

Minutes of Minnesota Women on Wheels Charity Ride Committee Meeting
March 14, 2006 6:30 p.m.
At Byerly's Community Center, St. Louis Park

Those at the meeting were Vicki Breese, Mary Condon, Carolyn Garris, Carol Hauck, Dawn Johnson, Amy Kelley, Cheryl Knollenberg, Barb Kull, Judy McKeand, Jana Roberts, Karen Sims, Margie Sorlien, Lisa Spannbauer, and Colleen Schmidt from Day One Services.

Mary Condon started the meeting shortly after 6:30 p.m.

Selling Raffle Tickets

In general, good progress is being made with selling tickets. Vicki has deposited \$1,590 from ticket sales.

The Motorcycle

Mary reported that Chad from Kawasaki said we can get the motorcycle early. We need to determine which dealership will take delivery of the motorcycle and assemble it. Mary will ask Vicki Snowden if the Hitching Post would like to take delivery, assemble the motorcycle, and have it available for display on the day of the Ride. If "yes," then Mary will contact Tony at Delano Sports Center to discuss the plan with him.

In response to a question about whether the winner of the bike can exchange it for a different one, the answer is "no." The warranty designates a specific motorcycle.

A vote was taken to determine the color of the bike. Silver, red, and black were chosen and then narrowed down to red and silver. After the fourteen members split evenly on those two colors, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to finalize the vote for either red or silver.

Posters & Brochures

Everyone helped with folding Ride brochures. Thanks to Deb & Diane for the printing work.

Posters for the motorcycle raffle drawing and for the Ride for Survival were available. Each chapter should have them available for meetings and open houses. The larger motorcycle raffle posters have to have backing put on them.

Contributions & Commitments

The following list includes those mentioned at the meeting & those received previously:

Elsie Buck - \$20 (K.K. Memorial)
Delano Sports Center - \$250
Donald German - \$50 (K.K. Memorial)
Pan O'Gold – 550 buns (value \$100) 3rd Year Contributor
Van Paper Company – paper products such as paper towels, napkins, paper plates, etc.

Mary will ask Delano Sports if they will be able to contribute the same as they did last year. Last year they very generously provided advertising, their location, tables, wrist bands, coffee, juice, Danish rolls, beans, grill, extension cords, roasters, use of their cooking utensils, and a \$500 gift certificate.

Committee Notes

Advertising & Promotion – Amy & Gary Thorsett

Donation Tickets – Joan Gamble will sell tickets on the day of the Ride and will get workers

Entertainment – Barb Kull will call Ronnie, K.K.'s friend who provided the music at the Holiday Party, to ask if he would be interested in providing music on the day of the Ride

Food Committee – Barb Kull & Freeway Fran Carey

- Lunch will be hot dogs, chips, and beans, along with water and pop
- Bars will be served for dessert. The plan is to have 500 bars – 250 Rice Krispy bars and 250 seven-layer bars. However, there was also a request for brownies - plain brownies and brownies with nuts. Lisa Spannbauer will check with a friend who has a bakery to see if she can help with either providing some bars or providing space for people to do the baking. Also, members offered to bring bars.

Photography & Videography – Carolyn Garris & Ramona Damiani

- Marlene Morris has volunteered to help with her digital video camera

Pins - Terry Kabes & Deb Carpenter will design

Mary will talk to Cities Edge about possible donating the cost of the pins (around \$700), since it's planned that they'll be a stop on the ride

Prizes – Terry Kabes; Judy McKeand will keep records

A volunteer is needed for the Prizes co-chair position.

Registration – Amy Kelley & Cheryl Knollenberg

Amy is updating the list of registrants from the last two years & will create labels so we can mail the brochures at the next meeting

Ride Plan – Josey Wheeler & Dawn Johnson

- The ride plan is 80% completed. The roads look like they're in good condition and so, hopefully, would not be under construction during the Ride. The ride will go south and include Waconia, St. Boni, CR 140, and Cities Edge
- Cities Edge would be the first stop – they would be asked to have food available for riders; St. Boni dealership would be second stop – they would be asked to have something lighter available for the riders since the next stop would be back at Delano Sports Center for lunch

Silent Auction – Cathy Meyers & Karen Sims

T-Shirts for Committee Members – Jana Roberts

- t-shirts for the Committee Members will be the same pink as last year; same logo as last year (with the motorcycle and dove), but no year; the logo will be moved up higher on the shirt
- Committee Members pay for the t-shirts at cost

Toiletries Collection Boxes – Colleen Schmidt

Colleen said that there are 10 large boxes from last year available for collecting toiletries. The school students who helped last year with preparing the boxes won't be able to help this year. There were suggestions of various groups that might help with preparing boxes as a project – boy scouts, groups at schools, etc. In addition, members could prepare some collection boxes just by putting Ride information, Day One Services information, and a list of requested items on the boxes. Items that are requested include towels, sheets, diapers, blankets, and toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc. The toiletries can be various sizes because Colleen will divide them up among the shelters.

Traffic Control

- To be determined if Gary Thorsett will volunteer to be in charge of Traffic Control
- Ann O'Neill, Pam Brase's father, & Ken Pullis will help
- Mary will call Molly Dvorak (for cones, etc.)

Website

As contribution information becomes available, Carolyn will put information on the website www.RideForSurvival.org.

Contribution Commitment forms are available at www.mnwomenonwheels.org under "Ride for Survival."

The Contribution Commitment form indicates that those who donate less than \$250 will have their name on the "Thank You" banner at the ride site; those who contribute \$250 or more will have their name on the "Thank You" banner and also on the Ride for Survival website. It was decided that those who have contributed for a third year, even if it's not \$250, will also have their names on the Ride for Survival website, in addition to the "Thank You" banner.

Other

- A WOW membership will be given to the winner of the motorcycle raffle drawing.
- Not sure if Nextel phones will be available this year.
- Mary will get information about the radio promotion in which a novice rider's experiences will be tracked over several months, with the rider ending up at The Ride for Survival

Future Meetings

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 - 6:30 p.m. - Byerly's in St. Louis Park
we'll be stuffing envelopes & voting on a color for the motorcycle

Tuesday, May 9, 2006 - 6:30 p.m.

NOTE: Mary was told that Byerly's in St. Louis Park is not available for May 9th, so Location To Be Determined.

Tuesday, June 13, 2006 - 6:30 p.m. Byerly's in St. Louis Park

Tuesday, July 11, 2006 - 6:30 p.m. - The Hitching Post, Coon Rapids
there will be demo rides, discounts, lunch

Tuesday, August 8, 2006 - 6:30 p.m. - Delano Sports Center

Saturday, August 19, 2006 - The Ride

The meeting ended around 7:45 p.m.