



## **Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group**

### **Business Meeting Minutes – December 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Director Chris Ferguson at 10:05 a.m.

Who rode today? Three members rode today

New Members or Guests? No new guests or members.

#### **NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):**

##### **Darwin Osarchuk, Trev Deeley Motorcycles®**

- Photos with Santa on a Harley today and Sunday (Dec 1 & 2), 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. by donation for the Lower Mainland Christmas Bureau. Hotdogs on sale today and waffles on Sunday outside.
- Dec 1-3 – double regards point days for HOG® members for more Christmas shopping!
- Buy 300 worth of Genuine H-D® parts and accessories and/or motor clothes and collectibles and receive for free a special edition Harley decanter in a very nice wooden keepsake box.
- Remaining 2018 bikes still have .99% financing rate OAC until December 31, 2018.
- Dec 27 until Dec 30 will be TDMC's Boxing Week sales dates.
- Dec 24 - store is closed at 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve.

- Dec 25, 26 & 31 – store will be closed
- The Vancouver Motorcycle Show tickets are on sale through Kyoko in the West reception area. These make great Christmas gifts and/or stocking stuffers!
- Darwin has volunteered as one of the Parade Marshalls again for the Magic of Christmas parade tonight in downtown Langley (Fraser Highway one way street), 6:00 p.m.

**On behalf of Trev Deeley Motorcycles, Darwin made a special plaque presentation to our outgoing Director, Chris Ferguson.**

To quote:

“Chris has not been just our Chapter Director for the past few years; she has held several officer positions **over many years**. She has dedicated hundreds of hours of her personal time in those roles at many store functions and HOG® events. And in the true spirit of HOG®, with other Chapters as well. She has attended and worked at many rallies, conferences, training seminars and charitable events. She is a true motorcycle enthusiast, rider and friend.

Our dealership has been proud and very fortunate to have someone like Chris represent and lead this chapter and as an ambassador for our store, for HOG® and the Harley-Davidson® brand.

She formed a team of officers and volunteers over the years to assist her, for she has never claimed she did it on her own. Paul has also helped out for many events as well.

Soon there will be others that will volunteer alongside Maria to carry on what many others have done so well in the past. We thank all our past officers.

That is why we believe this chapter is 30 years strong and will carry on moving forward, with our clear and simple mandate .....**To ride and have fun!**

I am not going to name all the people who helped Chris over the years at this time, but it is important to recognize and say thank you to Frank Papaian as out-going Treasurer and to Susan Walters as out-going Secretary for their past terms and filling these important primary officer roles so diligently.

So before Chris deservingly steps aside at the end of this year as Director, I would like to make a presentation to her.”

TDMC Manager Darwin Osarchuk presenting plaque of appreciation to outgoing Director, Chris Ferguson:



#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Nov 3, 2018** -- **Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Several of our members, following the meeting went for Lunch at the Cedar Cottage Pub, 3728 Clark Drive (at Kingsway).
- **Nov 4, 2018** -- **HOG® Brunch** -- Starlight Casino, Gifford St, New Westminster, BC. Eight members enjoyed the lunch at Matches. Thank you Tammy for arranging this event.
- **Nov 14, 2018** -- **HOG® Go-Carting** -- The new Executive will look into this further in the New Year.
- **Nov 17, 2018** -- **HOG® Officer Meeting** -- 9 AM to Noon. The officers met and planned the Event Calendar for 2019. They also completed the process of appointing replacement officers for the Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and additional Ride Leaders.
- **Nov 22, 2018** -- **Late Nite Shopping** -- Trev Deeley Motorcycles -- 6:00 -- 8:00 PM. Over 100 people attended this event, including several of our members. Everyone had a good time. Tammy and Theresa raised \$262.50 through a 50/50 draw, which is being donated to KidSafe in memory of member Ralph McKnight who passed away in September.

- **Nov 24, 2018 – HOG® Xmas Party** – Atrium Inn, 2889 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC. 33 members enjoyed a fun-filled evening of food, games, and dancing. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Dec 1, 2018 -- Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles.
- **Dec 1-2, 2018 – Photos with Santa** – Trev Deeley Motorcycles. All members attending this meeting were asked to participate in a group photo with Santa, which was great fun!
- **Dec 25 – 26, 2018** – Christmas Day and Boxing Day
- **Jan 1, 2019** – New Year's Day
- **Jan 5, 2019 -- Vancouver HOG® Chapter Meeting and Renewal Party**, 10:00 a.m., Trev Deeley Motorcycles. Bring your Vancouver HOG® Chapter membership card for great door prizes. **After the 10:00 am meeting**, there will be light refreshment during the **renewal party from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Also, the 2019 Calendar of Events will be available at this meeting. **The Executive will be giving out FIVE (5) Memberships to anyone who renews between 11am and 1 pm.**
- **Jan 16, 2019 – HOG® Dinner** – 7pm – My Greek Taverna, 946 Brunette Ave, Coquitlam, BC A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the HOG® Meeting on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. RSVP is required.

#### **2019 CANADIAN REGIONAL HOG® RALLIES**

2019 Quebec Regional HOG Rally      Amos, Que      July 4-6, 2019

**2019 Western Regional HOG Rally, Victoria, BC      July 4-6, 2019**

- The Host Hotel is the Best Western Plus, Emerald Isle in Sidney, BC. The cost of the rooms is \$224.10/night. Regular rate is \$269.00/night. **ONLINE BOOKINGS ONLY!**
- Online Rally Registration (HOG® Canada Rally Registrations) opens in January 2019! (Add-ons: Thursday Night Meet & Greet FREE; Friday Night Pig Roast \$16; Saturday Night Salmon Bake \$16).
- There are very few hotels/motels in the Sidney area. Lot's of B&B's. Cost of rooms anywhere will be high! Chris will attempt to secure a block of rooms at the Quality Inn Waddington and the Western 66 hotels. We will update you at our next meeting.

- They are providing “Camping” at the Saanich Fairgrounds (1463 Stelley’s Cross Road, Brentwood Bay) for approx. \$95/\$100 /3-nights. As well, there will be a Shuttle Service from the following hotels: Sydney Pier, Super 8 Wyndham, Cedarwood, Quality Inn Waddington, and Western 66 Hotels. There are other hotels further away but no shuttle service. This rally is being promoted as a “Camping Rally”. Please go to the [2019 HOG Western Regional Rally](#) for further information about the rally.

2019 Ontario Regional HOG Rally      Barrie, Ont                      July 18-20, 2019

2019 Atlantic Regional HOG Rally      Halifax, NS                      July 25-27, 2019

2019 Prairie Regional HOG Rally,      Edmonton, Alta                      Aug 15-17, 2019

- Director Chris has contacted the HOST Hotel (Best Western Plus) and booked 10 rooms (5 Deluxe Queen, 5 Deluxe King). If you are interested in attending, please contact Chris and she will have your name placed on the registration. She currently have 8 rooms left. First come, First served. Cost is \$127/night.

#### **SAFETY OFFICER REPORT – Lowell Wade:**

In lieu of a safety report, Lowell read a cute Christmas poem – see attached.

#### **REPORT FROM DIRECTOR CHRIS FERGUSON:**

- We are still looking for volunteers for the positions of Ride Leader’s and Safety Officer. Please consider your participation as this is YOUR chapter and talk with Darwin or Maria DiTrolio if you have any questions.
- **Introducing our new 2019 Vancouver HOG Executive!**



**From right to left:**

Director – Maria DiTrollo  
Photographer – Gary Monts  
Treasurer – Tracy Monts  
Assistant Director – Lowell Wade  
Secretary – Lyn Hart  
Activities – Tammy Bade  
Membership – Heather Osborne  
Historian – Doug Miller

Not pictured: Chris Ferguson will continue as LOH Officer and WebMaster.

Chris offered her sincere thanks to all the current executive officers for their hard work volunteering this year. She and Paul are leaving at the end of the year for Arizona to enjoy some much-needed relaxation and sunshine as well as 3 months of riding their motorcycles around the area. They will be back mid-April to assist, volunteer, ride and party with our HOG® Family here at the Vancouver HOG® Chapter.

**Member Comments:**

On behalf of the membership, incoming Director Maria DiTrollo paid tribute to out-going Director Chris Ferguson, presenting a huge bouquet of flowers and card, saying:

“First, I would like to say thank you to Darwin and TDMC for all their support with the HOG® organization. I have had the opportunity to speak to a lot of people on the executive committee within the HOG® world and we have been blessed with an awesome store and owners.

HOG® is not possible without the help of all the men and women who volunteer their time and I am grateful for all of you. **Today though, I want to extend a special thank you to Chris Ferguson our Current Director.** She has been more than just the director, she was also covering other positions as well (LOH, Webmaster) and literally anything that needed to be taken care of.

Volunteers are truly the backbone of this group, people we need, trust and value. Volunteering for Vancouver HOG® immeasurably improves and enhances this entire organization and it starts with great leadership.

Chris Ferguson, thank you again for your leadership and dedication to the Vancouver HOG® group. You have left some big shoes for me to fill but you also gave me the tools to be successful in 2019.”

**Door prizes**, donated by the Chapter: awarded to Tracy, Doug, Gary, Terry, Rob, John and Sharon.

**Birthday draw** for those born in DECEMBER was won by Karina.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING and RENEWAL PARTY:** Saturday, January 6, 2019,  
**10:00 a.m. at TDMC.**

(See next page for a holiday poem by Safety Officer Lowell Wade)

## The Harley-Davidson® Before Christmas

It was the night before Christmas  
and all through the home  
not a motor was purring  
Not even a Gnome.

(a British cyclecar produced from 1925 to 1926 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gnome\\_\(car\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gnome_(car)))

The Harley was stored  
at Trev Deeley's® with care.  
Until next year's riding season  
when sounds of Harley's fill the air.

As I dozed on the couch  
like a big lazy lout.  
I did not tend the fire  
So, it had gone out.

When suddenly from outside  
I heard a loud rumble.  
I sprang from the couch  
But in the dark, I took a big tumble.  
(I tripped over the coffee table!)

I crawled to the window  
and looked outside.  
I saw eight leather clad vixens  
On Sportsters® they ride.



Their riding formation  
        was a sight to behold.  
    I then realized this is Vancouver  
I can ride year-round; the truth be told.

    While the rest of Canada slumbers  
        under a blanket of snow.  
    Tell your friends and relatives  
    I am going for a ride, you know.

    And wish them Merry Christmas  
        but do not be jealous of me.  
    Maybe spring will come early  
when their Harley's will be set free.

By: Lowell Wade, Safety Officer  
HOG Vancouver, BC, Canada Chapter  
October 31, 2018.