



THE HOW AND WHY OF THE LICENSING AGREEMENT AND WAIVER

Dear Sisters:

Although they say that civilization has progressed, as we all know that is code for "humans have managed to make things very complicated." And try as we might, SOTF is not immune from this disease. Attached you will find some paperwork that is a symptom of modern living, but when you think about it maybe it is not all bad. We have done our darnedest to keep it as simple as possible and even arm-wrestled our lawyer a couple of times but this is the best we've got.

Please don't let this intimidate you. There is a rhyme and a reason for it and we know that because you love being a sister you will happily put up with a little bit of paperwork now and then because it sure beats the alternative, no SOTF at all.

Here's the deal: In order to preserve our lifestyle here at SOTF we were told that we need to make sure that we are keeping track of who uses our name and when. If we didn't then any old person could come along and seeing a great value in the concept and the name, take it for themselves and leave us in the dust. So we have trademarked the name which means that it can only be used by those folks with the best of intentions who love us and want to be a part of our plan. We are happy to share but the road goes both ways. So if you want to use the name/logo for an official event all you have to do is ask and we will grant a license to any true sister to brag about her affiliation to anyone who will listen. The added bonus is that this will also enable us to raise a little cash which is what keeps the whole thing moving down the trail. Nothing in this life is free, which is another consequence of the 21st century.

This does not mean you need a license every time a couple of sisters get together for a picnic. But if you are going to be seen in public in a group doing something that only a sister could love, then you need to get a sanction from Maurrie and if any goods or services are traded for money then SOTF has to get a cut, for without it the event would never have happened and without revenue SOTF would just fade off into the sunset.

SOTF has more fun than anyone because we put safety first. We do our best to make sure no one is harmed in any way. But accidents do happen, this is just another one those nasty facts of life. Because we are striving to keep things simple we need to make sure that all the Sisters understand that you are on your own as far as assuming the risk of damage that (god forbid) might happen during an SOTF sanctioned event. Because of the incredible range of events we might sponsor you can't just sign ahead of time or else you might not know what you are taking on. It has to be this way otherwise we would be history because it is just way too complicated to start in with insurance for all this stuff. So, the waiver of liability is simply our way of saying we will be as careful as we can but you know that we can't take responsibility for what might happen. By signing the waiver it makes it very clear that we are all on the

same page which means there won't be much to fight about later. Luckily our lawyer isn't an ambulance chaser or things might be a little different and she would end up being the one with the fanciest trailer.

Bottom line, these two itty bitty documents are for protection--yours, my dear Sisters--because the best protection is achieved through properly managing expectations--and us, the SOTF organization, for without this we could not last long enough to make it up a decent hill. Everything we do is done with the goal of having more fun than anyone, so just hold your nose and sign; It will only hurt for a second but the benefits will last for years to come.

Love you all, Maurrie Sister #1 and Becky Sister #2