

Rig Riders Houston Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2023 – 2 Gun's 51 Ranch (Teague, TX)

Closed Meeting Topics:

Brandon Davidson (Brando) President

- Opened meeting and welcomed members.
 - Mark Mabile (Sarg) National SAA interrupted and said we have a non-member in the meeting.
 - Sonny was patched in but didn't recite the Club Oath. He then led Sonny and the club members present in reciting the oath.
- Sign-In Sheet going around and 50/50 being sold by Juan Wayne.
- Reminded Sponsors to keep Hangarounds/Prospects informed as necessary of club events.
- Crisco, Limey and Dr Phil could not make the meeting and sent apologies.
- Thanked the Election and Bylaw Committee for their work.
- Thanked the other officers for their service to the club last year.
- Thanked the club members for making the club the best club around.
- Opened floor to Chris Miller (Satch) National President.
 - Satch announced the 2023 Houston Officers.
 - Presented VP patch to Flaco.
- Made a statement about the loss of Chris (Festus) Hawkins. Will take a shot of the club mascot tequila and leave the remainder of the bottle to be displayed in 2 Gun's bar at 51. Club members did a shot for Festus. Memorial patches available for purchase.
- Let everyone know that he will open the floor during the open meeting for anyone to share stories/memories about Festus.
- Let everyone know that Lonestar is in the hospital and not doing well.
- Opened the floor for any members to share regarding Festus.
 - Sarg, Roughneck, 2 Guns, Gator, Brando, Patticake, Satch, Juan Wayne, Sonny, Doc, Slo Hand and Timbo shared stories with the club members.
- OHH made a payment to Festus' wife and family.
- The GoFundMe raised was split 50/50 and given to Festus' wife and family as well.
- Tha Fam MC President, Big Bode, gave 2 plaques to Brando for Festus.
- We need to vote on a proposed budget for any events over \$1,500. (Satch commented that every chapter will have to propose budgets and vote on them for their events.)
- The current RRMC Rally budget is at \$8,600 not including food (Goal is to have this sponsored).
 - One comment was raised by Fraser (Buzzard) McDowell but after discussion it was retracted.
 - Mark (Sarg) Mabile made a motion to approve the \$8,600 rally budget.
 - Chris (Satch) Miller seconded the motion.
 - Vote was unanimous to approve the rally budget.

- Brando discussed buying one gun for chip squares and 5 guns for the RRMCC Rally raffle with a budget of \$4k +/- 10% for the six guns.
 - Chappy stated that Midland Chapter plans to bring an additional gun to the rally to raise money for the Mother Chapter.
 - Chris (Satch) Miller made a motion to approve this budget.
 - Justin (Roughneck) Irwin seconded the motion.
 - Vote was unanimous to approve the gun budget.

Juan Campos (Juan Wayne) Treasurer

- Reviewed the Chapter Financials as well as the GoFundMe for Festus

Juan Wayne on behalf of Tim Crist (Crisco) Secretary

- Reviewed minutes from previous club meeting at Rita's (Brookshire, TX)
 - Motion to accept by Danny (Dirty D) Davidson
 - Seconded by Fraser (Buzzard) McDowell

Justin Irwin (Roughneck) SAA

- Discussed current events related to Red/Gold and Red/Grey.
- Having connections on social media with some clubs could be an issue to other clubs. Might be a good idea to purge this and refrain from sharing things, tagging people, sharing locations, etc.
- Be very careful and mindful of this issue and stay aware.

Member Comments:

- Patrice (Patticake) Lenhart – Thanked everyone for their support with her mom passing and also for their support for the Snowdrop Run. Her goal was \$6k and she ended up with \$10k.
- Bruce (Gator) Smotherman – Wanted to recognize Doc for helping Festus out with the camper that he lived in.
- Fraser (Buzzard) McDowell – Asked about member status as a result of dues or attendance.
- Chappy (Midland) – Asked question about National Finances. (Answered by National)
- Mark (Sarg) Mabile – Made a statement about the need to have 2 signatures on checks from the club accounts.
- Ace Midland Chapter – Midland's annual Sporting Clays tournament is 3/30/23, invited everyone to participate.

Joe Morris (Senior) Texas Defender Update

- Senior was at the National Council of Clubs meeting in St. Louis with the COC&I Advisory Team so he could not attend the club meeting.

Chris Miller (Satch) National President

- Thanked 2 Guns and Stephanie for hosting the meeting at their place.
- Thanked Roughneck for cooking for the meeting.

- Marc LeBlanc (Tipsy) National Secretary/Treasurer apologized for not being present. He received a letter from the TX Comptroller for 501c tax exempt status but was required to submit paperwork from 2004 through 2021.
- Tyler has submitted their dues to National, but Houston and Midland have not yet submitted theirs.
- Club is trying to work towards 1 bank account and each chapter will have separate P&L statement and visibility to all accounts.
- Proposing \$1,500 per chapter for pre-approved expenditures.
- Sarg asked chapters about club patches they have. All patches to be sent to National and Lefty is now keeping track of all of them.
- Filled everyone in on the reason the memorial patches have a lower case "c" on RRMC.

Brandon Davidson (Brando) President

- Rally Update:
 - Venue is secured – book your rooms now.
 - We need donations, sponsors, door prizes, etc. reach out to everyone you can.
 - Next Rally Committee Meeting is Wednesday 2/22/23 at TP Woodlands
- Ride Committee Update: (Slo Hand)
 - Rally in May
 - Maggie Valley, NC ride in June
 - Big Country is trying to put together a Colorado ride.
 - Still not sure if there is time for a Big Bend Ride.
- Next Month's Meeting location:
 - Wildcatter's – 1
 - **Twin Peaks Woodlands – 18 (Meeting will be here)**
 - Bullet Grill – 1

Open Meeting Topics:

Brandon Davidson (Brando) President

- Welcomed members, prospects and guests and called the meeting to order.
- Guests in attendance:
 - Katlyn Hawkins and Husband
 - Blue's Sister-in-Law
 - Manny (Tyler)
- Reminded everyone to sign attendance sheet.
- Held Pledge of Allegiance
- Opened floor for anyone to share stories/memories about Festus.
- 50/50 Drawing (\$430 - Sonny)
- Closing Prayer (Pray for Lonestar)