-shirts and chapter flags for sale.
- Sergeant At Arms Eric Rhetta spoke about issues with "speed." On the way to the Modesto Poker Run, there was an issue and on the way to HolliSTAR, a guest complained about the speed of travel as well. Everyone was reminded that riders can only go 5 mph over the speed limit when wearing their STAR vests and members should feel free to slow down if they are not comfortable. Safety is more important than arriving on a time schedule and should not be compromised for any reason. The main goal is to have fun!

- Scott Granz and Rich Perkins were voted in as new members.
- LOS Representative Marilyn Long announced that the pins from the Motorcycle Expo were here and distributed them to those who had volunteered to staff the booth. She also announced that the Barbeque at their house scheduled for August 12th has been canceled. She discussed the idea of having a chapter booth at the Walt Gray Ride on August 26th. The space is free, but the chapter would have to provide a raffle gift worth \$25.00 or more. The chapter voted and decided not to have a booth at the ride.
- Pauline Carlton informed the chapter that August 26th was one of the dates the STAR Knights Coordinator was looking at for check presentation from the May 2007 STAR Knights ride.
- LOS Representative Marilyn Long discussed community service opportunities for the chapter to participate in. Among the charities are:
 - Ronald McDonald House in Sacramento – they are looking for household items and also have an annual sock and shoe drive. There is also a toy drive on December 1 with the Harley group to collect toys for the children for Christmas. The chapter may also donate \$200 for a child to attend the summer camp for disabled children. They also have a camp in Susanville that they need help closing up in September.
 - Boys & Girls Club – Needs the same types of donations as the Ronald McDonald House.
 - Happy Tails – pet sanctuary where they mainly take in stray cats, but also take in other animals. They can use volunteers to work for day or donations of cat food, toys, money, etc.
 - Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento – Jim and Marilyn Long have toured this facility. One of the disadvantages is that they are mainly a Monday through Friday organization. They do have annual drives and select an item that they are trying to raise funds for. Last year it was sweat suits, but this year's item has not been decided yet. They also have similar drives as the Ronald McDonald house.
 - Kiwanis House near UC Davis Children's Hospital.
- LOS Representative Marilyn Long will send out the information so that chapter members may review the information and vote to decide which charity to support at next month's meeting. Southwest Regional Director Sam Laughlin suggested selecting a smaller charity that does not receive funding from the federal or state government and also suggested that the chapter consider supporting the STAR Family Foundation, which is in great need of donations to continue supporting STAR members.

- The chapter has outgrown the Chinese restaurant for this year's Christmas party. There were issues with utilizing a recreation room where the Vice President worked, so Carolyn Tienken is working on securing a room. A vote was taken and the maximum out of pocket amount will be is \$25.00.
- Southwest Regional Director Sam Laughlin reported that the STAR Family Foundation is looking at various ways to raise money. The Foundation has been tapped into a lot this year due to a lot of hardships within the STAR family. Southwest Regional Director Shauna Manina added that there is a member from Modesto whose family is undergoing a serious hardship right now and could use assistance.
- Southwest Regional Director Sam Laughlin reported that the IMS is back again this year and will be held the week before Thanksgiving (16-17-18 November). Staffing volunteers will receive free tickets to the show. It will be held in San Mateo and he will post more details to the regional calendar.
- Kim Lahn announced that is has been 48 days since she dumped her bike – everyone applauded and encouraged her to continue practicing!
- David Oxley asked about supporting Will's charitable organization. Will provided more details on the Terkentia Association, a non-profit organization in Del Paso that provides mental health services for children and their families. They also help the families during the holidays with food baskets and toys at Christmas. The food donated during the meetings goes into food baskets for the families. He will provide Marilyn more details on the charity and she will put the information into a document that the Secretary can then send out to the chapter members.
- The Raffle was held and the following won prizes:
 - Short sleeve Roseville Yamaha shirt –XL - Ghost
 - Portable misting air cool – Eric Rhetta
 - \$25 gift card to Roseville Yamaha – Highway Mike
 - \$25 gift card to Roseville Yamaha – Stephen Jeruss
 - \$25 gift card – Ghost/Kim
- The 50/50 was \$53.00 and was won by Rich Perkins.

V. Adjournment

President Mike Haskins adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Jeruss, Secretary

Minutes approved by: