

# Lowcountry IMRG #1988 Meeting 11/01/2025 American Biker of Charleston

# Meeting called to order at 10:08am by Joe "Cujo" Curtis

Officers present: Joe "Cujo" Curtis, Dave "Harley" Paciotti, David "Gadget" Cajio,

Officers not present: Michael "Robo" Roach

**Members present:** Scott "Ponce" Bailey, Chris "Brimstone" Caudill, Lee Granger, Ben "Jet Lag" Johnson, Steve Purdy, Derrick Rhodes, Jennifer Stone, Kay Taylor, Judith Thurman, Braam Van

Dyk, Tanja Van Dyk, Buddy Webb, Michelle Webb, Sheryl Weinreich

(Buddy Webb/Steve Purdy) Motion to approve the minutes as corrected

17 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries

# **Meeting Minutes**

# Joe "Cujo" Curtis - President

# **Upcoming Events**

- 11/22 Toys for Tots Ride
- 12/6 December Monthly Meeting
  - Announcement of 2026 Officers
  - Opening of 2026 Director Nominations
- 1/1 New Year's Ride
- 1/3 January Monthly Meeting

## **Folds of Honor Update**

- During the chapter's trip to Daytona/Biketoberfest, the President met with Southeast regional leadership and multiple chapter Presidents.
- The general consensus across the region was clear:

There was a significant lack of support and communication from both Folds of Honor and Indian Motorcycle Corporate.

- Chapters reported:
  - No meaningful engagement from the charity
  - No effective support from Indian
  - o Confusion, mixed messaging, and poor coordination
- Chapters collectively expressed they do not wish to participate next year unless major improvements are made.
- For now, the plan for our chapter is to complete only the **minimum required** participation unless changes occur.
- Notably, the top-performing Southeast chapter (Palm Bay) raised \$12,000 yet received almost no recognition — reinforcing the region's concerns.

# **Clubs vs. Riding Groups Discussion**

The President provided clarification on the difference between motorcycle **clubs** and **riding groups**:

- This was not intended to disparage clubs.
- The goal was to help members understand expectations within our riding group structure, especially regarding:
  - o Professional representation of the chapter
  - Adherence to the Code of Conduct and Bylaws
- Attendance is not mandatory. Members are welcome to participate as often or as little as their schedules allow.
- Members may ride with anyone they choose, but should remain aware of how their conduct and associations may reflect on themselves and the group.

# David "Harley" Paciotti - VP

- Recruitment efforts are going well.
- We may have **two new potential members** joining soon.
- Membership status: **39 paid members**.

# David "Gadget" Cajio - Secretary

Recent chapter magazines have been successfully returned/distributed.

# Joe "Cujo" Curtis - Treasurer

# Accounts as of this meeting:

Bank Balance: \$2,623.04
Petty Cash: \$140.00
Swag Account: \$40.00
Vets Fund: \$40.00
50/50 Fund: \$50.00
Supplies: -\$45.71

Total Funds: \$2,847.33

(Chris "Brimstone" Caudille/Scott "Ponce" Bailey) Motion to approve the treasurer's report as corrected

17 in favor/0 opposed/0 abstention. Motion Carries

# **Old Business**

#### Sale of Indian to Private Equity

- President Joe "Cujo" Curtis shared his impressions:
  - Atmosphere and outlook appear positive so far.
  - Expectation of more focus on the Indian Motorcycle brand rather than Polaris as a whole.
  - New CEO has a Harley-Davidson background, which may bring beneficial insight.

# **Chip Challenge**

- No new chips to hand out at this meeting.
- Completion deadline extended to end of December.
   Winners to be announced during the January meeting.
- Four members have completed the challenge so far.
- Joe "Cujo" Curtis is removing himself from prize eligibility.

# **Tent Pricing**

• Jason Werner is in the process of gathering pricing information.

#### **Folds of Honor**

- Steve Purdy asked whether all prizes had been delivered.
  - o President confirmed they had.
  - Noted that some winners (e.g., Dustin) may not contact the chapter promptly due to busy schedules.

#### **New Business**

# **Swap Meet Proposal**

• Steve Purdy recommended the chapter consider hosting a future **swap meet**.

#### **Guest Welcome**

Raquel introduced herself and was warmly welcomed to the group.

# The Gathering

- Joe Curtis announced that **The Gathering** dates have been released.
  - Event will be held in **June in Clemson**.

#### **Ghost Tour**

- No dates announced yet.
  - The event will be held in **Mobile**, **Alabama** this year, typically in October.

# 2025 Group Ride Planning

- Planning is underway for next year's big chapter ride.
  - Current target location: Helen, Georgia.
  - o Goal is to finalize accommodations (hotel) by **January/February**.

# **Action Items**

Action	Assigned To	Due
Dates and hotel for IMRG group ride	Joe "Cujo" Cirtus	02/15/2026
Tent Pricing	David "Gadget" Cajio	12/01/2025

(Buddy Webb/Scott "Ponce" Bailey) Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. by Joe "Cujo" Curtis

Respectfully submitted, David "Gadget" Cajio, Secretary Lowcountry IMRG #1988