



# Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

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From *Your* Chapter Secretary

As you hold this issue of the chapter newsletter in your hands (for you “e-readers” grab your computer screens) the month of February will be drawing to a close. And what a wild ride these last few weeks have been for our chapter!

Let’s start off with the NFC Championship game, AKA: The Crying Towel Classic Super Bowl. The last time the Packers and the Bears met in a playoff game, our nation was still reeling from the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor the prior Sunday. Then, the Bears overcame the 16 degree temperature and an early Packers lead to win the contest 33 to 14. 69 years would pass before these teams would meet again in post season, this time with a Super Bowl berth riding on the outcome. This unprecedented third game would also be a first in the storied history of The Crying Towel Classic. The historic clash was held on January 23 at the Harvey Funk American Legion Post in Franksville. Like a quarterback out of the pocket, Joe Kubicek scrambled and locked in the venue (kudos to WI XI Prez Clint Cagle for the assist), and Carl “Wacko” and “Tiny” Kindt stepped up to the line of scrimmage and scored the food. I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention our Chapter VI Packerettes and their game winning contributions: Doni Kubicek for her beans, Patti Kindt’s cookies, Laura Duff’s peanut butter torte, and Janis Smolinski for helping “Wacko” prepare everything. On the other side of the line Mary “Mac” (IL X) brought plenty of pre game snacks. Did I mention that Joe blew the dust off his wallet and bought a big screen TV so we’d have something to watch the game on? That’s taking one for the team!

Everyone was decked out in their favorite team’s apparel, including Sandy Santoro resplendent in Vikings colors (Brian, you’re not alone) in what I hope was merely a fashion faux pas. All requests made for her to remove her top were politely refused.

With lots of drinks and plenty of food, it was time for the big game to commence. The Pack jumped off to an early lead and never looked back, in spite of a few tense moments in the second half. Final score: Packers 21, Bears 14. The Green and Gold was on their way to the Super Bowl, and the Crying Towel was once again on its way south of the Cheddar Curtain. It was an exciting game to watch, made all the more enjoyable by sharing it with our brother and sister Blue Knights from WI XI, IL VII, IL X, and IL XIX. Congratulations to 50/50 winners Laura Duff (first half) and Paul Serdyski's lady Jane Babik (second half). And a special congratulation goes to Jim McCarthy (President IL X) for the privilege of wearing a Packers jersey next season. There was plenty of post game shenanigans enjoyed, including dice, cocktailing, and watching most of the Steelers/Jets AFC Championship game. The perfect Sunday, made even more perfect by our Super Bowl win two weeks later!

Fast forward now to February 12, and the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sweethearts Dance, held at Milwaukee HD. The venue was outstanding. The showroom floor was cleared for our use, and the bikes were moved to the side and were lining the room. Talk about appropriate decoration! The upper level game room was running a cash bar, with plenty of diversions available for the non dancer. The stripper pole had been removed for the evening, much to Sandy's disappointment. Attendance was much lower than expected, but everyone who came seemed to have a good time. It paid to "give 'til it hurts" as several top prizes were won by our chapter members. Andre and Kristi Bleickardt won the first prize basket of booze in the booze raffle, Bob Barr a \$500 House of Harley gift certificate, Sandy Santoro a Packers jersey (fixing the above mentioned fashion situation), and yours truly scored the Green Bay Packers recliner (much to Laura's dismay). Joe Kubicek outbid Patti Kindt for a \$900 rug. Way to go Dude; I just know that this rug will "pull the room together" for you. Kim did a fantastic job of assembling baskets and running the Chinese raffle, Joe did likewise with the booze raffle while Sandy kept it all up and running. I want to thank everyone who showed up and pitched in; your efforts helped make this fundraiser a success. I want to acknowledge everyone who worked the crowd to raise money for the raffles: Doni and Laura (50/50), Kevin Porter and Steve Bzdusek (recliner), Kris Hennen and Chuck and Kathy Homa (Chinese raffles). I'm sure I've missed some and apologize if I did. And a special thanks to all who beat the bushes to get door prizes, donations, and booze for the raffles, especially Gary Davey for contributing two cases of booze and wine. And thank you to all who came early to set up, decorate and clean up afterwards.

On a housekeeping note, our annual chapter renewal was sent in to the International headquarters. For the first time that I'm aware of, our chapter has 100% member retention! This info was passed along to the International Vice President and the GLRC Vice Chairman. Our chapter should be receiving an award from the International at the convention in Virginia for this accomplishment.

Got something you'd like to see on the web site? Maybe you've got pictures or something to contribute, but aren't really sure how to contact the web master. Well rest your sphincters; I've got the answer to your dilemma. You can contact the chapter web manager Laura Duff at [www.blueknightswivi@gmail.com](mailto:www.blueknightswivi@gmail.com). She's working diligently to update the site, and values your contributions.

"Lost in America",

"Wrongway" Dennis

## Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by President Kindt on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:05 PM.
2. President Kindt led the membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and asked for a moment of silence for our “brothers in need and their families.”
3. Special guest Frank Sadowski was introduced to the membership by George Markopoulos. At this point a certificate of appreciation was presented to Frank by President Kindt for his continued support of the chapter. Secretary Hafeman stated that Frank is the man who supplies food for the various chapter functions.
4. A motion was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Kenn Ziebell to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (January 18, 2011). Motion carried.
5. Treasurer Bortmess read his report on the chapter’s finances (numbers will not be published in this forum), which was a combination report for January and February. A motion was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Mike Stroessner to accept the report. Motion carried. Joe Kubicek asked that the practice of e-mailing the treasurer’s report to the membership prior to the meeting be continued. President Kindt stated that he directed the treasurer to look into obtaining a credit card at no cost to the chapter to use for paying for the chapter web site. President Kindt stated that anyone turning in receipts to Treasurer Bortmess from the dance inform Kim of the amounts for her records.
6. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Report on the Sweethearts dance. At this point in the meeting Co-chairpersons Santoro and Fischer-Waliszewski were still finalizing numbers from the event; President Kindt tabled the matter until later in the meeting.
  - B. Packers/Bears Championship Game. Joe Kubicek was asked for any final information on the game. He stated that the Packers won and went on to win the Super Bowl. He further stated that the club owed him \$1,400 for the TV. President Kindt explained that Joe bought his new TV to watch the game. President Kindt stated that Clint Cagle (President-WI XI) made a donation to defray the costs of the hall. President Kindt acknowledged Doni, Patti, Laura and Janis for preparing the food. He further thanked Carl Karwacki for cooking and bringing the wieners. The hall was very pleased with us, and stated we were welcome back anytime. The hall is a half way point between the clubs.
  - C. Paul Serdynski spoke regarding Stocky’s Go-Carts. He reiterated that the event will take place on March 20. Paul stated that he needs all money turned in to him by March 1. He circulated a sign up sheet for anyone interested in attending. The cost is \$30 for adults, which includes go-cart rides and food. The cost for just food will be \$6.
  - D. There was no other old business discussed.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. International/GLRC updates. Secretary Hafeman spoke regarding the recent recount proceedings for the International elections. All incumbents who lost office this year had requested a recount of the ballots. He stated that two proposals were made to the International Board of Directors regarding how the recount should take place. The first was to recount a random sampling of the ballots and compare them to the original tally sheets; this proposal was defeated. A second proposal was made by International President Flanagan in tandem with BOG Chairman Seelye to send a delegation to the International headquarters to recount the original tally sheets only. This proposal was accepted. He received an e-mail from GLRC International Rep John Gordon stating that this delegation had re-added the numbers on the original tally sheets, and the numbers matched the original findings of the election committee. He stated that this matter should now be ended, and the International officers listed as winners in the newsletter and announced by President Kindt are the duly sworn officers. A question was asked about the difference in votes; Secretary Hafeman stated that the presidency was decided by 84 votes. There was a difference of several hundred votes between the candidates for vice president and treasurer; the secretary ran unopposed.
- B. President Kindt announced that Ted Englebart (and his wife) is stepping down as the chapter quartermaster. He further stated that Jim Bagurdes was willing to take on the position. There were no other members interested in this job, so President Kindt appointed Jim Bagurdes to the chapter quartermaster post.
- C. There was no other new business discussed.
- D. President Kindt asked Kim and Sandy if they were ready to proceed with their report on the Sweethearts Dance. At this point Joe Kubicek stated he could provide a brief report regarding the booze raffle. He stated that there were 75 bottles of booze donated, which was about 30 bottles less than last year. He thanked those who went “above and beyond” with donations, especially Gary Davey who donated a case of wine and several bottles of booze. The total income from the booze raffle will not be published in this forum. Joe stated that last year he remembers there being 110 bottles of booze donated, and didn’t recall the profit the raffle generated.

President Kindt stated that the turnout for this dance was extremely disappointing. Due to our increased expenses he anticipated that the chapter will not make the profits we did last year. He further stated that there is talk of moving the venue again for next year. While he acknowledged that he not was part of the overall planning, President Kindt stated that we did not get the promised cooperation from Milwaukee HD. The venue was great, but he stated that they were difficult to get a hold of until owner Chaz appointed a contact person. The House of Harley has expressed interest in hosting this event next year. The problem with House of Harley is that they do not have an alcohol permit. President Kindt understands that Greendale will issue temporary alcohol permits for fundraisers, but the House may not wish to pursue this. There is always the possibility of returning to Tanner-Paull. The biggest expenses for the chapter were for tables and chairs, clean up, and port-a-potty rentals. Also factored in were the costs of soda, beer, food, decorations, and printing.

President Kindt stated that if we don't have enough money to fully fund the Assist an Officers Fund, there may be discussion about whether or not to use chapter funds to fully fund that this year. He didn't recall the original motion about how the Assist an Officers Fund was funded, but stated that Secretary Hafeman was working on the motions book and should have that information available by the next meeting. President Kindt stated that he did not want to get into this discussion now, stating that until we know the final numbers from the dance it doesn't make sense.

One of the problems was lack of ticket sales. President Kindt stated he sold two to the entire sheriff's department. Posters and e-mails were sent, but he couldn't make any sales. Chaz stated that he'd sell tickets at his bars and the dealership but this didn't happen.

Joe Kubicek questioned what were the things promised to us that we not delivered. President Kindt stated radio advertisement wasn't done, and tickets we not sold in the bars and dealership. We were also charged for ice. There was discussion about this, and it was clarified that ice was listed with the charge for the port-a-potties. Joe Kubicek stated that his biggest disappointment with the dance was the lack of tickets sold by the membership. We had approximately 200 attendees (the same as last year) with the potential of having 500 at the venue. Joe pointed out that 44% of our membership was present, but there were very few pre sales of tickets. Ted Englebart stated that back when the dance was being planned he pointed out that this date was a problem for several people.

At this point Sandy provided her final report on the dance, which President Kindt read to the membership. The final amounts will not be published in this forum. Joe Kubicek made a motion to include the profits from the booze raffle with the profits from the dance, seconded by Ted Englebart. Motion carried. There was no further discussion relative to the dance.

- E. Bob Barr stated that brunch rides will once again be held on the second Sunday of the month, and dinner rides on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The only date in conflict for this year is in May; the brunch ride falls on Mother's Day. Bob asked that anyone who has a place to go to get that information to him. He will send that information to Laura Duff to be posted on the chapter web site. She and Bob discussed developing a calendar on the site for these rides. Rides will start in March and will run through November.
- F. Bob Barr stated that there should be something in the newsletter acknowledging all the people who helped at the Sweethearts Dance. He stated that there was much more involved than just selling tickets, such as the two carloads of baskets he helped unload. Secretary Hafeman stated he'd take care of this.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Secretary Hafeman stated that in the past few weeks chapter members have experienced the loss of loved ones. Cara McElroy (Joe Kubicek's sister) lost her battle with Lou Gehrig's disease on 1/27, Carl Karwacki's father Carl C. Karwacki Sr. passed away on 1/29, former chapter member Bob Somogji passed away (no further information available) and Bob Barr's fiancée Karen lost her mother Eleanor Kirchhoff. Condolences were extended to these members for their losses.

- B. Secretary Hafeman stated that the checks for the chapter's charitable donations were sent out. Since then he has received thank you letters from the National MS Society, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Blue Knights COPSRUN, and President Kindt received a thank you e-mail from the National MS Society. He had not received anything from American Cancer or the Riding for a Cure, but it was his understanding that Al Schoessow would be presenting that check at their meeting tonight.
- C. Joe Kubicek stated that a guest of his sister left a white scarf at the dance Saturday night. He remembered seeing someone with it after the dance. He asked if anyone has this item they please return it to him. He stated he mentioned this to Paul from Milwaukee HD.
- D. Joe Kubicek read a flyer pertaining to a motorcycle program open house at Waukesha County Technical College. The event will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Admission is free. WCTC offers three skill levels of training, and will give demonstrations of ABS (weather permitting) and instruction on how to pick up a motorcycle. There are door prizes (must be present to win), free popcorn and music.
- E. Secretary Hafeman showed the membership the new "alternate" dark blue vest from the International. The cost of this vest has now risen to \$155, the same cost as the light blue vest. The vest can be ordered without the International colors for less. He suggested that anyone interested in purchasing this vest contact Bessie Small at the International Headquarters for prices and sizes.
- F. Joe Kubicek had three unclaimed bottles of booze from the dance. After his announcement two were claimed by members who will get them to the winners.

There were no further announcements made.

- 9. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.
- 10. The 50/50 was drawn, with \$56 going to winner Laura Duff and \$56 going to the chapter.
- 11. A motion to close the meeting was made by Mike Stroessner, and seconded by Carl Karwacki. The meeting was closed at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman  
Secretary, WI VI



## Roll Call

Dennis Hafeman, Laura Duff,  
Jim and Patti Kindt, Joe  
Kubicek, Carl Karwacki,  
Janis Smolinski, Frank and  
Sue Sadowski, George  
Markopoulos, Steve Bzdusek,  
Bob Barr, Steve Schultz,  
Kenn Ziebell, Jim Bagurdes,  
Paul Serdynski, Pete Simet,  
Chuck Homa, Kevin Porter,  
Scott Wysocki, Steve  
Lesniewski, Michael  
Stroessner, Ted Englebart,  
Jim Crouse, Andre Bleickardt,  
Kim Fischer-Waliszewski and  
Sandy Santoro



Julian Gonzalez-Feb 2  
Kathy Homa-Feb 5  
John Wieseler-Feb 9  
Larry Thompson-Feb 10  
Jackie Thompson-Feb 11  
Jim Crouse-Feb 14  
Allan Miller-Feb 17  
Edward Kunicki-Feb 21  
Kenn Ziebell-Feb 23  
Will Parzyszek-Feb 28

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 2011 Spring GLRC (host OH VIII)<br>Cleveland Ohio                | <b>March 27-27</b><br><a href="http://www.blueknightsohvii.com">www.blueknightsohvii.com</a>                              |
| 2011 Spring MWRC (host KS VIII)<br>Olathe Kansas                 | <b>June 10-12</b><br><a href="http://www.bkks8.org/events.html">www.bkks8.org/events.html</a>                             |
| 2011 WI State Convention (host WI IX)<br>Mishicot Wisconsin      | <b>June 24-26</b><br><a href="http://www.bkwix.org/state_conv.html">www.bkwix.org/state_conv.html</a>                     |
| 2011 International Convention (host VA V)<br>Chesapeake Virginia | <b>July 17-21</b><br><a href="http://www.blueknights2011convention.org">www.blueknights2011convention.org</a>             |
| 2011 Summer GLRC (host OH XXV)<br>Canton Ohio                    | <b>August 19-21</b><br><a href="http://www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightsohxxv">www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightsohxxv</a> |
| 2011 Fall MWRC (host IA IV)<br>Spirit Lake Iowa                  | <b>September 16-18</b><br>(info not available at this time)   |

# Crying Towel Classic Super Bowl

