

BLUE KNIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB



Wisconsin Chapter VI Metro-Milwaukee



December 2009

The December meeting was held at Alioto's and was called to order by President Jim "Tiny" Kindt at 7:08 PM. Following a moment of silence to honor the members of Heaven-I was a group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

Albeit well after the meeting was underway, Bob Barr introduced his guest, Steve Schultz.

Minutes

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the November meeting was made by Chuck and seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

Treasurers Report

Brian reported on the current financial status of the chapter (final numbers are not published in this forum). Motion to accept; Tina. Second; Mike. All in favor.

Get your 2010 dues in ASAP! Renewal is \$35 (\$30 if you've elected to receive the electronic newsletter)

Deadline is January 9th, after which you will be required to submit a new application as well as an additional \$5.00

Old Business

- Tiny told the membership that the 2nd game of the 13th annual "Crying Towel Classic" (WI VI - IL X Packer/Bear Rivalry) was a "huge success", with a record-shattering 59 people in attendance. In addition to WI VI and IL X, there were members from IL XI and XIX, WI IV, V & X, and even MWRC members Paul & Kathy French (IA III), no strangers to many of us here in the GLRC, who traveled all the way from Des Moines!

Tiny went on to thank Doni & Joe, as well as the owner and staff of New Entertainer's Bar, for helping make the party successful. After paying the bar bill (60 pitchers of beer, 6 pitchers and 21 glasses of soda), the estimated final cost to our chapter, after admission (\$5/person) and 50/50 (\$95) income, was approximately \$21.

Tiny further stated that he and Mac (IL X President) had discussed having a "nicer" banner made to replace what he termed our "crappy looking" crying towel. He checked on having a replacement embroidered and received a quote of about \$50. He went on to say that he and Patti had discussed asking if Larry & Jackie Thompson's daughter may be able to do it for us.

Chuck asked if we would then have to take it in

after each game and have the scores added to it and Tiny suggested that we could do it at the end of each season. Joe asked if maybe it would be more practical to have the members of IL X take care of this since the Crying Towel "spends most of its time down there"!

Tiny said that he would contact Larry and try to get a cost estimate. He also said he was primarily "looking for suggestions right now" and was going to try to get a "set price". Joe said, "I like our crappy towel!"; a sentiment echoed by Carl and a few others.

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During summer riding months:

Dinner rides leave at 6:00PM

Alternating days, 1st full week of each month

Brunch rides leave at 10:00AM

3rd Sunday of each month

Meet at the Park & Ride lot

Hwy 45 & Watertown Plank Road

Monthly meetings (*)

September - May

Third Tuesday each month, 7:00PM Alioto's
3041 N. Mayfair Road

* Exception for January & February, 2010 -
See Announcements

Roll Call

Scott Wysocki, Robert E. Barr & Steve Schultz (guest), Chuck Homa, Jim & Patti Kindt, Steve Bzdusek, Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Tina Chappell & Dave Evenstad, Mike Zivicki & John Wilkum (guest), Gary & Mary Davey, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Kim Fisher-Waliszewski, Kristi & Andre Bleickardt, Brian Bortmess, Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff, Kevin Porter & Kris Hennen, Mark Meyer, Herman Kremkau, Jason Bleichwehl, Allan Miller, Scott Miller, Jim Backes, Pate Simet, Paul Serdynski and Dani & Joe Kubicek

- Regarding our 17th Annual Sweetheart Dance, Kim said that she has sent out approximately 100 donation request letters and she asks that the membership get any donations to her as soon as they can. If you can't get them to her, call and she will pick them up.

Kim had previously told us that she had planned on having Chad Stiles (member) and his brother do the DJ'ing however she has since found out that the company that Chad's brother works for wants \$350 to use the equipment.

Kim went on to say that Jason Bleichwehl (member) has a complete DJ setup, including lights, and that he is going to "recruit his dad" and take care of the music for us. She speculated that we would have to work out some sort of payment but wasn't sure exactly what that would be.

Jason then addressed the group and said, "If you decide to pay, we'd just like to put that money toward the fundraiser". A round of applause followed as a big "thank-you" to Jason!

As for tickets, Joe said that he still hadn't heard back from Schramka Funeral Home and that, with time running out, we need to look at other options. After some discussion, Kevin said that he knows a guy that has a print shop in

Menomonee Falls and that he would print up our 500 dance tickets. It was suggested that Kevin ask him how much it would cost to have the booze raffle tickets printed up there, as well.

- Note: Mike Z. contacted Bay View Printing (post-meeting) and advises that they will donate the printing of 1,000 booze raffle tickets.

Mike asked if anyone had yet been in touch with Lakefront Brewery. There was some discussion and Ted said that he will contact Jim Klisch (Lakefront Brewery). Chuck will contact Miller Brands and try to arrange for a donation.

- Dennis reminded everyone about the Chapter Christmas Party, Saturday, January 9th. Doors open at 6PM with a short, informal business meeting at about 7PM. Dennis has been in touch with George Markopoulos and they are working on arranging food for the party.

New Business

- Tiny said that he was "questioned about whether or not we were going to make a donation" to the Jennifer Luick fund, set up for her 11 year old son. Luick was a Town of Oconomowoc Police Officer and was killed in an off-duty shooting on December 6th in Jefferson, WI.

There was a great deal of discussion on this matter and it was decided that Ted would find out more about the fund and report back so that a decision can be made at the January (Christmas Party) meeting.

There was also some discussion about Wauwatosa Police Officer Abby Pavlik who was shot on December 13th, as well as Brookfield Officer Paul Dilger who was the victim of a hit and run on December 11th.

Tiny said that he would like to see a member make a request on behalf of any prospective beneficiaries from our fund and Kevin stated that he remembered that that was the intent when the guidelines were drawn up.

Tiny invited any member to make such a request on behalf of any officer. Ted then made a formal request on behalf of Officer Luick. No other formal requests were made.

Honoraries

- Tiny called for all honorary members, as well as any potential honoraries, to leave the room. Gary got up, took three steps toward the door and his head jerked back because he had left his oxygen tank on the table! He picked up his tank, tucked it under his arm and, to quote Cpl. Radar O'Reilly, left the room "with his dignity dented, and his nonchalantness not so nifty"!

With Gary and Scott outside the room, Mike introduced John Wilkum as a potential honorary member but said that, at this time, he was holding off on a nomination because John had only been riding with us for a short time.

Chuck nominated Scott for honorary status (renewal) with a second by Kevin. No discussion - all in favor.

Ted nominated Gary for honorary status (renewal) with a second by Chuck. No discussion - all in favor.

(During the nomination process for Gary, Ted pointed out that Bob's guest, Steve Schultz, was going to be nominated for honorary status so Steve was asked to leave the room at that point.)

Joe nominated George for honorary status (renewal) in absentia (excused - flu) with a second by Dennis. Dennis said that he had been in contact with George "this morning" and George is interested in remaining an honorary member. No further discussion - all in favor.

(During the nomination process for George, Chuck asked how many honorary membership slots we are allowed. The answer, per correspondence from the International Office, is "four".)

Bob nominated Steve Schultz for honorary status (new). A great deal of discussion followed with many members offering opinions and information. Tiny called for a second and the nomination was seconded by Steve B. The vote was tallied and the nomination passed.

(During the nomination process for Steve, Mike said that he asked John Wilkum to step outside because he had changed his mind about delaying nominating John for honorary status.)

After the vote was counted, Tiny closed nominations for honoraries. At that point Mike attempted to nominate John Wilkum for honorary status (new). Tiny pointed out that we were now at our limit for honoraries for 2010 and Mike withdrew his nomination.

Congratulations to our returning honorary members and a big "WELCOME" to our newest honorary, Steve Schultz!



Happy Birthday To You

January 12 th	Paul Udvaré
January 15 th	Doni Kubicek
January 15 th	Ellen Wysocki
January 17 th	Laura Duff
January 30 th	Tina Chappell

December 50/50 raffle:
\$141.00/\$70.50
WINNER - Joe Kubicek
Rivet balance = \$462.50

Announcements

- Dennis reminded the membership that he has GLRC patches for sale.

- Paul Serdyski talked about the possibility of putting together a group outing to Stocky's Fast Track Indoor Go-Karts (www.stockys.us) next March. The idea was met with quite a bit of interest so Paul will look into this and get back to us with more details.

- As is customary, there will be no regular meeting in January due to the Chapter Christmas Party. Tiny will call to order a brief, informal meeting at approximately 7:00PM during the Christmas Party. Issues will be limited to any time sensitive business, such as those related to the Sweetheart Dance and the Luick fund matter.

- The February meeting will be one week earlier than usual (Tuesday, February 9th, at Alioto's) due to the Sweetheart Dance.

Meeting Adjourned At 8:10PM

On a motion by Chuck and a second by Dennis. All in favor.

Chapter Christmas Party

Saturday, January 9th, 2010

Milwaukee Police Supervisors' Union Hall

2900 W. Forest Home Avenue

Doors open at 6PM with an abbreviated business meeting at 7PM

COME EARLY - STAY LATE !

Beer (including N/A beer), soda
and plenty of great food provided
BYOB (mixers provided)

Back to the Future

(Excerpts from Chapter VI records to come!)

April, 2028:

Steve Bzdusek reminds everyone to keep the date of June 14th, 2028 open for his wedding. He and Brenda will exchange vows at the Ashwaubenon County Courthouse at 4:00PM. Reception to follow at the Aaron Rodgers Steakhouse. Steve asks, "Where in hell did the time go?"

January, 2035:

With the surreptitious assistance of the membership, and with special thanks to chapter president Kim Fisher-Waliszewski-Obradovich, Dennis was able to pull off a surprise birthday party for his girlfriend, Laura Duff. We join Dennis in wishing Laura a very special 40th birthday!

November, 2042:

Chuck announced that his new "140th Anniversary" H-D Peace Officer SE is in at Wysocki Harley-Davidson and he is looking for a buyer for his 2041 FLUDQSL (Ultra-Deluxe Quadra-Scoot Lowrider Sr.). Low, low miles, only ridden to work at the Bradley Center and to the Senior Center every other Thursday. 'Save-a-buck-Chuck' says, "Make me an offer!"



Happy 47th Anniversary

John & Lynn Karlovich
January 19th