



IARG Riders Group

Meeting Date: 10/13/18

Location: Bob's Cycle Supply

North Saint Paul



- i. Welcome Group – Introduction (Vice President)
 - a) Board Members:
 - i) Bill Fogel – President
 - ii) Levi Watkins – Vice President
 - iii) Carrie Fogel (Treasurer) ABSENT
 - iv) David Gooselaw (Assoc Treasurer) ABSENT
 - v) Sally Farah (Membership) ABSENT
 - vi) John Koury (Road Guard)
 - vii) Scott Brambilla – Digital Media/Communications
- ii. Treasurer's Report
 - a) \$60 Deposit from 1 new member
 - b) Account Total: \$6,813.07
- iii. Meeting Minutes from September, 2018 meeting read and accepted
- iv. Road Guard Report
 - a) Great ride lead by Jim Ranem
 - b) John (RGD) will be absent the weekend of 10/21
 - c) Still hopeful for one more ride before the weather turns
 - d) Membership with ideas for rides to talk with John Koury about planning and executing such rides
- v. President Bill Fogel
 - a) Fall Flood Run was a great time but was very hot
 - i) Polaris was very impressed with IARG for all the help provided
 - ii) IARG had a presence at the Nauti Hawg, which was extremely busy
 - iii) Thanked the membership for all of the help with volunteering at many locations
 - b) Board of Director Positions
 - i) The Following positions are up for election in December
 - (1) President
 - (2) Treasurer
 - (3) Membership
 - (4) Road Guard (position was appointed by Pres until next election)
 - (5) Digital Media/Communications
 - ii) Membership asked to start considerations of nominations for positions
 - c) Talked about how hectic a year it has been for IARG over the last year

- i) Reformed and took off running
 - ii) Included a total revamping of the group
 - iii) Membership is the core of this group and has prospered because of you
 - iv) Membership makes us stronger
 - v) Julie Koury noted that membership participation is up from previous years
 - vi) President Bill Fogel noted that membership outreach has been outstanding
- d) A Thank You card from Scott Hansen's mother was read
- vi. Vice President Levi Watkins
 - a) Bob's Cycle Supply, who hosted today's meeting, is offering 15% off all purchases made the day of meeting, and 10% off any other day purchase with your membership card
 - b) Talked about the Gregory Polaris rally next October
 - i) Info about Hotels will be gathered and passed out
 - ii) Ernie brought up that there are companies that do bulk motorcycle shipping if there are members interested
 - iii) Talked about another rally in Michigan
 - iv) Talked about next year's Racine rally – no Guinness Record attempt in 2019
 - c) Fall Flood Run Dollar Raffle
 - i) 1,788 tickets were sold
 - ii) \$1,788 from ticket sales and an additional \$12 from President Bill Fogel for a total of \$1800 raised for Soldiers-6.
- vii. Guest Speakers – Ed and Dana Abrahamson (w/son Nathan and Service Dog Rex)
 - a) Talked about the History of the foundation of Soldiers-6
 - i) Ed received his service dog Rex from California
 - ii) Rex has been a tremendous help
 - iii) Realized there is a need and the dogs are expensive
 - iv) Founded Soldiers-6 because of this
 - b) What Soldiers-6 provide
 - i) Awards service dogs to veterans and former law enforcement who are in need of a service dog
 - ii) Each dog costs approx \$10k
 - iii) Service dogs help with calming anxiety
 - (1) Service dog is a battle buddy
 - (2) Feedback from recipients has been great
 - (3) Service dogs provide more help than any other therapy
 - iv) Suicide in veteran and law enforcement a huge problem
 - (1) 22 soldiers/veterans commit suicide a day
 - (2) 120 LEO's have committed suicide this year to date
 - (a) More LEO's die by suicide than any other way
 - c) Gave a huge thank you to the membership of the IARG
- viii. Presented Soldiers-6 the proceeds of the Fall Flood Run Dollar Raffle – Total of \$1,800
 - a) Polaris Foundation has matched the donation of \$1,800 for a total amount of \$3,600
- ix. Meeting Adjourned