



Vancouver Chapter Harley Owners Group

Special ZOOM Edition

Business Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Director, Lyn Hart at 10:06 am.

TDMC ANNOUNCEMENT

Presented by DARWIN OSARCHUK, General Manager

Good morning everyone!

We hope that you and yours are all safe and well. It's easy to notice all the bikes out riding now and hope many of you are enjoying yours. I got plated up last month and it sure felt great to ride.

All of us at Trev Deeley Motorcycles would like to thank you for your support, patience and understanding thru the last few months. We made the decision right away back then that, in the interest for the health and safety of our customers, the general public, associates, our staff and you our valued HOG members, that we remained open, yet by appointment only.

We do have some more updates and information for you that will be shared today but first I would like to also mention this...

That it is our pleasure to announce that Lyn Hart is now our new Chapter Director, effective immediately. We are very excited to have Lyn in this role for she has been a hard-working Assistant Director and Chapter Secretary the past two years, and now will lead as Director as we move forward.

We will all have to remain patient and wait just a little longer before we can resume having events and rides like we have all enjoyed in the past. Yet meeting like this today is proving how we are all adapting and looking ahead.

I can honestly tell you that we miss you, yet we will see you soon. And now, I would like to pass it over to our Marketing Manager, Harmony Poisson...

NEWS from TREV DEELEY MOTORCYCLES® (CHAPTER SPONSOR):

Presented by **HARMONY POISSON** Manager, Marketing and Events

Congratulations to Lyn, I'm excited about the year we have ahead of us, and the great way you guys are adapting with the times right now and moving forward.

Events

As you know our events were all cancelled in March/April/May and we will look at the calendar on a month to month basis updating our calendars as we go.

Promotions

- We have an ongoing finance rate of .99% w/H-D ESP until the end of May.
- We still have our spring free gift promotion on the H-D galvanized serving trays for purchases over \$300.
- We have double reward points on Parts/Labour and Merchandise until the end of May.
- We have 11 remaining 2019's marked down with attractive savings.

TDMC Hours

- We will be closed for Victoria Day on May 18, 2020 this year.
- We will also be launching *Phase 1* of our re-opening of the store this Tuesday May 5th! You will no longer need an appointment but we have created a new door position to monitor the West door and the amount of people in the store at a time. Our hours will be Tuesday to Friday 9:00-5:30, and Saturday 8:30-5:00.

Our Newsletter will be coming out this afternoon for those that subscribe with further details on all of this.

EXECUTIVE COMMENTS AND PRESENTATION

As everyone knows, all Vancouver HOG® events & rides were suspended on March 25th until further notice due to the growing COVID-19 crisis. We're all doing our part to isolate & distance over the last few weeks but it has put a major damper on all of our HOG® rides & social activities, especially as riding season is here!

To help keep us connected, we are trying something different...

Welcome to our Special ZOOM Edition of the monthly HOG meeting!

It may take a short time to work all the kinks out, but I'm certain that with a little patience, most of us will get the hang of it fairly quickly & maybe even appreciate the fact that no one knows you're not wearing pants. *Note: Over 40 members joined in on the ZOOM meeting!*

HOG ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Lowell Wade* has stepped down as Director of the Vancouver HOG® Chapter at this time to focus on his career, education, and family. We wish him the best of luck & thank him for his valued time as a member of the Vancouver HOG Chapter Executive!

Lyn Hart will take on the *Director* role & would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence.

- The position of *Assistant Director* is open. Chris Ferguson has volunteered to fill in temporarily until a suitable replacement can be found. TDMC thanks Chris for stepping in until a new *Assistant Director* is found & for her many years of serving our chapter.

Call out to all members: If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Lyn by May 31, 2020 for an explanation of what the job entails. All those interested will be carefully considered.

- *Faye DeAbreau* has stepped down as *Secretary* & we thank her for the time she has put in this year to help out the chapter.

Call out to all members: If you are interested in volunteering for the *Secretary* position, please contact Lyn by May 31, 2020 for an explanation of what the job entails. All those interested will be carefully considered.

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS

- **Sat. Mar 7** **HOG® MEETING** TDMC 10:00 am
This was our last in-person HOG® meeting. Our group photo was taken following the meeting & can be viewed in the Vancouver HOG® website & Facebook page.
- **Wed. Mar 25** **TDMC Closes to Public / Vancouver HOG® Suspends All Events**
These were difficult decisions for all involved but necessary for the health & safety of everyone. TDMC still remains open by appointment for parts, service and motorcycling needs, Tuesday to Saturday. Please call (604) 291-2453 to set up an appointment or to place a parts order by phone.
- **Sat. April 4** Our April meeting was cancelled due to the COVID virus concerns, while TDMC & the chapter re-grouped to form some kind of plan of action.

There are no April meeting minutes.

- **Thur. Apr 9** *Bike Life Vancouver* organized a 'Ride of Appreciation' for health care workers to St Paul's Hospital, inviting all riders across the city. Reports are there were quite a few participating & we know of possibly 9 Vancouver HOG® members who attended. I was sent a few photos of the event (thanks to Craig Heale & Kelly Rabb) & they are posted on our Facebook page.
- **Fri. Apr 24** **HOG® Ride** TDMC 10:30 Garry Point Park, Steveston
Road Captain, Doug Miller, led a group of 11 bikes/12 riders to Steveston where we stopped for take-out lunch at Pajos Fish & Chips on the first of our day rides.
- **Fri. May 1** **HOG® Ride** TDMC 10:30 Birchwood Dairy, Abbotsford
Road Captain, Doug Miller, led a group of 13 bikes/14 riders.

NEW BUSINESS 2020

Doug Miller is attempting to archive all past chapter minutes & is missing a few. If you have any of the following on paper or digital copy, please let him know dbmilleris@shaw.ca.

2000 Jan, Feb, March
2008 Nov, Dec
2011 March
2013 Feb

ORGANIZED RIDES DURING COVID

HOG® Canada has informed us that rides are only limited to the provincial & municipal health regulations & recommendations in our area.

We don't know how long the health crisis is going to last but we very much want to keep our membership connected while our in-person meetings & social events are suspended! We've come up with a plan for more day rides in May as long as social distancing guidelines are considered.

All riders are advised to bring their own personal PPE such as masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer, & toilet paper! Access to washrooms may be a challenge.

Here's what we've got planned for May...*all rides are Weather Permitting:*

- **Wed. May 6** **HOG® Ride** 10:30 TDMC to Horseshoe Bay
We'll find take-out & a space to eat where we can distance properly.
Bring your own lunch if you'd prefer.

- **Sat. May 9** **HOG® Mother's Day Ride** 10:00 TDMC to Wildcat Grill (take-out)
We'll find take-out & a space to eat where we can distance properly. Bring
your own lunch if you'd prefer. Bathrooms are open.

- **Sun. May 17** **HOG® Pack-A-Lunch Ride** 10:00 TDMC to Belcarra
We'll find a space to eat where we can distance properly.

- **Wed. May 20** **HOG® Wednesday Evening Ride** TDMC 7:00 (*Even Wednesdays*)
Our first of the season!

- **Sun. May 24** **HOG® Pack-A-Lunch Ride** 10:00 TDMC to Chilliwack
We'll find a space to eat where we can distance properly.

- **Wed. May 27** **HOG® Wednesday Evening Ride** LANGLEY 7:00 (*Odd Wednesdays*)
Our first Langley ride of the season! Meet at Tim Horton's, 8590 200th St.
Langley 7:00 pm

Additional spontaneous weekday rides may be announced. All rides weather permitting!

All members are welcome to organize rides too! You can post on Facebook & ask us to email all members to get the word out. We're here to help you!

OF INTEREST TO HOG® MEMBERS:

- Sadly, Langley HOG® recently announced that the **2020 WESTERN REGIONAL HOG® RALLY**, scheduled for Aug. 6-8, 2020, is cancelled. People who have already registered with this event should expect to receive refunds & are asked to be patient.

Thanks to the Langley HOG® organizing committee who worked so hard to make this an unforgettable event for HOG® members. Hopefully, they will be given the opportunity again when it's scheduled next year.

- It was also just announced that the **14th PRAIRIE REGIONAL HOG® RALLY** scheduled Aug. 27-29, 2020 in Calgary has officially been cancelled as well, but the organizing committee says that Calgary HOG® and Calgary Harley-Davidson® will still be hosting the 14th Prairie Regional HOG® Rally in 2021, date to be confirmed! People who have already registered with this event should expect to receive refunds & are asked to be patient.

HOG® WEBSITE

<https://www.trevdeeley.com/check-out-our--HOGVancouver>

VANCOUVER HOG® FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vancouverhogchapter/?ref=bookmarks>

We are trying to make our Facebook page more informative and interactive for members and encourage those who haven't joined the page to do so, especially now that we are distanced. Vancouver HOG® events & rides are posted for 2020 & the Facebook calendar will be more up to date & useful for members to use (even if it's cancelled 😞)

We want to make this page a valuable tool for members to read about upcoming events, news from Trev Deeley, and news from other members. Anyone can post photos, plans to meet for a ride, or use it to privately message other members. *Please ask to join if you haven't already done so!* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vancouverhogchapter/>

BUY & SELL PAGE – (through the Facebook page)

Open to public to view but only Vancouver HOG® members can post items.

OTHER CANCELLED OR POSTPONED EVENTS *(Announced to date)*

- **Sat. May 2** **International Female Ride Day** *Postponed to Sat. Aug 22.*
- **Thu. May 7** **28th Annual MLA Ride** *Cancelled until further notice.*
- **Sun. May 31** **Westcoast MC Ride to Live** *Postponed to Sun. Sept 13.*
Register here: <https://www.ridetolive.ca/>
Raffle tickets still available at <https://www.ridetolive.ca/raffle>.
- **Sun. June 28** **Campbell River Poker Run 2020** *Cancelled.*
- **August 2020** **Squamish Motorcycle Festival** *Cancelled. (Just Announced)*

SAFETY OFFICER REPORT

RICK BADE, HOG® Safety Officer

We certainly encourage everyone to get out for some wind therapy but please do so in a responsible way. If you're planning some rides with a few friends, here are some things to consider.

Stay Within Your Own Area

The majority of infections are in the catch basin of the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley Healthcare system. Smaller communities have neither the equipment nor the personnel to handle a major outbreak & few hospital beds to care for someone affected by the virus, let alone someone injured in an accident. Try to limit your rides to within the Fraser Valley / Lower Mainland area.

Social Distancing

The latest *recommendation* for group riding is no more than 5 bikes in a staggered position, *even when stopped*. The size of the group seems to be less of a concern than distancing. If you stop somewhere for a stretch, please make sure you park your bikes with some distance between them. That leaves you room to dismount & still be within an acceptable distance away from the rider beside you who may still be on their bike. Maintain 6 ft of distance between each other when you're off your bikes as well.

Ride Safely

We all like to push the limit now & again, but now, more than ever, we need to slow down & stay alert. There may be less traffic but there's also more wildlife venturing out. Our healthcare system is one of the best, but in this health crisis, they need to concentrate their resources on the pandemic, not on someone who was injured because of an avoidable accident.

Keep in mind, finding accessible washrooms is a challenge! Everyone is advised to bring your own personal PPE such as masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer & toilet paper. Bringing your own lunch is also an option if you'd rather not order from a take-out window.

Ride with care!

Questions, comments from members?

- PPE: Doggie bags work well as inexpensive hand protection at gas stations. – *Sharon Schulz*
- PPE: Protective eyewear/safety glasses important too. - *Leif Erickson*
- Ride with Care: There's lots of cops out looking for speeders too. - *Tracy Monts*
- ZOOM might be a good idea for keeping connected in other ways even when in-house meetings resume. - *Patrick Weitemeyer*

BIRTHDAY DRAWS

Birthday Draw Winners will be emailed a \$15 Gift Card from Tim Horton's.

Winner for the month of April was: **Darcy Biagioni**

Winner for the month of May was: **Albert Schulz**

DOOR PRIZE DRAWS

Door Prize Winners will receive a \$25 credit on their TDMC account.

2 TDMC \$25 Gift Certificates, donated by the Chapter, awarded to: **Tammy Bade, Albert Schulz**

NEXT MEETING: Sat. June 6, 2020 10:00 am

We're anticipating some group restrictions will still be in force & this will likely be a ZOOM meeting. If that's the case, you'll be sent an email with the meeting link to join.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.

2020 VANCOUVER HOG® CHAPTER OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

<i>Director</i>	Lyn Hart
<i>Assistant Director</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tracy Monts
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Membership Officer</i>	Heather Osborne
<i>Activities Officer</i>	Tammy Bade
<i>Safety Officer</i>	Rick Bade
<i>Photographers</i>	Gary Monts, Norm Hill
<i>Historian</i>	Doug Miller
<i>LOH Officer</i>	Chris Ferguson (<i>filling in as temporary Assistant Director</i>)
<i>Road Captains:</i>	Albert Schulz (<i>Head Captain</i>) Dale Janzen John Leach Doug Miller Larry Davidson Lou Chilton Shad DeSouza Gary Monts Tracy Monts

Effective May 2, 2020