



Gulf Coast Diva Angels Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2018 @ 1:00pm

Columbia, 411 St. Armands Circle, Sarasota

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!**

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!

Mission Statement was read by Amy Barco

Power of One was read by Debbie Stanley

The Proposed Minutes for March were table to the May meeting.

1. Welcome, New Member, and Guest Introductions

Attendance:

Kathie Minidis, Debbie Stanley, Loretta Wronowski, Donna DeFant, Amy Barco and Kj Smolarek

- **No new members and no guest**
- **Susan Haley will not renew her membership for 2018.**

2. Diva Awards and Birthdays

Loretta Wronowski – May 3rd

Debbie Stanley – August 27th

3. Safety Briefing – ride concerns, questions, tips

- **Donna DeFant stated that she would forward an email to the membership regarding, “Observing the Direction a cars front tires are angled”. Being able to use your peripheral vision to gauge the driver beginning to turn their vehicle.**
- **Kathie Minidis reinforced the need to watch for the Road Captain to make lane changes and to not lead from the back of the pack.**

4. Member Recruitment ideas / activities

- **Melanie Puccini has informed Kathie Minidis that she will be absent for several months. Could a Diva step up and fill in for Melanie while she is away – Membership in particular?**
- **Interested was expressed regarding attending Bike Night at Hooter’s on 41 & Stickney. Could someone check this out?**
- **Applebee’s Bike Night has become more focused towards Crotch Rocket trick riding practice activities. Not a recommended venue for Diva recruiting.**
- **Requesting suggestions for other Bike Nights.**

5. Mileage contest update
 - **Membership had agreed to enter the contest among all Diva Chapters.**
 - **Please forward your mileage each month to Kathie Minidis if you would like her to enter the data on your behalf.**
 - **You are still able to enter the data on the website yourself if you rather.**

6. Marketing / Media
 - **Donna DeFant will write an article for the Full Throttle Magazine.**
 - **No update regarding the Chapter's trifold. Donna will follow up with Susan G when she returns from vacation.**
 - **Loretta Wronowski has agreed to work Donna DeFant regarding updating the Website with current photos, captions and articles during the summer months.**
 - **For \$10.00 we are able to have Roadname Patches made at the same location in the Red Barn that does our Diva Angel embroidery.**
 - **If you have a name chosen for yourself present it at the next meeting for a vote or you risk the chance of the Chapter naming you.**

7. ALL Member discussion items:
 - **Leesburg Bikefest, April 27 – 29, Loretta Wronowski stated that she was attending**
 - **National Ladies Day Conference, May 4 – 5, Kathie has offered her home in Homosassa for those attending the conference.**
 - **Debbie Stanley and KJ Smolarek express concerns regarding the constant moving of the Chapter's meeting location and time. Concern for the statues of the Non-profit eligibility. Is efficient notice being given to the public for attendance.**
 - **Motion was made by Donna DeFant and supported by KJ Smolarek to reinstate the meeting date and time as stipulated by the By-laws of the Chapter. Monthly meetings will resume on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm for Social hour with the meeting beginning at 7:00pm. The motion was approved by 6-0 vote.**
 - **May 12th a ride to the Pioneer Restaurant is scheduled.**

8. Good news sharing

9. Adjourn.

Motion by Debbie Stanley and supported by Loretta Wronowski to adjourn the meeting at 2:05pm. Motion approved 6-0 vote.

Gulf Coast Diva Angels Officers

Director – Kathie Minidis	Road Captains: Donna DeFant & Deb Stanley
Assistant Director – Donna DeFant	Sargeant of Arms & Sunshine: KJ Smolarek
Treasurer – Meribeth Miller	Scrapbook: Loretta Wronowski
Secretary – Susan Schaefer	
Membership –Melanie Puccinis	
Media/Marketing - Donna DeFant	
Activities – Kathie Minidis	
Fundraising – Melanie Puccini	
Clothing/Accessories – Amy Barco	