

March Newsletter 2016

All officers present at the March 1st meeting.

A board meeting was held prior to the regular membership meeting to discuss our insurance situation.

21 members (including 6 officers) were present at the meeting.

3 new members were accepted bringing the current membership to 82

Dirt Riders insurance news: Here is a review of our insurance issues: Landowner Gene Timmerman's farm owners insurance expired on February 9th, and their insurance carrier opted to not provide coverage for them as long as the Dirt Riders operated as a club without the Club getting it's own insurance. Members were locked out of the club grounds on Feb. 8th and will be until we obtain our own insurance. John Gepford, Jay Hall, and Steve Arteman, have been searching for insurance to cover us. Quotes from \$10k-\$14k and up were not uncommon. Most companies simply refused to or would not offer to provide coverage for an "off-road motorcycle club". A Utah based insurance carrier has been found quoting a premium of \$5,009/yr. The Club's elected board of officers concluded this was the best option for the club at the moment. The club will cover this year's premium with money from our maintenance fund, but membership rates may have to be raised an additional \$50 per year starting next year to cover this new cost. A fee increase will be discussed prior to the Sept. meeting. After discussion of this insurance policy at the membership meeting, a hand vote was taken and 20 members voted to approve the expenditure (the president abstained from voting). However, this is not final yet. We have to see if this insurance carrier imposes certain restrictions, such as members only on the fun rides and tighter measures to keep trespassers out. It is expected to take less than a month to have this new insurance in force. Members will be notified of the clubgrounds being re-opened by all means available (email, text message, facebook and/or phone) and the lock on the gate will be changed as soon as possible. (If the club grounds re-opens prior to next month's meeting, remember to turn out the club house lights and lock the gate lock padlock to padlock upon entering and leaving.) In the meantime, while we are waiting on insurance, anyone found on the property will be treated as a trespasser and may be subject to prosecution. Please do not attempt to enter the property until informed of permission to do so.

Due to the lock-out situation, the next meeting will be at the Argenta firehouse on Tues. April 5th at 7:00pm.

Due to the timing of securing acceptable insurance a March fun ride will not be planned.

Thank you for your cooperation and support during this unexpected situation.

Steve Schollmeier – Official date for the "Wounded Warrior" charity race is Sunday July 10th. This year we will have a Vintage Class. Details to follow.