

# Rig Riders Houston Chapter Meeting Minutes

Nov 16, 2019 – Tommy (2 Guns) Child's Place (Teague, TX)

## Closed Meeting Topics:

Dave Godfrey (Limey) President

- Opened meeting and welcomed members
- Sign In Sheet going around
- Reminded Sponsors to keep Prospects and Hangarounds updated as necessary
- Reminded everyone that we will be voting on 2 proposed bylaw changes in the January Meeting
  - Not allowing any more women in the club
  - Not allowing club members to become sponsors of their family members or friends (There was some discussion concerning this topic and it was decided to drop the "friend" verbiage and leave the "family" verbiage in the bylaw change proposal)
- Reminded everyone that we would be officially starting the Tyler Chapter today and had a lot of information to cover
- Patrice (Patticake) Lenhart will be running in the Snowdrop Run again this year and asked for RRMC support
  - Fraser Motioned we donate \$3,000 and it was Seconded by Topsy (11 votes)
  - Roughneck offered to donate \$1,000 in addition to the club donation
  - Gator Motioned we donate \$3,500 and it was Seconded by Dr Phil **(14 votes)**
  - Club voted in favor of \$3,500 donation to Snowdrop Run
- Marc (Topsy) LeBlanc would like RRMC to support the Susan G Komen on behalf of Mary-Anne
  - Limey Motioned we donate \$1,000 (No Second)
  - Satch Motioned we donate \$1,500 and it was Seconded by Bulldog **(26 votes)**
  - Club voted in favor of \$1,500 donation to Susan G Komen
- 5 Prospects are up for vote today, called up Sponsors to say something about their Prospects and hold a club vote on each
  - Blood sponsored Bobby Smithson (No Vote today) There were several comments and a discussion concerning Bobby's progress and as per bylaws the No Vote carries and Bobby will continue his journey
  - 2 Guns sponsored Shawn Gray (Yes Vote) Roadname Shaggy
  - Doc sponsored John Wise (Yes Vote) Roadname Whisper
  - Doc sponsored Stephen Fugate (Yes Vote) Roadname Crash
  - Doc sponsored Aaron Thornburg (Yes Vote) Roadname Big Country

Kalan Binder (B-Dazzle) Treasurer

- Reviewed Club Financials

#### Tim Callais (Flaco) Secretary

- Reviewed minutes from previous club meeting at Voodoo Hut (Kemah, TX)
  - Motion to accept by James (Chopper) LaFountain
  - Seconded by Roger (Rocket) Smith

#### Joe Parks (Bulldog) Sargent at Arms

- Reminded everyone that they have to sign in on the sign in sheet as we used this to determine attendance
- Although we don't officially have to check in when wearing cuts out of area we should still let Bulldog know if we are going to Galveston with cuts so that he can make a courtesy call in advance
- If someone is "out bad" from another club we are not allowed to associate with them with our cuts on (explained the difference between "out" and "out bad")
- There was an open discussion about how important it is for us to be neutral as a club especially given Bulldog's position in the TCOC&I
- Discussed the responsibility of a Sponsor
- Discussed the event that occurred at Lonestar Rally and about getting out of situations as a group and accounting for everyone
  - Marc (Topsy) LeBlanc discussed a situation at Lonestar and how everyone should stay sober and that Prospects should shadow members at all times if they have to leave the group for any reason
  - Mark (Sarg) Mabile thanked everyone that attended Lonestar Rally for their behavior as he had sent a specific message out prior to the event

#### Phil Kaufman (Dr Phil) Nomination Committee Chairman

- Gave an update on the nominations, all current officers are running again for 2020 and Tim (Timbo) Beals is running for the Treasurer's Position along with Kalan (B-Dazzle) Binder
- The 2020 Ballot will be posted on the RRMCM Website before the January Meeting

#### Chris Miller (Satch) National President

- Club is growing, we will be starting a new chapter today
- Told a story about Galveston Shot Bar for Lonestar Rally, the owner was us to partner with him for next year's rally (we will follow up leading up to the rally next year)
- Thanked everyone that showed up for the RRMCM check presentation to OHH at Blackhorse Golf Club, it was a record donation for RRMCM and we have now achieved Elite Status with OHH which comes with several perks
- An RRMCM National Checking Account has been established and will be funded by merchandise and patch sales

## Closed Tyler Chapter Patch Ceremony

Dave Godfrey (Limey) President Houston Chapter welcomed the 4 newly patched club members and turned the ceremony over to Mark Mabile (Sarg) National SAA

Mark Mabile (Sarg) National Sargent at Arms

- Gave a brief explanation of the National Structure, Houston Chapter and Midland Chapter
- Turned the ceremony over to Chris Miller (Satch) National President

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- Introduced the Officers, Directors and Founder present
- Read a quote from Fraser "This club is like a muscle; if you work at it, it will become stronger. If you don't, it will wither away"
- Stated that by the power given to him by the RRMC National Bylaws he submitted that the Tyler Chapter be created and that the National Organization was in possession of the proposed bylaws of the Tyler Chapter
- Asked Sarg to lead the newly patched members along with the patched members present in taking the Rig Rider's Oath
- Asked Doc and 2 Guns to come up and appoint their Tyler Chapter officers:
  - Thomas Wise (Doc) President
  - Tommy Childs (2 Guns) Vice President
  - John Wise (Whisper) Treasurer
  - Shawn Gray (Shaggy) Secretary
    - Stephen Fugate (Crash) was appointed SAA
    - Aaron Thornburg (Big Country) was appointed Road Captain
- Called Houston (Mother) Chapter officers up to present their equivalent officers with their Tyler Chapter patches and say a little something about the club and their position in it

Joe Parks (Bulldog) Sargent at Arms

- Presented each officer with a knife and discussed its significance

Mark Mabile (Sarg) National Sargent at Arms

- Brought Tyler Chapter officers up and discussed responsibilities
- Tyler Chapter Prospects were voted on by officers and presented with cuts
  - Chuck Whalen, Ricky Whalen and Bronson Vasquez
- Houston Chapter Prospect Danny Davidson was declared but cut was not ready in time
- Explained the history of the big blue tequila bottle, passed out shots to everyone and had a toast to the new Tyler Chapter

## Open Meeting Topics:

Dave Godfrey (Limey) President

- Welcomed members, prospects and guests and called the meeting to order
- Reminded everyone to sign attendance sheet
- Held Pledge of Allegiance (Presented by Prospects)
- Asked any guests to introduce themselves:

**Guests or Hangarounds in attendance:**

Shyann and Mason – FatKat  
Jesse – Midland Hangaround  
Lauren Wise – Doc  
Renee’ Wise – Doc  
Cole Wise – Doc  
Danna Watson – Bingo

**Prospects in attendance:**

Kevin King  
Bobby Smithson  
RJ  
Danny Davidson  
Bronson Vasquez  
Ricky Whalen  
Chuck Whalen

- Called Stacey Cocks up for a “birthday cake” presentation that ended up being a surprise proposal from Herb (Smiley) Naden (yes, she said yes)
- Upcoming rides, Wreaths Across America then Hangover Ride to Snowdrop Run
- Christmas Party will be at Jailhouse Saloon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of December

Chris Miller (Satch) National President

- Thanked Tommy and Stephanie Childs for hosting the event at their place
- Thanked Midland Chapter for showing up to support the startup of the Tyler Chapter
- Introduced Thomas Wise (Doc) President - Tyler Chapter and asked him to say a few words
  - Doc thanked everyone for their support in making the Tyler Chapter a reality
  - Brought up Tyler Chapter officers and presented them with their patches
  - Introduced Tyler Chapter Prospects Chuck, Ricky and Bronson
  - Thanked Chuck and Brenda for their work in cooking for the whole club and guests
- Lone Star Rally coming up

Member Comments:

- **Howard Cook (Lonestar)** – Discussed his admiration for Big Country and his efforts as a Prospect – presented him with his RRMC Ring

Dave Godfrey (Limey) President

- 50/50 Drawing (Stacey Cocks \$740)
- Door Prize winner Dave Godfrey (Limey) – Bottle of Crown
- Door Prize winner Stephen Fugate (Crash) – Bottle of Crown

Closing prayer by Dave Godfrey (Limey)