

HV4W

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2023

Call to Order: 7:59 p.m. Crew Restaurant, Poughkeepsie

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to adopt minutes from 10/17/23 meeting - adopted

The club welcomed guests, Jessica and family, who were recently displaced by a fire at their home.

President's Report:

- K. Gennodie recapped some of the club's latest fund raising and philanthropic activities.
- Attended NEA quarterly meeting. Attendance by members at club events and NEA events is highest priority. It was reported that Massachusetts has alerted clubs that the state has installed cameras at the heads of more popular trails to monitor access and help reduce illegal dumping at those sites. Work is very active at NEA's new property. Trail cutting and clearing is on-going. Three miles of green trails already cut.
- NOVA has scheduled the next Trailfest for 8/13 – 8/15 at AOAA. NOVA has adopted a new logo and will be doing some new promotional activities.
- The club and NOVA are in talks to acquire club access to 1000s of acres of property Sullivan County. A property owner has reached out to the club regarding potential access to his property near Saugerties.
- To better serve the membership and increase member participation in club events and activities, the club will be creating and distributing a survey of members seeking information about the types of rides and events members are interested in and would attend. Watch your mailbox.
- Lastly, a big thank you and a \$100 gift card went out to Sam B. for her generous efforts and time spent educating some club members on first aid and CPR. Thanks Sam.

Treasurer's report:

- Dues season will open at the close of this meeting. Any new, paid, members since the October meeting are paid up for 2024. All other members need to pony up the \$60 annual dues by the January meeting lest they be stricken from the membership roll.
 - Checking: \$4493
 - Savings: \$2057
 - Paypal \$0
 - Cash \$314
 - Total \$6865

Secretary's Report:

- All members were reminded to fill out the mandatory, annual, club waiver which is available and doable on-line. (Thanks, Andy.) It cannot be easier.

Web Report:

- An announcement and link to a petition to keep BLM lands in Moab open for wheeling was sent out to members. Please sign it and submit as directed if you are so inclined.

Trail report:

- The Fall in Love with Jeeps event at Hudson House went well in spite of the light rain. Ruge's Jeep was there.
- Old Florida Road ride had to be cancelled. Members were cautioned that the trail is getting washed out and dug up by bigger rigs.
- Track & Trails event had light club attendance with several guests of the landowner also participating.
- Festival of Lights in LaGrangeville is coming up. Please attend with rig or without.
- A night ride is planned at New Paltz on December 1st at 6:30. This is a great property especially for stock and mildly-built rigs.

Old Business:

- K. Kennodie alerted the attendees that NEA club dues is due again in March. The club will have to decide whether to continue its membership in NEA by then.
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New Business:

- K. Gennodie has been in talks regarding the club assuming maintenance of the firetower and memorials on Mt. Beacon. We're waiting on final approval by just NYS Parks before responsibility is established.
 - The board is considering re-starting the annual holiday party this year – possibly something in January or February, at Crew. Limited to approx. 50 people, total. Upon motion and vote to plan such a meeting, and with only two objections, the motion passed. A motion was also made for the club to spend up to \$400 on raffle prizes for the holiday party.
 - Reminder – there will be no December meeting. Meetings will resume again in January.
 - J. Rizzo reported he was invited and will be going to an event in West Virginia in December. The venue allegedly has great trails and group accommodations. Joe will report back on the property and trails and the prospect of hosting a club “travel ride” at the property.
 - J. Jakob surveyed the collection of gifts and goods – including approx. \$900 - generously donated by club members to Jessica and her family. Great job, members.
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Membership:

- Motion to offer membership to Sal Neri as the newest club member was made and passed with unanimous approval. Welcome Sal.
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50/50:

- A motion was made, and passed, for the club to donate its portion of the 50/50 proceeds to Jessica and her family. Congratulations to K. Gennodie for holding winning ticket 561730.
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Adjourned:

- Further sayeth not, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.