



Blue Knights

Wisconsin Chapter VI

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OCTOBER 2008 MEETING

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During Summer riding months:

Dinner Rides leave at 6 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of each month

Brunch Rides leave at 10

a.m. 4th Sunday of each month

Meet at the Park & Ride lot
Hwy 45 & Watertown Plank Road

Monthly meetings

October - May

Third Tuesday each month,

7pm at Alioto's

3041 N. Mayfair Rd.

The October meeting was called to order by President Hafemen at 7:15 PM. Present at the meeting were: Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Jim & Patti Kindt, Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Tina Chappell. Pete Simet, Chuck Homa, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Al Schoessow, Larry & Jackie Thompson, Joe & Doni Kubicek, Bob Barr, Brian Bortmess, George Markopoulos, Ray & Leane Teriaca, Bob McDermott, Chad Stiles, Jesse benitez, Jim Crouse Julian Gonzalez Jr, Kevin Porter, Kim Fisher and Mark Meyer.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dennis introduced three new members to the chapter, former members Ray & Leana Teriaca, Allen Schoessow and Chad Stiles, who were present. Two other applications have been turned in, former member James Dunn and newbie Michael Zivicki .

SECRETARY REPORT:

Joe made a motion to have the minutes read and was seconded by Pete, which was shot down for the good of the order. Bob M. made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Chuck...all in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Tina went over the facts and figures of her Treasurer's report to the members, who were in awe. Bob M. asked if the chapter had a CD in our funds and was advised that we did not have one. Joe K. asked if Tina could check into obtaining a CD and she said she would check. Bob M. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and was seconded by Chuck...all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Packer/Bear game. Dennis: I talked to Mac [President ILL X] and we are going to be switching games. Our chapter will be hosting the Nov. 16th game, which is going to be at: New Entertainers, 5321 W. Green Tree Rd, Milwaukee # 414-353-8000. The second game is on the 22nd of Dec. and is a Monday night game. This will be hosted by ILL X and most likely be at Jester's, in Waukegan. More to follow! Both games are open to all Blue Knights and their guests. Janis asked about blocking rooms for the Monday night game and Joe said he would look into it.

Sweetheart Dance. Dennis: Since sandy did not make the meeting, we cannot discuss the dance. Bob M. made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting and was seconded by Chuck. Kim F. said that she would volunteer to run the Sweetheart Dance. Bob withdrew his motion.

Dennis advised Kim to contact Sandy about the ins & outs of running the dance.

Dennis: Let's talk about Joe's proposal to host the 2009 Summer GLRC because there were no bids by any chapter at the meeting in the Dells.

Joe: Let someone else bid on the GLRC because it is a camping weekend and there are no facilities in the general area.

Bob M. made a motion to nix Joes' proposal to host the Summer GLRC in 2009 and was seconded by Larry...all in favor.

Dennis: Let's talk X-Mas party. Bob asked about having it at the Union hall as in years past, at which time Bob made a motion to have the party at the hall with Larry seconding...all in favor. Dennis said that he will check on a date and he will have it by next meeting.

No other old business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis: I have received several e-mails from the International, the GLRC and from our State Safety Officer on chapters having their own Safety officer [all the while looking at Bob Barr].

Kevin made a motion to have Bob Barr as the chapter's safety Officer and was seconded by Tina...all in favor with Bob accepting the position. THREE CHEERS !!!!!

Dennis: I was doing some research for the newsletter, going thru the By-Laws for the chapter and I noticed they were outdated and changes had to be made of the context. According to Roberts Rules, I have to read the changes at the next three meetings. Dennis read over the old wording and then the new wording for the change of the By-Laws.

A great discussion was held among the members on the changes & wording to the new By-Laws, especially among the Honorary and Associate members and what position they can hold. Dennis stated that he would get clarification from the International.

Ted: I was talking to former member Gerry Wawrzonek who has a leather jacket, size large, which has the chapters patch sewn on, that he is willing to donate to the chapter or if someone wants to buy it off of Gerry. Also, the chapter has 7 of the t-shirts left to sell, which comes in various sizes & colors before we can order new ones.

Tina asked about talking to Will about getting prices and a different design.

Chuck: has the chapter sold any shirts lately and should we order more to sell.

Bob M: The chapter should look into getting good quality shirts before doing any ordering.

NOTE: The sales permit that the chapter has thru the International is for the turtlenecks that Cindy sold and not the t-shirts, which are for members only.

No other new business to be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dennis was going to announce to the members that Kevin P. was in good health but since Kevin was at the meeting, Dennis did not have to.

Dennis: A word to members, nominations for chapter officers are set for the November meeting so if you want to run for a position, file a Letter of Intent and give it to a Board member. It will be read off at the meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE: Elections for the International Board are fast approaching so when you get your ballot, Please Vote and mail back your choice. *****

Dennis: Several upcoming ride announcements, 1) WI X Jerry Perrins Ride for Cancer, 2) Ride with the Flame for Special Olympics, 3) Spring GLRC hosted by WI II, 4) Spring MWRC hosted by Iowa III, 5) WI State Convention hosted by WI VII, 6) Int'l Convention hosted by KY II and 7) Fall MWRC in Omaha, Neb.

No other announcements.

Joe: I went online to check on Hotels for the International Convention which is in Louisville, Ky for 2009. As you may know, the host hotel is being remodeled and with a name change. The only problem is the room rates for the convention are going to be around \$120.00 per day. There are several hotels within a hop, skip and a jump from the host hotel and I will check on their rates.

50/50 DRAWING: The drawing was won by Patti Kindt and I forgot to write down her winnings. Good going Patti.

NEXT MEETING..... Tuesday, November 18th, 2008 at 7:00 PM, with Social hour starting at 6:00 PM at Alioto's...SEE YOU THERE *****

Bob M. made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting and was seconded by Chuck...all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

UPCOMING EVENTS		2009
May 1-3	Spring GLRC Watertown, Wi	WI II
June 4	Ride with the Flame Uke's H-D	Kenosha
June 12-14	Spring MWRC Des Moines, Ia	IA III
June 19-21	WIS State Convention Berlin, Wi	WI VII
July 19-24	International Convention Louisville, Ky	KY II
Sept 11-13	Fall MWRC Omaha, Neb	

From Your Chapter President

Elections for WI VI chapter officers are coming up, with nominations for office being held at the November 18th meeting. As promised, this month's column is going to be about the qualifications for chapter officer, and a brief description of each position's responsibilities.

The chapter board of directors consists of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and three (3) directors. Before I get into the job descriptions, I want to remind all of you of the qualifications for chapter officer (as dictated by the International and chapter bylaws). First off, you must have been a member for at least two (2) years prior to running for office. **ONLY** a Regular member can hold the office of President or Vice President. An Associate member can hold the office of Secretary, Treasurer, or Director **ONLY** if a Regular member does not run for that office. Honorary members cannot hold any chapter office. Per our chapter bylaws candidates must have attended four (4) Blue Knights meetings during the year. This includes BK events (GLRC, International) and any brunch/dinner rides. Chapter officers serve a two (2) year term.

President: This office is best characterized as the "voice of the chapter." The president chairs the monthly chapter meetings. As the representative of the chapter, he/she is the voting member for the chapter at any GLRC, Board of Governors, or International business meeting. The president should stay current on issues within the club and keep the membership updated, voting on these issues as instructed by the membership. The president has the authority to appoint committees, fill vacancies on the executive board if necessary, and handles internal discipline (with the entire executive board).

Vice President: The VP, at the request of the president or in the case of his absence, chairs the monthly chapter meetings. The VP is in charge of recruiting and retention for the chapter, and verifies and signs all new applications for membership. The VP is the chapter's liaison officer with any charitable organizations.

Secretary: Arguably the hardest working member of the executive board. The secretary records the minutes of the monthly chapter meetings. The secretary is responsible for writing and distributing the chapter newsletter, and is the keeper of the chapter archives and charter. As the official mailing address for the chapter, the secretary receives all correspondence from the International and conference. He/she keeps the chapter roster updated, and is responsible for sending mass e-mails to the membership. Having a computer with internet access is an absolute must for this position. The secretary works closely with the treasurer to collect dues and pay the chapter expenses.

Treasurer: The treasurer has custody of the chapter funds and check book. He/she is responsible for paying all chapter bills and is responsible for writing checks for charitable donations and other disbursements. He/she works closely with

the secretary to collect chapter dues. The treasurer gives a monthly report to the chapter on the status of its finances.

Director: WI VI has three (3) directors. Directors assist the executive board with the management of the chapter. They sit in on disciplinary hearings at the chapter level, and help with the overall day to day operations of the chapter.

This is the Reader's Digest version of what your chapter officers do for you. If you're interested in running for office and want more details about the office you seek, contact the current officer (or any other current or former board member) and ask what he or she does in addition to what I've listed. These offices can become time consuming, but don't be intimidated by that. If you have an aspiration to one of these offices, come to the November chapter meeting and toss your hat in the ring. All it takes is a nomination and a second and you're on your way. If you are unable to attend and still want to run for office you can submit a letter of intent to any chapter officer; it'll be read at the meeting and also requires a nomination and second.

"Lost in America"

"Wrongway" Dennis