



**February 10, 2018 @ 12:30pm  
Solomon's Castle**

**Mission:** To share in the love of motorcycling and develop a special bond and camaraderie that is solely unique to women. Assist in empowering and enabling other women to ride and help them experience the joy that biking brings. Promote safety and responsible riding and set a good example in the community. Help others who are less fortunate than ourselves through fundraising events. And never, ever forget the fact that **WE ARE HERE TO HAVE FUN AND RIDE!**

## **Gulf Coast Diva Angels Meeting Minutes**

**The Power of One** Each of us possesses the inner ability to do great things and inspire other people. But when these individuals combine with others who share similar passions and beliefs, positive synergy occurs and truly amazing things are accomplished that would not have been possible by ourselves. A journey starts with just one step but a journey of a lifetime involves other people. The Diva Angel organization is a journey of a lifetime with each one of us taking that first step at some point in our lives. The Power of One drawing is to acknowledge those members who inspire others to attend meetings and join our incredible group of women. One life really can make a difference. That one life is YOU!

### **1. Welcome and Guest Introductions**

Lunch at Solomon's Castle after a great ride on a beautiful day!

In Attendance:

Kathie Minidis, Deb Alsko, Melanie Puccini, Debbie Stanley, Loretta Wronowski, Susan Schaefer, and guest, KJ Smolarek (who will be renewing her membership)

Revisited and discussed the Power of One gift to new members which has gone by the wayside. It was voted on and approved that the Power of One should be a membership role and added to memberships' job description. A small gift will be purchased and given to a new member and membership is to give the receipt to the treasurer for reimbursement.

### **2. Outcome of Officer Meeting**

→Focus for Gulf Coast Chapter in 2018

Identifying other organizations having charity fundraising events focusing on women and / or children to assist.

Recruiting women bikers who are willing and able to participate in Diva activities to join the chapter.

Ride!

→Officer Job descriptions

As discussed at the last meeting, we have decided not to sponsor a charity but to join another groups' causes when the opportunity arises. Melanie Puccini has volunteered to take suggestions if anyone has a small local charity that we might like to help out with, or if you have an interest in another groups cause that we would like to offer our help with.

Loretta Wronowski is working on compiling pictures and making them digital for better organization and viewing for the scrapbook. Let's try to get everything organized and in one place to help Loretta out. Also let's try to take more pictures at events.

We need to focus on more rides! A private member only Diva Angel Gulf Coast facebook group has been created for posting spontaneous rides. Be a sisterhood! Other ideas are welcome.

### **3. Chapter renewals, forms, motorcycle endorsements and proof of insurance**

- Dues: \$15 national for existing members, \$15 for chapter – cutoff February 16, 2018 midnight

We currently have 16 members. Still need dues, renewal forms, endorsements and insurance from some members if they wish to renew. Deadline was changed to Feb. 16, 2018 at midnight. If members have not renewed, nor requested an extension, they will no longer be Diva Angels.

Concerns about membership: We need more riders!! We need to recruit women bikers who are willing and able to ride and participate. When you see women riders, talk to them, carry information with you when out riding or at events.

Donna DeFant has Diva business cards in stock for us to pass out. Be a cheerleader for the Diva's and recruit!

4. Safety Briefing – ride concerns, questions, tips

The sweep (last) rider cannot always see the lead rider turn signals, so it is important that all riders use their turn signals to follow the lead.

The wing (2<sup>nd</sup>) rider should help the lead with directions and pace.

- Diva Road Rules – feedback? questions?

5. ALL Member discussion items:

- Upcoming events – questions? suggestions?

Donna Defant and Melanie Puccini to set up and organize the table and information about the Diva Angels at Roberts Arena for Thunder on the Bay. Thanks to all who participated!

- March meeting – brainstorm day & ride to meeting place; discussion topics

Due to the busy schedule in March (scavenger hunt, St. Patty's Day, Daytona Bikeweek, etc), the next meeting will be a dinner meeting only. There will be no group ride.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

The Meadows - Social 6:00pm Meeting 7:00pm

- Chapter Website page

Gulf Coast website page is outdated (most recent news is 2012) and needs updating. Will need member input on what to replace with what. Future topic.

6. Good news sharing

7. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 2:00pm for group pictures.

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**Upcoming events & dates – see calendar or activity document for details**

- Friday –Sunday 2-15 to 2-18-2018 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunder by the Bay Motorcycle Festival [www.thunderbythebay.org](http://www.thunderbythebay.org)
- Sunday 2-18 Annual Diva Angels All Chapter 2017 and 2018 Directors Meeting
- Sunday, 3-4 Nite Train Scavenger Hunt
- Sunday, 3-11 St. Patty's Day Poker Run for the Humane Society

**Gulf Coast Diva Angels Officers**

Director – Kathie Minidis

Assistant Director – Donna DeFant

Treasurer – Meribeth Miller

Secretary – Susan Schaefer

Membership –Melanie Puccinis

Media/Marketing - Donna DeFant

Activities – Kathie Minidis

Fundraising – Melanie Puccinis

Clothing/accessories – Amy Barco

Road Captains: Donna DeFant & Deb

Stanley

Sunshine: Susan Goslin

Scrapbook: Loretta Wronowski