



Smiles for your Miles

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Wrap-Up of 2022 Annual General Meeting

2022 was a very busy year for the HOG Namibia members—We had our Up's and Down's, many highlights but also a few downs. The important issues raised at the AGM, however, need repeating.

We ended the year with 60 Full – and Associated members, all in good standing.

Financially, the Chapter is on sound footing, but undertaking was given to be prudent with the spending

An increase of 10% membership fee for both Full– and Associate members was approved

The last three financial years were audited successfully, with feedback on page 2 of this Newsletter

The name “Skeleton Coast Rally” was formally registered with BIPA, with HOG Namibia Chapter, being the owner

A few amendments were made to our By-laws, these being :

- ♦ To avoid “Chapter hopping”, newcomers will ride for a minimum of three months cut-less, i.e. no HOG Eagle emblem. Criteria to qualify for the Rocker is still the attendance of a pack-riding program
- ♦ Members who had left the Chapter may be readmitted by the sole discretion of the reigning Primary Officers

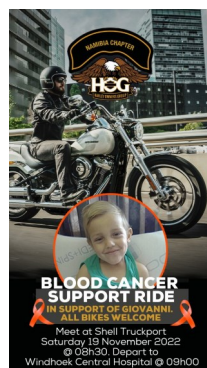
The HOG Namibia Chapter has also joined the Sub-Saharan Association of Chapters, representing all HOG Chapters to ensure that our interests are being attended to by HOG International.

The HOG Namibia Chapter was also a signatory to the founding meeting of the Namibian Motorcycle Council.

During 2023 we will grow from strength to strength.



- That's how the year started



On Saturday, 19 November 2022, the HOG Namibia Chapter invited all bikers to join the members in a Blood Cancer Support Ride to the Central Hospital in Windhoek, where Giovanni was laid up with leukemia. The turn-out was phenomenal and with the roar of the bikes, Giovanni and all patients at the hospital were sent prayers and support from the biking community. An impromptu ride was extended to the Katutura State Hospital, where also those patients were sent good vibes for speedy recovery from the local bikers. Thank you for your support.





Poker Run 2022

Following the Annual General Meeting, the traditional Poker Run took its course. After drawing the first card at Hotel Deutsches Haus, the pack first went to visit the **Ruach Elohim** house in Swakop, where we handed over the proceeds from our Charity Drive at the Annual Motorcycle Show. Very emotional but encouraging to see the dedication as personified by Ronel and Dick Peters who take in abandoned and unwanted babies.

The pack went of to Erik's cove for the next draw. Very cosy at the Cove, so much so, that the next run to Windpomp, where the last two cards were to be drawn, was abandoned and the remaining poker hand was drawn at Erik's cove, in a relaxed mood.

A different spin was introduced to the Poker Run, by introducing the "Dead Man's Hand", prom-

ising a N\$ 1000 spot price for anyone who draws the Ace and Eight of Spade and Club respectively—no takers. In the end, the winning hand was a Trip —Well Done Sharon !



YESTERDAY IS HISTORY
TOMORROW IS MYSTERY
**RIDE & LIVE
TODAY**



HOG Namibia Chapter—Odometer Challenge

The HOG Namibia Chapter Odometer Challenge is an in-Chapter challenge (although the milage can also be used for the HOG International challenge).

Rules are simple—you submit your odometer reading as soon as possible after the AGM, ride to your heart's content for 12 months and resubmit your odometer challenge by end-October the following year. (Thanks Peter, for keeping record of this)

By simple calculations, (?) we can determine how many kilometers you have ridden you bike over the 12 month period, which is then your entry into the challenge.

If you have not done so for the 2022/2023 period, do so now as your bike was made for riding! For those already participating in the challenge, your closing odometer reading in 2022, is automatically

your opening odometer reading for 2022/2023.

So the question is, what were the distances, and by whom were these ridden?

Renier—147 km
Martin—2313 km
Grant—2337 km
Henning—2606 km
Vincent—3145 km
Basie—4421 km
Bertie—7655 km
Natascha v H— 8132 km
Reinhard—10 456 km
Dunja—10 741 km
Manfred—11 222 km
Peter—16 063 km
Kenlis—16 157 km
Holger—18 065 km
Skrik—25 219 km

With those participating, the total km for the year by the Chapter add up to 138 679 km



Surpassing Skik's mileage will be a challenge—can you imagine doing an Iron Butt (1 600 km), plus an additional 400 km every month for 12 months? But let's see whether we can improve on the total mileage of the Chapter by end of 2022/2023 challenge.



Audit Report for 2019—2021

As per the By-laws of the HOG Chapters, an audit report needs to be conducted every three years.

The HOG Namibia Chapter had engaged CK Business Consultants to conduct our audit and the financials and management report reach us literally on the weekend of the AGM.

As promised, feedback on the audit report is hereby provided and any member can request the actual financials and report from our Secretary, Bertie.

Suffice to say, we are pleased to say that the financials over the three year period under the audit, are spotlessly clean. There was a tendency to spend a little more than what income was derived, but given that the Chapter has some reserves, the Chapter is not in financial difficulties.

As for the management report, three recommendations were made.

1. Lack of a petty cash limit. We do not regard this as serious, as we keep an absolute minimum of cash on hand

2. Internal roles and segregation of duties. We also do not regard this as too serious as the loading and authorization of payments is always done by written instruction.

3. The Chapter not registered as a Section 21 (NPO) with BIPA. This was expected. We consulted the HOG Chapters in South Africa as to their status and none of them are currently registered as NPO's. Most are registered as "Clubs" where formal registration is required. The emphasis is also on "surplus", rather than "profit". The Primary Officers have decided to put the registration for now, on the back-burner.

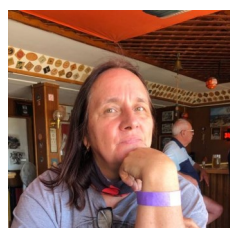
Dunja—you are a STAR

When the HOG Namibia Chapter chartered nine years ago, Dunja stepped up to the proverbial plate and said "I will be your Treasurer", and what a sterling job she has done. (Little did she know she would do so for nine years!) Dunja had the Chapter finances in hand and would respond to any request or query within the day, but never later than 24 hours. Her bookkeeping and accounting are

faultless—as can be testified by the recent audit—and she was aware of where every cent came from and where every cent went to.

Nine years is a long time and Dunja requested to be released of her duties. With a little bit of remorse on the part of the Primary Officers, her request was obviously granted. (She now has more time to ride?)

And so we welcome **'Tasha Rabe**, who needed very little persuasion to accept the position of Treasurer for the 2022/2023 financial year.



HOG Namibia Chapter will offer First Aid and Management of Accident Scene training

The HOG Namibia Chapter : 2023 and Beyond

in January 2023.



If you were not at the AGM and did not hear it from the "Horse's Mouth", then take note.

The future of the HOG Namibia Chapter is safe and sound.

It has been confirmed that the current SLA Agreement with HOG International and our stakeholders in Namibia, in particular our

Sponsoring Dealer, Guillaume Kruger, has been extended to December 2023. Much is going on behind the scenes to ensure a more permanent arrangement but things are on the up. The Dealer-

ship has also shifted location to the Old Power Station and when visiting, you cannot miss the Harley-Davidson branding.

With the reciprocated support from the Dealership and the HOG members, the Chapter will go from strength to strength





Newsletter for HOG Namibia Chapter

If you wish to contribute personal stories or anecdotes to the Smiles for your Miles Newsletter send your article to holger.sircoulomb@gmail.com (and you might be published)

Correspondence to the Primary- or Secondary Officers should please be addressed to the Secretary, Bertie Gagiano, at b.gagiano@gmail.com.

Die "Padskraper" Lede. Membership to this group is not necessarily something you would want to strive for, but realistically, our members will, throughout the year, make contact with the tar. In 2022, luckily with only minor to medium injuries, we salute Vincent van Rooyen (eina), Phillip Steyn (more damage to the bike than to Phillip), and Holger Sircoulomb. Keep the shiny side up, guys!!!!



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We are on the web
www.hognamibia.com

HOG Namibia Marshalls

During 2022 the Chapter embarked on the training program of its Marshalls and we congratulate those who have taken up the task for a two-year term, to protect the HOG Namibia Chapter pack-rides till November 2024

Reinhard—Head Road Captain
Skrik—Road Captain
Vincent—Biker Buddy
Bertie—Marshall
Peri—Marshall
Martin—Marshall
Tiaan—Marshall
Henning—Marshall
Grant—Marshall
Jaco—Marshall

(Safety Officer to be identified after the First Aid training in January 2023)

If you wish to become a Marshall, contact Reinhard for details.

We wish you, your loved ones, and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May 2023 bring Smiles upon (safe) Miles.

