



BLUE KNIGHTS WI VI

January 2015 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

UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

Feb 6-8, Winter Blahs
Bloomington, MN MN1

March 6-15, Daytona Bike Week,
Daytona Beach FL

March 20-22, Spring GLRC
Ohio XXV Canton, OH

June 12-14, MWRC Spring
Conference, Twin City MN
www.blueknightsmwrc.com

June 26-28, WI ST Convention
WI XIII, Minocqua Sports
Complex

July 12-17, International Reno
NV reno2015@bknv2.org

August 14-16, Summer GLRC
Ohio III, Dayton, OH

Sept 11-13 MWRC Fall
Conference Des Moines, IA
www.blueknightsmwrc.com

Oct 9-12 Tri State PA IV Reading,
PA

**International website:
www.blueknights.org**

The first Blue Knights WI VI meeting of the year 2015, was held on January 20th, 2015 at Alioto's Restaurant.

President Jim Kindt (Tiny) called the meeting to order at 6:59pm with a total of 34 members and guests present. President Kindt led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our brothers who are in need.

Ted Engelbart introduced guest Jim Shutes. He is a non-sworn member of the West Bend PD. He is involved in so many things he had to retire just to keep up! He is interested in an honorary membership.

President Kindt presented Carrie Burgoyne and Kevin Kerstein their new member packets. Yeah!!!!





A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (December 16th, 2014) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Carl Karwacki. The motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Brian Bortmess read the financial report (report will not be published in this forum); a motion to accept the report was made by Carl Karwacki and seconded by Chuck Homa. The motion passed.

President Kindt interjected that all the tax and charitable information has been filed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT:

Quartermaster Jim Bagurdes reports there is nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: Dues are all collected. Thank you all for getting them in and taking the survey.

VP Dennis Hafeman reminds all members to submit an updated application if you have retired from the agency you originally joined under. You need a new application and paperwork showing you have retired.

SECONDARY CHARITY COMMITTEE: VP Dennis reports the 2014 donations will go

to: The American Cancer Society for \$300.00 and to The Wounded Warriors Project for \$300.00. The remaining \$366.00 in the charitable donation fund will remain in the account in case there are any “pop-up” donations that need to be made throughout the year.

INTERNATIONAL FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE:

Mark Meyer has put many hours into this project and I want to personally thank him.

Mark reports that we are very close to final numbers on both Milwaukee and Waukesha. Milwaukee has really changed their bid by bringing down the hotel rate and let us bring in our own beer, soda, water and snacks like last convention. By doing this they have made the final cost a littler cheaper than Waukesha. We still have some negotiating to do but we are so close to this becoming a reality.....with that in mind, we would need to know where to go from here? Will we have the support of the club to go forward or not? President Kindt (Tiny) asked the club if there is enough interest to continue going forward. If the intent is to go forward we need to take this to the next level and move from a feasible committee to a “convention committee.”

A motion to change from a “feasibility committee” to an “International Convention Committee” was made by Steve Bzdusek and seconded by Mike Zivicki. Motion passed.

We now have an International Convention Committee that consists of Mark Meyer, Sandy Santoro, Tiny Jim Kindt, Dennis Hafeman, Roy Joseph and Mark Lelinski.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

NEW BUSINESS: International and GLRC updates: Dennis reports that the report

from the last BOD meeting should have gone out to everyone. There isn't much to add to it and the next meeting will be 04/01/15.

As far as any big highlights go for our chapter is for the first time in a couple of years we have hit 100% retention for our membership. We should be getting some sort of award at the International in Reno for that! Yeah us!!

CHARITY FUND RAISER: Paul Serdyski was not able to attend and asked Tiny to see what the club would like to do. Things have changed since the last time we met. Harley Davidson is no longer sponsoring the Harley deck so it is now called the Party Deck. The August 9th game we were interested in is sold out for the Party Deck, but the Miller Deck is available. Paul sent 4 different options for the club to consider. Parking seems to be the issue. Jim Crouse suggested we check with the VA Police to park in their lot, they let MPD park on their grounds. Maybe we can work a deal with them. Paul stated he will reserve whatever date we want but he will need the money upfront for the tickets.

Brian Bortmess made a motion to give Paul permission for the August 9th game for \$77.00 per ticket fee with the parking unknown, for the 60 person (Miller Party Deck) and look into other options if parking is not available. Carl Karwacki seconded. A vote went to the floor, 12 for, 10 against, 4 abstained. Motion carried. Tiny will contact Paul to make the arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Bob Barr asked if there is a set rule that the meeting times are at 7:00pm. Can we make it later? More people are meeting ahead of time for dinner and it cuts into the socialization time. A vote was taken

for starting at 7:30 and 11 people were in favor of that. After some discussion it was decided that we would have a trial basis and start at 7:30.

MEETINGS WILL START AT 7:30 BEGINNING FEBURARY 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gary and Mary Davey wish to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts and support in their time if grief.

Jim Crouse informed everyone that retired MPD Det. John Hess passed away unexpectedly. The funeral is tomorrow. (Wed Jan 21st)

Tiny has put a challenge to all our members to come up with a theme and logo for a 2017 International.....should we bid on this.

Also lets think about a fundraiser to get some monies put away to defer costs.

UPCOMING EVENTS WERE LISTED ON THE FRONT PAGE.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE INTERNATIONAL AND CONFERENCE WEB SITES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS.

NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 17TH AT 7:30PM ALIOTOS. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 6PM

50/50 DRAWING \$73.00 TO THE HOUSE AND \$74.00 TO THE WINNER - DENNIS HAFEMAN!!

Fraternally,
Sandy Santoro (ABD)

ROLL CALL

Chuck Homa
Steve Schultz
Sandy Santoro
Dennis & Laura Hafeman
Jim Kindt
Al Schoessow
Gary & Mary Davey
Carl Karwacki
Jim Bagurdes
Mike Zivicki
Steve Bzdusek
Bob Barr
Mark Meyer
Randy Abbott
Scott Wysocki
Mark Lelinski
Pete Simet
Mike & Charlene Hersh
Carrie Burgoyne
Ted & Pat Engelbart
Jim Shutes (guest)
Jim Crouse
Jim Ortiz
Dan O'Toole
Joseph Roy
Mike Stroessner
Kenn Ziebell
Bob McDermott
Kevin Kerstein
Brian Bortmess

Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday
(10am)

Dinner rides are the 4th Wednesday
(6pm)

Rides run March through November
Weather permitting

OUR BOARD

PRESIDENT

James (Tiny) Kindt
jimkindt@yahoo.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Dennis Hafeman bkwrongway1@aol.com

SECRETARY

Sandy Santoro santoro3@sbcglobal.net

TREASURER

Brian Bortmess bbortmess@gmail.com

DIRECTORS

Steve Bzdusek sgbzdusek@gmail.com

Robert Barr kkandbb@gmail.com

Chuck Homa cah621@yahoo.com

PAST PRESIDENT

Joe Kubicek kubydoo@att.net

BIRTHDAYS

Doni Kubicek, Jan 15

Ellen Wysocki, Jan 15

Danny O'Toole, Jan 17

Laura Duff, Jan 17

Nancy Mihalovits, Jan 21

Charlene Hersh, Jan 22

Tina McPeek, Jan 30