

Intermountain Chapter HOG (1255) Historical Report 1987

Officers:

Director: Bob Solberg

Vice Director: Dave Gross

Treasurer: Judy Lynn Solberg

Secretary: Judy Lynn Solberg

Board Activities:

January:

An election was held to identify temporary officers for the newly formed chapter. The results were as follows:

Director: Bob Solberg, Vice Director: Dave Gross, Secretary/Treasurer: Judy Lynn Solberg. After a 60-day period, the chapter will hold a formal election of first-term officers.

A chapter name was also discussed resulting in the submission of the following suggestions: (1) Idaho Eagle Wings, (2) Treasure Valley, (3) Hells Canyon Hogs, (4) S.W. Idaho, (5) Idaho, (6) Idaho's 1st, (7) IDA-HOG, (8) Boise Valley, (9) Gem State 1st, (10) Rocky Mountain, (11) Idaho Whole Hog, (12) Snake River, (13) Les Bois, (14) Gem State, (15) Arrow Rock, and (16) Lucky Peak. Decision tabled till next meeting.

Dick Rockrohr of Cycle Nuts and Bolts stated he would be a supportive sponsor and handle the chapter's cost of incorporation.

An idea was brought up concerning sister chapters from Canada. Tabled

To be discussed at the February meeting: (1) Frequency of Scheduled Runs, (2) Benefits to be Held, (3) Regular Meetings (time, place, etc.), (4) Chapter Dues, (5) Favorite Rides in Idaho with best places to stop.

August:

The Weiser Rodeo was a great success.

The South Park of Givens Hot Springs was reserved for the chapter's IDA-HOG Family Picnic.

The annual Toys for Tots Run was scheduled for August 29th.

October:

Minutes from the IDA-HOG meeting held at 4 Es Bar in Kuna.

Thirteen people attended: Ten members, two potential members, one Denver HOG member, one member left after paying for chapter patch when he realized NO officers were present.

After a half hour of “general bitching” the meeting was called to order and the chairman solicited inputs from around the table.

It was agreed that some suggestions do not require entire membership vote. Officers can implement suggestions immediately if needed. Approved

Motion for members to pay \$2 for patches. Approved

It was agreed that there were communication problems and lack of organization at all levels of IDA-HOG group.

It was agreed a survey needs to be sent out to the membership to find out why members are not coming to meetings or events.

Suggestions to improve meeting attendance: (1) Have meetings same day of each month, (2) at least one officer be present, (3) meet at regular place, (4) do not allow food/beverages before meeting, (5) alternate meeting location, (6) conduct meeting in professional manner, (7) conduct 50/50 drawings, (8) create car pools to get to meetings, (9) create “telephone tree” and use to remind people of the meetings, (10) have a roll-call or sign-in sheet, (11) publish a schedule of the meeting dates.

Suggestions to improve communication and organization: (1) Create a board of directors instead of activity committees, (2) create by-laws make them available to membership along with HOG Constitution so they know what chapter is about, (3) pick one area of need in community and use as annual fundraising activity, (4) have officers meet one week in advance of scheduled meetings to determine topics and pick 2 or 3 topics to prevent long meetings, (5) use winter months to set event dates for the year, (6) contact other organizations to de-conflict events, (7) in addition to meetings, have at least one function per month like a ride, pot luck or whatever, (8) print a monthly newsletter.

Suggestions to improve membership numbers: (1) membership drives with person signing up the most new members winning a prize, (2) advertise in local newspapers under “Personal” ads, (3) have written material available to pass out to prospective members.

Bozo (Denver HOG member) offered his chapter’s by-laws to generate ideas.

Everyone agreed that more participation was needed so the few don’t have to handle everything. There was a concern of Burn-out for those getting the organization off the ground.