



Grand Chapter of Alaska WIDOWS SONS MASONIC RIDERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Widows Sons, Alaska Grand Chapter Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 19:00 hours on 19 November 2009 by Pipes McCrummen, President. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present – Dan "Pipes" McCrummen, President; Russ "Weldon Cracks" Shivers, Vice President; "Dirty Jeff" Polizzotto, Treasurer; Dave "Kickstand" Koko, Secretary; "Slippery Bob" Heflin, Guardian of the Membership & Sergeant at Arms; John "Pigboy" Barnett, Juneau Road Captain; Claude "Vapor Rider" Roberts & Jeff "Cat Herder" DeFreest, general members; Larry White & Brad Ryder, EA Masons and prospective members.

President McCrummen greeted everyone and opened the meeting with a WS poem. Prez McCrummen said that he didn't have much to report, that the reports from the other officers would provide all updates to the Association's business and activities. President McCrummen did state that the first item of business he wanted addressed was the revision to the bylaws. Motion was made by Polizzotto to adopt the revised bylaws incorporating editorial & other changes, 2nd by Barnett, discussion ensued followed by unanimous vote of approval.

Acting Secretary DeFreest was asked to read the minutes from the 2008 Annual Communication. Polizzotto motioned and Barnett seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as submitted since everyone had been provided the opportunity to read them before the meeting. Motion passed with no discussion and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer Polizzotto presented a bill for a new order of Widows Sons (AK Grand Chapter) pins, motion made by Barnett to pay the bill, 2nd by Roberts, voted, motion carried.

Treasurer Polizzotto reported that the treasury currently held \$886 and we now have a bank account at Alaska USA FCU. He advised that if we grow more we may need to consider consulting an accountant and may eventually need to file tax returns etc.

Barnett moved we keep the dues at \$20/year, 2nd by someone, voted, approved.

Guardian of the Membership Heflin reported that we now have 40 members, minus Bro Harvey Raser, founding member, deceased, leaving 39.

Road Capt John Barnett reported that the WS held our first Memorial Day Annual Ride, participated in Alaska Day events in Sitka again this October, as well as traveled to Haines for the State Fair in July. Additionally, numerous Sunday Morning Pancake Rides to the Douglas Cafe took place. Members also participated in the Juneau ABATE's Ken Brewer Memorial Ride in June and the Southeast Panhandlers' Toy Run in September. Additionally, at least five solo rides were conducted by members wearing their colors while riding down-south (Barnett, Roberts, DeFreest, Polizzotto, Herve). Barnett reported that at the Memorial Day ride Keith Herve was awarded rider of the year. In concluding his report he awarded Jeff Polizzotto the low mileage rider of the year... imagine a 6 year old Road King with less than 4K and President Dan McCrummen the Cell Phone User Award for his incessant cell phone use during the Memorial Day ride.

A special election of officers was held for the Secretary position vacated by retiring member Kickstand Koko. DeFreest was elected to fill out the 2nd year of Koko's term. All offices are due for election at the Nov 2010 Annual meeting.

Initiation fees were discussed, motion by Shivers, 2nd by Polizzotto, and unanimously agreed to be set at \$60. The initiation fees will cover the cost of the current year's dues, one WS back patch, and shipping expenses.

Kickstand Koko was nominated for retired member status by President McCrummen. Barnett motioned that the nomination be approved, 2nd by Roberts, motion carried. Kickstand was then issued a Broken Bone Club patch which he is to affix to his WS vest and wear with pride.

Webmaster Barnett reported on the WS website and the number of hits we are getting from all over the country. A success. He also intends to post our annual meeting minutes and calendar of events.

Challenge coins were discussed and the solemnity and meaning of their presentation are not to be taken lightly. It's preferred that when one is to be bestowed upon a non-member, WS officers confer and concur on it beforehand. In a special case where warranted a Brother Member may make a presentation, but will need to seek concurrence and defend his action later... with the possibility of it costing him much more than just the price of a replacement coin!

Barnett proposed we consider placing a flagpole at the roundabout at the Juneau-Douglas bridge with a placard at its base, highlighting the Widows Sons Grand Chapter. He will pursue permitting and look for a partnering agreement with other organizations and the City in order to start the process.

Barnett proposed designing and selling WS do- rags on our website and discussion lead to the possibility of also printing/selling Widows Sons T-Shirts.

Calendar of rides for the SE AK members for 2010 was discussed, Barnett will post to the website, and Secretary DeFreest will make up WS business cards with our web address on the front and a calendar of events listed on the reverse side. These will be available for distribution to members and other rider groups.

Little Norway Festival – Petersburg AK – 15-16 May 2010 (dates to be confirmed by Road Capt)

Widows Sons Annual Ride – Meet at Beaver Creek, ride to Whitehorse – 28-31 May 2010

Juneau ABATE's Ken Brewer Memorial Ride – 5 June 2010

Canada Day – Whitehorse – 1 July 2010

Southeast Alaska State Fair in Haines – 30 July – 01 August 2010

Labor Day Ride- 6 September 2010

Alaska Day at Sitka- 16-18 October 2010

Widows Sons Annual Meeting – 18 November 2010

Cold Turkey Ride- 27 November 2010 (Wx permitting)

Good of the Order:

Pipes McCrummen called for a moment of silence in Memory of our fallen Brother Harv Raser, and in honor of the Masonic members of the Armed Forces serving our great Nation near and far.

Then Grand Orator Pig Boy Barnett babbled on some more about stuff...

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:30 with peace and harmony prevailing.

Minutes approved:

Dan McCrummen

Date