

East Coast Riders Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2023

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2023 Officers:

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Road Captains – Roddy Niesen, Dave Reinckens, Ed Oldrich

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Sergeant at Arms – Robert Hallenbeck Sr.

Call To Order: Bob Hallenbeck

Time: 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Opening Prayer: Lou Martino

Roll Call of Members: Tom Law (27 of 47 Members Present)

John Agan Michelle Arsenault Al Austin Bob Balint Jack Bogarski John Boice Corey Bowen Kristal Clevenger
 Chris Cole Austin Cranna Carl Decker Joe Downey Matt Dugan Will Ferguson George Fox Bill Greico
 Will Haberland Bob Hallenbeck Bobby Hallenbeck, Jr Betty Holt Tom Hunt Troy Kay Brian Kelley Chris Kelley
 Tom Law Joe Mabb Dan Main Ricky Martini Louis Martino Marc Martino Michael Martino Shane McDonald
 Hunter Metzler Matt Metzler Pat Metzler Roddy Niesen Terra Niesen Edward Oldrich Dave Reinckens
 Edward Roosa Joyce Schneider Ron Schneider Carlo Scott Tom Seamon Jim Sharp Jim Williams Kevin Zelno

Reading of Previous Meeting Minutes: Tom Seamon

Tom read the October Membership meeting minutes and they were approved by Members.

Board of Directors Report: The following items were discussed at the Board of Director's meeting:

- Positions and nominations for the Board of Directors and Officers.
- Job Lots donated \$200 to ECR.
- Meeting minutes to be publicized before next meeting approval, with the notation that they are a "Draft" until approved.

Officer Reports:

President: Tom Law

- ECR donated \$500 to Dylan Sullivan, mechanic at JJ's Cycles.
- Bike raffle proceeds will benefit Hospice for Columbia and Greene Counties.
- Jake and John will be co-Directors of the Land Committee.

Vice President: John Boice

- No report.

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- Reading of the Treasurer's Report was approved by members.

Savings Account Beginning Balance: \$30,768.01

Cash In: \$21,321.03

Paid Out: \$7,103.00

Savings Account Ending Balance: \$44,986.04

Cash on Hand: \$250.00

Checking Account: \$2,436.05

Total ECR Accounts: \$47,672.09

Tim Beaucage Memorial Beginning Balance: \$5,798.02

Cash In: \$.15

Paid Out: \$0.00

Tim Beaucage Memorial Ending Balance: \$5,798.17

Sergeant At Arms: Bob Hallenbeck

- No Report.

Chaplain: Lou Martino

- No Report.

Committee Reports:

Bike: (Ron S., Dave R., Bob H.)

- No report.

Bylaws: (Will H., Tom S., Kevin Z.)

- Kevin discussed the following two proposed bylaw changes that were reviewed at the October meeting and tabled to be voted on at this meeting:
 - The month in which the Nominating Committee is appointed.
 - The minimum age for a Prospective member/Active member.

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Events: (Pat M., Matt M., Betty H., Karen L., Tom L.)

- Pat advised of the following:
 - November 11th – 5:00 pm - Motorcycle Raffle party @ Jackson's. **\$10 entrance fee.**
 - December 19th – 4:30 pm - Winter Walk – Line up at Holly Hills
 - December 16th – 1:00 pm - Family Gift Wrapping @ Stuyvesant Fire
 - Christmas Party - Immediately following wrapping completion
 - Further discussion at December 8th Membership meeting
 - BYOB
 - Bring a dish or dessert to share
 - Sign-up sheet will be at the meeting
 - December 17th – 12:00 pm – Present delivery to families – Meet at Stewarts

Land: (Jake, K., Brian K., John B.)

- Property clean-up tomorrow, Sunday, November 5th at 10 am. Email reminder will be sent out to the membership.

T-shirt: (Joyce S., Tina D.)

- No report.

Trailer: (Bob H., Dave R., Ron S.)

- No report.

Road Captain: (Roddy N., Dave R., Ed O.)

- No report.

Safety: (Dave R., Jim S., Michelle A.)

- No report.

Website: (Kevin Z., Mike M.)

- Kevin advised that Tom Hunt's photo has been added to the Life Member.
- Kevin needs August meeting meetings to post to website.
- Kevin asked who the Facebook page administrators are as he has had inquires.
 - Tom stated that he, Betty and Michelle are the administrators.

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Bylaw Changes Vote: – Kevin Zelno

Article 8. Election of Directors/Officers

- Section 8.1 – (Change October to September)
 - A nominating committee of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the President no later than the third Friday in ~~October~~ **September** to nominate candidates for director and officer positions. Nominations may also be made by the nominating committee via mail to the Secretary.
 - Presented to membership on 10/6/2023 – tabled for 30 days for vote on 11/3/2023
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Marc Martino, 2nd Pat Metzler, **Approved** by Members)

Article 3. Directors and Members

- Section 3.2: Classification of Membership – (Addition of (e))
 - 1. (e) Active Member shall be Eighteen and six months of age.
 - Presented to membership on 10/6/2023 – tabled for 30 days for vote on 11/3/2023
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Pat Metzler, 2nd Shane McDonald, **Approved** by Members)
- Section 3.3: - (Addition of age and requirements as follows)
 - Membership Application and Approval Procedures. A prospective member must be sponsored for membership by an Active Member; **A prospective member must be seventeen years of age and have their Class M motorcycle license with the completion of a Student Certification driver's education program.**
 - Presented to membership on 10/6/2023 – tabled for 30 days for vote on 11/3/2023
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Pat Metzler, 2nd Shane McDonald, **Approved** by Members)

Unfinished Business: Tom Law

Motorcycle Raffle Tickets

- Pat advised that 3500 Raffle tickets have been sold to date that are in her possession, however there are still a lot out with members that haven't turned them in yet. **Please make sure to bring all sold and unsold tickets to the raffle party if you have not turned them in yet. If you cannot attend the raffle party, please get them to Tom, Pat or John prior.**

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Goat Brothers Swap Meet

- Tom advised that him and Karen attended the swap meet and even though there was 4 inches of rain, people still came out and they sold 101 raffle tickets.

Tim's Run

- Al thanked several members for the roles they played at Tim's Run (Terra & sisters, Dave, Sharpie, Jack). Jack won the 50/50 and donated all proceeds back to the run. There were 35 motorcycles in attendance and 52 signed waivers. \$1,904 was raised at the event.
- Bob stated that as a rider, he felt that it was a great run, and that the Road Captains did a great job!
- Dave stated that having a trike in the back of the run made a big difference.

Grill Raffle

- Tom advised that the Grill Raffle brought in \$640 and is being applied to property improvements fund.

Raffle Drawing Party

- Tom advised that Steve and Jody will be coming to the raffle party. Steve is hoping to get give-aways for next year drawing party.
- The motorcycle will be brought to Jackson's, however, will be left in the trailer due to limitations with getting it inside.

Winter Walk Float

- Tom advised that all the lumber has been purchased and thanked Marc for getting and delivering it.
- Matt Metzler will begin working on the float the weekend of **November 17th** and is looking for volunteers to assist. If you can help out, please contact Matt for further information.

Quanta Hut

- Marc stated that Tom installed new lights in the ceiling of the hut.

Memorial / Benefit Ride

- Tom advised that \$9,170 was raised at the event.
- Tom advised that Rick's family would like the following disbursements from the proceeds:
 - \$500 Scholarship
 - \$500 Donation to Autism
- The remaining balance of \$8,170 will be given to assist John as necessary.

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- A huge “Thank You” to Terra and her sisters and everyone that assisted to make it a huge success.
- Pat stated that she felt the businesses/organizations really liked getting the donation letter with the request.

New Business: Tom Law – Open for discussions.

Membership Meeting Minutes

- Tom advised that the Board members discussed at the Board meeting to allow the Membership meeting minutes to be sent out earlier. As the minutes have not been approved at the time, the minutes will need to be labeled as “**Draft**” accordingly until they are approved at the following Membership meeting.
- Meeting minutes will be emailed to members and placed on the ECR website.

Road-Side Cleanup

- Sharpie advised that due to the weather, the clean-up was postponed. Although the following members had signed up (Joe, Joyce, Bob, Jack Bill and Will), Sharpie walked the route over the weekend as weather permitted.
- Sharpie did mention in hopes to inspire more members to sign-up, that he found \$73 on the road while walking the route.

Security at Fireman’s Convention (2024)

- Tom advised that while he was discussing our Christmas party at the fire hall, Steve asked for assistance with security for next year. The convention will be the last weekend in July. The reason for the inquiry so far in advance is that they will be getting shirts this year and will need names and shirt sizes.

5-Year Membership Patches: Tom Law

- None.

Nominations/Election Ballots: – Marc Martino

- Marc read the positions available for nomination and the process that would be followed for each one.
- Each position would be read one at a time, nominations from the Committee would be presented for the position and then would ask for any nominations from the floor.
- Once Motion was made and seconded, the position would be closed to any further nominations and ballots to reflect as such for vote at the December 8th Membership meeting.

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- **President**
 - Nominating Committee
 - **Tom Law**
 - **Bob Hallenbeck**
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Joyce Schneider, 2nd Kevin Zelno, **Approved** by Members)
 - Position **Closed**

- **Treasurer**
 - Nominating Committee
 - **Tom Seamon**
 - **Terra Niesen**
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Troy Kay, 2nd Matt Dugan, **Approved** by Members)
 - Position **Closed**

- **Sgt. At Arms**
 - Nominating Committee
 - **Austin Cranna**
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Joyce Schneider, 2nd Ron Schneider, **Approved** by Members)
 - Position **Closed**

- **Board of Directors (Original Member)**
 - Nominating Committee
 - **Ron Schneider**
 - **Roddy Niesen**
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Bob Hallenbeck, 2nd Dave Reinckens, **Approved** by Members)
 - Position **Closed**

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- **Board of Directors (Active, Non-Original Member)**
 - Nominating Committee
 - **Will Haberland**
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - **Motion to Accept:** (1st Joyce Schneider, 2nd Kevin Zelno, **Approved** by Members)
 - Position **Closed**

*****Please be advised that a change in how the ballots were going to be distributed to members was changed after discussion and agreement by the Nominating Committee members that the best and most efficient way to distribute the ballots would be to email them instead of mailing them. Members without an email will be sent a ballot by mail.*****

Raffle drawings: Tractor – John Boice, Door Prize – Al Austin

Next Business Meeting: Tom Law

Date: December 8th Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Kinderhook Elks

Closing Prayer: Lou Martino

Adjournment: Tom Law

Time: 8:20 PM

Motion to Accept: (1st John Boice, 2nd Michelle Arsenault, **Approved** by Members)