



Blue Knights WI VI

April 2013 Chapter Newsletter

PLEDGE: As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.

CHAPTER WEBSITE: www.bkwivi.com



The 2013 April Blue Knights meeting was held April 16th, at Alioto's Restaurant. Acting President (Vice President) Dennis Hafeman called the meeting to order at 7:02pm with a total of 24 members present (see roll call.) Dennis led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our members who have transferred to Heaven I.

There were a couple of special guests in attendance tonight, Jim Poland and George Metropolis, from Harley Davidson Police sales. They will be speaking on the Harley 110th. We also have Jared Listinsky, future potential member and son of Tom Listinsky.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (March 19th, 2013) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Carl Karwacki. The motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Bortmess read the financial report to the membership (report will not be published in this forum.) Acting President Hafeman asked for clarification on one item and after further information was given a motion to accept the report was made by Jim Kindt and seconded by Carl Karwacki. The motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Jim Bagurdes is currently in Las Vegas working hard (or not) and reports nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Kindt informed us that he is waiting on one more check to clear (Allen Miller's) then he will turn in the monies from the GLRC. He is following up on this.

NEW BUSINESS: Guests Jim & George from the Harley Davidson's Police and Fleet sales took the floor.

Jim Poland started off by reminding us that the 110th anniversary of HD Motorcycles is just a few months away and with that is also the 105th anniversary of the police motorcycles for the company.

Jim said they are doing something like they did 5 years ago with judging the police motorcycle competition. The event is set up for Friday and Saturday August 30th and 31st. They are planning to have 110 police motorcycle riders from around the country (right now they are at 81 and will cap it off at 110) compete on a skills course. Jim and George said they can't think of a better group to judge the police officers. George currently is an officer and Jim stated he retired from Florida and moved up here with his wife and daughter. They both express their desire to have us (Blue Knights) judge the competition. They can offer those participating complete access Friday and Saturday to the Summerfest activities, preferred parking for motorcycles, food and beverages the entire time you are out their judging and picking up cones, and rider gifts. They are looking for 20 - 25 volunteers if possible; the more who volunteer the more breaks and free time you will have to enjoy the activities. They are also looking for Thursday volunteers for the HOG riding and skills event.

This year the host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Menomonee Falls. There will be a practice course set up on

Wednesday and Thursday at the hotel, along with motorcycle demos, of the new police bike and special edition....if you are interested in trying one out, just sign a waiver and they can allow us to do that!!

Wednesday night is the opening ceremony and we would be invited for that as well. That includes food and beverages.

A complete itinerary of dates and times will be out soon. Jim and George are looking for a number of interested volunteers by July 1st.

There is a web site available at www.110thpolice.com with other information.

A question regarding bringing our spouses to help was brought up. Jim stated that HD is working on a "buddy pass" on that issue.

A question was asked if any officers from out of the country will be here....so far the Canada Police, possibly Toronto and there is a chance some Brazilian Officers will be there.

As of now the furthest competitive team is the Las Vegas Metro Police; they have 160 motorcycles in their fleet and are sending 8 to 10 to compete.

What kind of times are we looking at? Wednesday and Thursday are all day at the hotel. Friday from 8am-5pm and Saturday 11am-7pm.

They are expecting roughly 800,000 people in Milwaukee.

Question regarding the route was asked. Jim stated they are still working on it.

See Dennis ASAP if you are interested in volunteering!!!!!! This is a GREAT THING!!

INTERNATIONAL/GLRC UPDATES:

-Regarding the repeal of the persona non grata list, it couldn't be done, it had to be declared null and void and re-write the by-laws.

-Outsourcing International Elections: tabled until September.

-Emergency ballot question regarding outsourcing elections. When you vote in the upcoming elections there will be a referendum on whether you want to outsource regardless of cost, outsource if the cost is comparable to keeping it in house, or to not outsource at all. The referendum is advisory only and not a bylaw change.

There was a brief discussion on this topic as to why this has come up. After a short discussion acting President Hafeman stressed it is important to read up on the candidates, talk to members who have been around a while and PLEASE JUST VOTE!!!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS UP TO DATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO TO THE INTERNATIONAL AND GLRC WEB SITES AND READ WHAT GOES ON. THIS IS YOUR CLUB!!

NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT CHAPTER PRESIDENCY: Since Joe Kubicek left for the wonderful land of Turtletown TN, he is now our new past president. With that being said, nominations for chapter president were as follows:

-Jim Kindt was nominated by Danny O'Toole and seconded by Michael Strossner. Jim accepted.

-Dennis Hafeman was nominated by Jim Kindt and seconded by Chuck Homa. Dennis accepted.

No other nominations were made for chapter president and nominations were closed.

This leaves the Vice President position open as Dennis will step down to run for

president. Chuck Homa asked if you can be nominated for more than one position, per Roberts Rules you can.

Nominations for chapter vice president are as follows:

-Dennis Hafeman was nominated by Jim Kindt and seconded by George Markopoulos. Dennis accepted.

-Jim Kindt was nominated by Chuck Homa and seconded by Steve Bzdusek.

No other nominations were made for vice president, nominations were closed.

Ballots will be mailed out soon. Please return to Sandy before the next meeting!!

**A message from our acting president regarding this can be found at the end of the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:
NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Thank you cards were received from Lake Country Shop with a Cop and the Badger Honor Flight for our donation to their charitable organizations.

Information on funeral arrangements for Officer Don Bishop was made available if needed.

I (Sandy) received a personalized thank you plaque from Ohio III, it is here for display.

I (Sandy) also have the new International stickers to hand out.

Dennis reminds us that the scholarship deadline has been extended until May 15th. Information is on the International web site.

Jim Kindt put out a plea to help Doni remove furniture out of the "flooded" basement Wednesday (tomorrow.) Please just show up and help any time after 9am.

Jim Crouse reminded us of the 2013 Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony. It will be on May 8th, starting 12:15 at Clas Park. Parking is being arranged by Jim Crouse. In case of inclement weather it will be held at the Milwaukee Theater.

Question was asked if anyone has heard from Pete Simet. Bob Barr stated he has recently spoken to him and he is doing well.

50/50 Drawing: \$55.00 to winner, Sandy Santoro and \$55.00 to the chapter.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Jim Crouse at 7:50pm, seconded by Carl Karwacki. Motion passed.

RIDES:

Our first dinner ride was held on Wednesday March 27th. There were a total of fifteen knights in attendance. Since the weather is not yet conducive to motorcycle riding we met at the Trysting Place.



On April 14th most of Wisconsin woke up to snow, but that didn't stop several of WI VI diehards from riding out to the Machine Shed in Pewaukee for a brunch ride!! OK..... I had to work, but my money is going on.....NO ONE rode their motorcycles there!

I did receive this picture. Hope you all had fun!!



Fraternally,
Sandy (LTS) 472

ELECTION INFORMATION: (from Dennis)

As all of you know, our chapter is currently involved in another presidential election. This one, however, has a twist that needs some further explanation. Both Jim "Tiny" Kindt and I have been nominated for the office of chapter president *and* the office of chapter vice president. While this is unusual, it's not against any rules. Because all elections are governed by Robert's Rules of Order, there is a provision for a situation such as this. According to Robert's Rules, "if a member is nominated to more than one office and is elected to two offices, he can choose which one he wants. The assembly then votes again on the other office." Shortly, you will all receive a ballot in the mail. On the ballot you will find both Jim and me listed as candidates for both

president and vice president. You must vote for **one** candidate for each office. You can vote for **the same candidate** for both offices if you so choose (example: Jim Kindt for president and vice president.) In the event that one of us wins both offices, the winner will choose which they wish to have. Because there are only two candidates, a vote would then be cast by the secretary for the other candidate to fill the other vacant office. Sounds confusing? It really isn't. All I ask is that you vote for your candidate of choice (we've each served in both of these offices, and either one of us will represent WI VI proudly) and return the ballots to Sandy. The ballots will be counted at the May 21st chapter meeting, and God willing we'll be able to put all of this election stuff to rest and get on with other things!

Ride with Pride,

"Wrongway" Dennis

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Peggy Padlock, April 3

Carl Karwacki, April 7

Michael Zivicki, April 27

ROLL CALL

Bob McDermott

Danny O'Toole

Chuck Homa

Jim Kindt

Steve Schultz

Jim Ortiz

Carl Karwacki

Jim Crouse

Sandy Santoro

Dennis Hafeman

Laura Duff

Tom Listinsky

Jared Listinsky

Bob Barr

Ken Ziebell

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COME RIDE WITH US!

Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday of the month, 10am.

Dinner rides are the 4th Wednesday of the month, 6pm.

Rides run March – November

Meeting location is the park & ride lot adjacent to the Val Phillips Center (Childrens Detention Center)

HWY 45 & Watertown Plank Rd

UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 Joint RGC/MWRC June 13-15
Eureka Spring, AR (AR II/MO I)

2013 WI State Convention June 21-23
Racine County Fair Grounds (WI XI)

2013 International Convention July 14-19
Hot Springs, AR (AR IV)

2013 Summer GLRC August 23-25
Muncie, IN (IN I)

2013 Fall MWRC September 13-15
Broken Arrow, OK

2013 Fall TSC October 11-14
Harrisburg, PA (PA V)

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY MAY 21ST, 2013,
7:00PM ALIOTO'S. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT
6:00PM**

**Check the International and Conference
web sites for further information and
registration forms.**