

**ATLANTIC CANADA MOTOR MAIDS
WRAP-UP & PLANNING MEETING**

**September 25, 2010
Stonehame Lodge, Scotsburn, Nova Scotia**

Present: Lynne Campbell, Crystal Cadeau, Peggy Dingle, Vicki Gesner, Coleen Murphy, Gail Neilson, Amanda Pape, Elizabeth Pass, Denise Pelrine, Chris Sprague, Cheryl Veinot, Anne Weeden

1. Reports – 2010 Riding Season

- 1.1 District Director (Anne W.):** All agreed that 2010 was a great riding season with organized rides held almost every week! Anne was pleased to report that we have 6 new members (Crystal C., Denise P., Chris S., Terri L., Lisa H., & Heather M.). Welcome all!!

Year end letters will be sent shortly from National and are due November 15th.

Highlights of the season included the Flag Exchange with Maine in Calais, Eastern Canada Meet in St. Andrews and Convention in Cody in July.

Anne thanked everyone for their participation and support over the year. She noted that she is willing to continue as District Director for 2011.

- 1.2 Treasurer (Lynne C.):** Lynne reported that we have approximately \$25 with a few outstanding items. In follow up to last year's meeting, Lynne advised that she contacted Manu about the funds she is holding on behalf of the District. Manu indicated that she will forward to Lynne as soon as possible.

- 1.3 Safety (Peggy D.):** The ride to the meeting was discussed along with strategies to improve our group riding skills with an emphasis on safety.

ACTION: Peggy agreed to post an overview of our discussion on our website.

Those who attended the refresher riding skills course in May agreed that it was a worthwhile activity.

ACTION: An e-mail will be sent out in February/March 2011 to determine interest in participating in a similar course early in the riding season.

Everyone thanked Peggy for her monthly safety blogs which focus on relevant and timely issues.

- 1.4 Website (Coleen M.):** Coleen acknowledged that the Multiply website that we are using does have limitations. She reminded members that, in order to read District-specific events, you must log into the site first.

A suggestion was made that we should be using the website site more to avoid multiple e-mails.

- DECISION:** All agreed that details regarding rides will be posted on the Multiply website. An initial e-mail will be sent to everyone advising them to go to the website for details.
- 1.5 Ride Coordinators (Vicki G. & Lynne C.):** Vicki and Lynne reported that, for 2011, they will develop a list of rides that people can choose from as opposed to scheduling rides for specific dates. This approach will provide more flexibility for people's schedule and, of course, the weather.
- ACTION:** Members are asked to send suggestions for potential rides to Vicki and Lynne.
- 1.6 Historian (Elizabeth P.):** Elizabeth showed the albums she has created which contain information on our District. She will continue to collect items to help document our District's events.
- ACTION:** Members are asked to contact Elizabeth if they have anything they would like to include in the District's history.
- 1.7 2010 MM Convention in Cody:** A slideshow of this year's convention will be shown later in the evening. Elizabeth, Lynne and Gail shared their experiences at Convention with those present and encouraged everyone to consider attending Grand Rapids in 2011.

Anne congratulated Lynne and Elizabeth for the awards they received for the most miles travelled to Convention.

2. Planning for 2011 Riding Season

- 2.1 Monthly Meetings:** All agreed that our monthly meetings will be held at various locations throughout the region in 2011 with the goal once again being to have one in each area of the District where there is a member
- ACTION:** Members are asked to post suggestions on locations for monthly meetings on the website Blog.
- 2.2 Contests:** All agreed that the 2 contests held in 2010 were fun and there was interest in doing this again in 2011. Some suggestions were having a photo taken with a "giant thing" or a "statute."
- ACTION:** Members are asked to post suggestions for contests on the website Blog. We will decide on contests for 2011 at the January 2011 meeting.
- 2.3 Meet/Ride with Eastern Canada:** Anne is working with Nancy Hooper to organize a weekend somewhere in Maine the weekend of August 6 & 7, 2011.
- 2.4 Membership Promotion Events:** Anne reported that she has heard that Biker Bash won't be held in Halifax in 2011 which is unfortunate since this event has been a great recruiting event for

our District. She has been approached by Masters Promotion to participate in a women's event (Women on Wheels) at the Bike Show in February 2011 in Moncton.

ACTION: Anne will distribute information on the Moncton event to the group when received.

ACTION: Members will send suggestions on potential membership promotion events to Anne.

2.5 Fundraising Events: All agreed that the District will participate in organized rides/fundraising events again in 2011 as a way of contributing to our community as well as increasing the visibility of our District within the Atlantic Provinces.

ACTION: Members will send information about organized rides/fundraising events for posting on the website's calendar.

2.6 2011 Convention in Grand Rapids: A number of members indicated that they plan to attend the Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The hotel is now taking reservations and members were encouraged to book early to ensure they stay at the host hotel.

ACTION: A meeting will be scheduled in February 2011 to begin ride planning to Grand Rapids.

2.7 Convention Shirt Design: Catalogues with shirt samples were reviewed and discussed.

ACTION: Denise agreed to contact the supplier to get samples for members to review at the October monthly meeting.

2.8 Convention Bid for 2015: The possibility of hosting a convention somewhere in Atlantic Canada in 2015 was discussed. All agreed that this would require a significant commitment from members in order to proceed.

DECISION: As a first step in determining our ability to host a convention, we will start looking at various facilities in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m. for dinner and social time.

Safe riding everyone!