



IMRG Membership Meeting - 09/17/2020

Meeting called to order at 6.39 p.m.

Interim President - Dawn - Introduced guests and new members.

Ryan (from Parts at Dealership). Ryan knows a lot of about accessories out there. He talked about communication systems. The communication system you need will depend on what you are using it for. If you only want it to listen to music, you can get a lower end unit for around \$150. There are two major brands Cardo and Sena. Cardo is preferred because it has JBL speakers and voice controls. The cost of a communication system varies anywhere from \$140 to \$600. The range of the unit varies but is between 1 mile and 2 miles. Both Sena and Cardo can connect to the Indian systems. If you purchase a system, suggest you register the system and always download the updates on a regular basis. You can also download an app and that allows you to adjust your settings on the app. There is also a 'mesh' system that you can use for communication systems which allows for greater range. Half and 3/4 helmets are a little more difficult to install communication systems on, but it can be done. If you have questions about whether a communication system can be installed on your helmet, bring it to Ryan and he can look and let you know.

Leadership is also going to reach out to the membership to see if there are other areas that you want to know about. Let one of the Board members know by either talking to them in person or sending an email to nocoimrg@gmail.com. Once we receive a suggestion, we can then try to get something scheduled for an upcoming meeting. Dealership would also like the membership to understanding the workings of the dealership, how things are done, what their philosophy is, etc. You can text and call Jeff any time if you have questions. The dealership would really like to get to know the members.

Activities – There is a ride on Sunday, September 20, 2020, to Cabela's in Sydney, Nebraska. Meet at 8.00 a.m. at the dealership with KSU at 8.30 a.m. There will be a lunch stop at 3 Margaritas in Sydney and since there are not any restrictions in Nebraska the group will be able to all sit together.

Fall colors ride is September 27th. More details to come.

Progressive Ride – Progressive Ride is October 4th. So far we have two of the stops accounted for - appetizers and desserts. We are looking to fill soup/salad and main course. If you are interested in hosting, let Dawn know. Rain date is the following weekend (October 11th). This is the last big ride of the year.

Christmas holiday celebration will be at the December membership meeting.

Wreaths Across America is coming up in December. Susan will gather the information to be sent out in an Informer.

Changing of the year ride – This will be on December 31st. More details to come.

With the Rogers resignation, this leaves openings in the Board – President and Secretary. Dawn will step into the Interim President role. The Board appointed and they accepted Susan as Secretary and Paulie as Membership Director. This will get us through to the end of the year. Board member elections are also upon us. Nominations for Board positions are now being accepted with voting taking place at our October meeting. We are looking for volunteers to fill these positions, so if you are interested or would like to nominate someone, send an email to the Secretary (sneiman380@gmail.com). Susan will send all nominations to Board to determine if we need to have an election or next steps if no nominations are submitted.

The positions are:

President – duties include running meetings, managing the group, working closely with the dealership, submitting required paperwork to National.

Vice President – covers for President and helps out anywhere needed.

Secretary – takes notes for board and membership meetings, is a signer on the checkbook, helps gather information to submit to National.

Treasurer – handles the money, pays bills, completes required tax forms

Safety – Puts out safety ideas, tips, oversees road captains, trains road captains, assists road captains in coordinating rides.

Marketing, photography, membership, and activities positions are appointed by the Board. If you are interested in any of those positions, please let the Secretary know. All nominations (if you do not feel comfortable speaking up at the meeting), can be emailed to the secretary at sneiman380@gmail.com.

Nominations received so far:

President – Dawn
Treasurer – Ted
Secretary – Susan
Vice President – Paul C.

Treasurer - Current Balance is \$1109. Patches are available. This is one way our Chapter can raise money. We are in pretty good shape for the year. During the Black Hills ride, one of our members went off the road. Two individuals stopped and help until they made sure that our member was okay. One of the individuals who helped was an artist. She sent a box of note cards that are all hand drawn and Ted is going to give everyone who participate in the Black Hills ride one of the cards.

Membership – We currently have 41 members. Susan sent out an email to individuals who had purchased an Indian in 2019 and 2020. We ended up with two new members because of the email.

We also discussed that Leadership is starting to think of ways we can bring variety to our meetings and make them more meaningful. For example, Dawn reached out to Ryan from the Dealership to present at our meeting on September 17th. Since most of the information we have been covering at the meetings is currently being sent out via the Informer and we post information on the website and Facebook. We want to make the meetings valuable for those who take time to attend. Suggestion was made to start having guest speakers. We need to start thinking outside the box - what do we have and what can we do to draw more members to participate.

Leadership will be putting together a survey to send out to the membership for their ideas as well. We will look at the previous survey that was sent out and if possible, use some of those questions as well as adding questions to elicit feedback from the membership.

Suggestion was made to have an option for members to pay \$35 for membership and give them a chapter patch as part of their membership. All suggestions and recommendations will be taken into consideration.

Marketing - Current safety tip is on Facebook and on the website. If you ever looking for a safety tip, all the past safety tips are posted on the website.

The website has a lot of information. For example, you may want to check out the Elite status offered by National Indian. There are a few benefits that might be of interest to you such as you get a \$25 birthday coupon and 20% of a motorcycle rental. This information is on our web site under Resources. The events calendar is also on the web site and is kept current. You can download the event calendar and import it into your own calendar.

Information about our Chapter and membership is also on the web site. The application form is posted on the web site and is available to download. Application forms can be filled out and either mailed or dropped off at the dealership.

If you have not checked out MTS - Motorcycle towing service, you may want to. They offer two different plans. They give a discount for IMRG members which is valid through 2021.

Pandemic has not slowed the Chapter down too much. We have had 23 events so far this year which is about 3 events per month. We have also ridden 2,228 miles as a Chapter.

Slack is our communication forum outside of Facebook. We are going to start being more aware and communicating more with Slack. Slack can be used to coordinate ad hoc rides, etc. If you do not have a slack log in, send an email to nocoimrg@gmail.com so that we can get you access.

Randall also handed out USBs that go into power source on our bikes.

Safety - Paul would like to present a 'Safety Chalk Talk' to the membership. This teaches the actual mitigating techniques to avoid risk from various types of accidents. He will look at getting something scheduled in the wintertime (possibly January/February timeframe) since this is a down time from riding. He will try to coordinate getting this set up at the dealership.

When you read or hear safety tips, you may not think you need them, but it may help you out when you least expect it. If there is a topic you want the Safety Director to cover, let us know either in person or sending an email to nocoimrg@gmail.com.

Meeting adjourned at 8.10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Neiman
Secretary