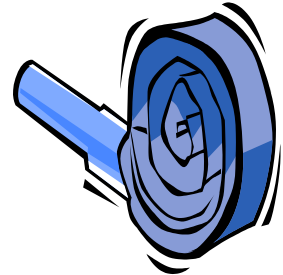


# BLUE KNIGHTS

## INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB



Wisconsin Chapter VI  
Metro-Milwaukee



December 2010

The December meeting was held at Alioto's and was called to order by President Jim "Tiny" Kindt at 7:07 PM. Following a group recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Jim called for a moment of silence for our "brothers in need".

### Introductions

Ron Bethia, an active member of the City of Brookfield PD, was introduced as a new member. Welcome, Ron!

### Minutes

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

### Old Business

- Sandy said that she has tickets for the Sweetheart Dance and she began to distribute them at the meeting. They are \$12 each and she

called on every member to help selling them. Sandy also distributed donation letters. If anyone wants one (she can email it to you), contact Sandy. In addition, it's not too soon to start collecting items for the Chinese raffle. Sandy & Kim would like them as soon as possible so they don't have so much to do at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

A big expense for the upcoming dance will be the rental of tables and chairs. Sandy called upon all of us (you too!) to see if we can find tables and chairs that we can use for free. Contact your church, local funeral home, VFW, etc. If you're reading this now, take a moment to "think outside the box". Somebody in this group knows of someone that can help us out! Even if you can only get a few, if every member does so we will be in good shape.

- Jim reminded everyone that we need booze for the booze raffle. This is in addition to the request for Chinese raffle items. Every one of us knows a bar owner or liquor store operator and, like every other business owner, they are willing to give but YOU have to ask! If every member brings in at least two quality bottles we'll again have a great raffle!

- Paul said that he has made reservations for Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual go kart outing at Stocky's Fast Track in West Bend.

Like last time, they will open for us 1 hour early (11AM) so we can have the track to ourselves. They have new (faster!) karts, too!

Each participant will enjoy two races at level 2 (fast) and one race at level 3 (faster). Afterward we will have a pizza buffet with garlic bread and soda. The cost is \$30/person, including tax & tip. Pitchers of beer will be available for \$5.

Paul asks for RSVP's and payment up-front.

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**During summer riding months:**

**Dinner rides** leave at 6:00PM

Alternating days, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Roll Call**

Carl Karwacki & Janis Smolinski, Brian Bortmess, Jim Kindt, Kevin Porter, Sandy Santoro, Ron Bethia, Steve Lesniewski, Larry Thompson, Scott Wysocki, Chuck Homa, Mark Meyer, Jim Crouse, Scott Miller, Jim Backes, Pete Simet, Al Schoessow, Ted & Pat Engelbart, Michael Stroessner, George Markopoulos, Kenn Ziebell, Gary & Mary Davey, Paul Serdynski, Bob Barr, Steve Schultz, Dan Schmerse, Bob McDermott, Dennis Hafeman and Joe Kubicek

- Ted said that we have eight shirts left in stock. He has contacted Will Enterprises (our vendor) and we can order shirts with "Ride with Pride" down the sleeve, our colors on the back and the Blue Knights logo on the chest at the following prices:

Hooded, zippered sweatshirts-

\$17.50 to size XL

\$19.00 for XXL

\$19.50 for XXXL

Long-sleeved t-shirt-

\$14.00 to size XL

\$15.50 for XXL

\$16.00 for XXXL

Short-sleeved t-shirts would also be available. Those prices would be:

\$ 8.25 to size XL

\$ 9.50 for XXL

\$10.00 for XXXL

Ted also reported that we have sold 35 shirts since 2006 and that the small and medium sizes were the least popular, as were the gray ones.

If we can get a large enough order the screen fees, which would be additional, could be waived. If anyone has an interest in any shirts, please let Ted (or his lovely assistant) know.

In addition Ted said that he and Pat did an inventory of club property in their possession and has turned that list over to Tiny.

- Bob B. reminded everyone that he has "RIP" patches in memoriam of Joe Szombathelyi who transferred to Heaven-I in June, 2010. See Bob for a patch and remember Joe on your vest, as well as in your heart.

- Dennis announced that he had gotten the Blue Knight of the Year plaque repaired at a cost of \$60.

- Dennis also spoke about the chapter Christmas Party, to be held in conjunction with round two of this seasons Crying Towel Classic (Packer/Bear game). The party will be held at the Wern Valley Sportsmen's Club in Waukesha.

(<http://www.wernvalley.com>)

**NOTE: SINCE THE MEETING, THE NFL HAS CHANGED THE TIME OF THE GAME FROM NOON TO 3:15PM. TINY HAS SINCE DECREED THAT THE DOORS WILL OPEN AT 1:30PM INSTEAD OF THE 11:00AM TIME THAT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING.**

George will once again use his contact to provide the majority of the food. The chapter will pay for the beer & soda and a cash bar will be available. The cost will be \$5/person.

Tiny suggested that everyone bring a camera so that they will be able to capture forever the image of him wearing a Bears jersey!

- Steve S. talked about the proposed bus ride to the International Motorcycle Show on February 11<sup>th</sup>. There was just too little interest in this idea to keep it alive, at least as far as a coach rental. Steve would still like to plan the trip on a smaller scale, possibly renting a full sized van with a capacity of 15 passengers. With ticket, tolls, fuel, etc., Steve estimates the cost to still be about \$25 - \$30 / person. Contact Steve if you are interested.

### **New Business**

- Tiny said that we are in need of a chapter web master. Mark M. will assist whoever takes over to help make it a seamless transaction!

- Tiny then mentioned the passing of WI VIII President Mike Haldeman. Tiny used the so-called 'discretionary funds' to send an arrangement on behalf of WI VI.

Carl & Dennis drove up for the funeral and commented on the "nice arrangement". Carl further stated that Kristal Haldeman sends her thanks. Dennis said that he received a thank you from Andy Truscott, as well.

- On that note, Ted brought up the (sad) fact that we, as a chapter, do not send flowers or similar to our own members families when someone passes on to Heaven-I.

This became the hot topic of the night and there was **much** (sometimes heated) discussion about this matter, and it tied in with the 'discretionary funds' (currently \$100) that we have authorized our president to spend as s/he sees fit.

First of all, Chuck made a motion to raise the presidential discretionary limit to \$250. That motion was seconded by George and passed on a vote of 17-10.

Next, Ted made a motion that we, WI VI, send flowers or memorial funds upon the death of any active chapter member. That motion was seconded by Kenn and passed on an "all-in-favor" vote, only.

- Dennis spoke about the Charity Committee. First off he said that Kristi & Ed send their apologies for not being at the meeting tonight but they are out of town. He also said that they (Kristi & Ed) had elected him (Dennis) as the committee chairman.

Dennis further said that he had received recommendations from only one member so far regarding which charities his committee should consider for donations for the year 2010. Those particular causes were the American Cancer Society, The MS Society and the ALS Society. He said he would take suggestions for the remainder of the night and asked anyone with a recommendation to see him.

Next Dennis reported that there is \$1,434.04 in the Secondary Charities fund and that the committee was requesting that the chapter round that up to \$1,500 with funds from the chapter

treasury. This would enable the committee to award six donations of \$250 each.

Dennis made a motion that we transfer \$66 from our treasury to the Secondary Charities fund and that was seconded by Carl. With no discussion the motion passed on a voice vote.

- Tiny said that it was suggested that the money raised from the annual booze raffle be deposited into our chapter treasury instead of either of our charity funds.

Discussion included a question by Bob B.: "Is there a limit to how much money we can have in our treasury"? Dennis replied that the most we can have in our treasury is \$25,000.

Tiny asked for a motion and Joe made the motion that the proceeds from the booze raffles be deposited into our chapter treasury. Bob. M. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Honoraries

- Tiny called for all honorary members to leave the room. Scott, George, Gary & Steve stepped out and Joe made a motion that all four of our honoraries have their membership renewed for 2011. That motion was seconded by Pete and all were in favor. There were no new honorary nominations.

Congratulations to our returning honorary members, and a BIG THANK YOU for all you have done and continue to do for our chapter!

December 50/50 raffle:  
\$142.00/\$71.00  
WINNER - Al Schoessow

### Announcements

- Joe suggested that we break with the tradition of holding our January meeting during our chapter Christmas Party and instead follow our regular monthly schedule (Third Tuesday). Because of our upcoming Sweetheart Dance we should have much to discuss at that meeting. Most everyone agreed and our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at Alioto's.

Please bring in your dance raffle items and booze raffle items at that time.

- Tiny took the time to thank Joe for his service as chapter secretary and for putting up with his (Tiny's) "crap". Tiny went on to say, "He makes me look a lot better than I actually am", and, "I don't think anyone does a better newsletter".

Further, Tiny said that he fully expects things to go "substantially downhill with Dennis taking over"!

### Meeting Adjourned At 8:22PM

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



### Happy Birthday To You

January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Doni Kubicek
January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ellen Wysocki
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Duff
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Chappell

### Upcoming Events

**February 12:** 18<sup>th</sup> Sweetheart Dance  
Milwaukee, WI (host WI VI) [www.bkwivi.com](http://www.bkwivi.com)

**March 25-27:** 2011 Spring GLRC  
Cleveland, OH (host OH VIII) [www.blueknightssohvii.com](http://www.blueknightssohvii.com)

**June 10-12:** 2011 Spring MWRC  
Olathe, KS (host KS VIII) [www.bkks8.org/Events.htm](http://www.bkks8.org/Events.htm)

**June 24-26:** 2011 WI State Convention  
Mishicot, WI (host WI IX) [www.bkwiiix.org/State\\_Conv.html](http://www.bkwiiix.org/State_Conv.html)

**July 17-21:** 2011 International Convention  
Chesapeake, VA (host VA V) [www.blueknights2011convention.org](http://www.blueknights2011convention.org)

**August 19-21:** 2011 Summer GLRC  
Canton, OH (host OH XXV) [www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightssohxxv](http://www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightssohxxv)

**September 16-18:** 2011 Fall  
MWRC  
Spirit Lake, IA (host IA IV) [www.bkia4.com/files/2011BlueKnightsFallConf.pdf](http://www.bkia4.com/files/2011BlueKnightsFallConf.pdf)



# Blue Knight WI VI - Race Day at Stocky's Fast Track



Once again we will have the track to ourselves from 11:00 AM to Noon, with lunch to follow. Each participant gets 3 rides (2 fast, 1 faster!) Cost is \$30 per person which includes pizza, garlic bread, salad and soda. \$5 pitchers of beer will be available at your expense. Please complete the following and send with your check payable to:

**Paul Serdynski, 2702 Kingfisher Court,  
Waukesha, WI. 53189-6868.**

If you wish to attend but not ride, the "food only" price is \$6.50.

Names \_\_\_\_\_ Number  
attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pizza only

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 6.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Join us for a day of Indoor  
Electric Go Kart Racing, Fun &  
Food SUNDAY, March 20, 2011,  
11:00AM Sharp!  
Stocky's Fast Track, 6389 Stockhausen  
Lane, West Bend**

Pizza toppings you prefer:

\_\_\_ Mushrooms \_\_\_ Pepperoni \_\_\_  
Sausage \_\_\_ Cheese \_\_\_ Onions

Not for the faint of heart --- They have new ---  
Faster Karts --- For the young --- And old farts!