



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

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From your Chapter Secretary

With a new secretary comes a new style for your chapter newsletter. I've adopted the format I've used in the past for the GLRC newsletters rather than just copying Joe's award winning style. I hope you'll find this as enjoyable to read as my predecessor's works. My 24th newsletter should come out around the time of the impending 2012 apocalypse, so you'll all have something to peruse when you're standing in line at the Pearly Gates!

Besides the newsletter, every month (as applicable) I'll also be sending out the agenda for chapter meetings. This way everyone will know what's going to be discussed well in advance of the meeting, and it should keep the head table more organized. If you have an item for discussion, I ask that you send it to President "Tiny" and me in advance of the meeting so we can get it on the agenda and distributed chapter wide.

If you missed the Crying Towel rematch/chapter Christmas party you missed a great time. The facility itself was magnificent; reminiscent of an "up north" cabin. 58 people attended, including Past International President Mike Ripsch (unfortunately pulling for the Bears) and Wisconsin State Rep Dane Nelsen. Plenty of food, libations, and a Packer victory made for a fun time. A special thanks to George Markopoulos and his "hook" Frank Sadowski for supplying our tasty repast.

Always remember that this is *your* newsletter, and I welcome any and all articles, pictures, and information you would like to share.

"Lost in America,"

"Wrongway" Dennis
WI VI Secretary

Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jim “Tiny” Kindt at 7:05 PM on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. President Kindt led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for our “brothers in need.”

There were no new members or special guests, but President Kindt did welcome “new member holding no office” Joe Kubicek, who was glad to be present.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Joe Kubicek, and seconded by Bob McDermott. All in favor; the motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: Treasurer Bortmess was not in attendance, and his report was read by President Kindt. (Final numbers are not published in this forum). There was some discussion about the report, which did not reflect some transactions from last month’s meeting. A motion to accept the report was made by Bob Barr, and seconded by Tom Listinsky. All in favor; motion carried.

Old Business: **A) Sweethearts Dance.** President Kindt pointed out that this is the last meeting before the dance. He stated we have very few raffle items, and less than two cases of booze for the booze raffle. As of this date not many dance tickets have been pre sold. We need the money to pay for tables, port-a-potties, and clean up.

Sandy: met with Milwaukee Harley Davidson. The event flyer is available and is on their web site. She had copies available for members to take and post at work. The Forum restaurant donated gift cards, and asked that we keep them in mind when doing a dinner ride. She also spoke with the House of Harley, and was given a \$500 gift card. They expressed a future interest in hosting this event, and wondered why we chose Milwaukee HD over them. She also stated that we need members to sell raffle tickets at the dance.

Kim: we need cases of soda. Milwaukee HD will provide a trough and ice, and can supply soda at \$1 per can. Discussion took place about where to obtain soda. Jim Kindt will check with his daughter, Kevin Porter will go to Woodman’s to see about a donation. If we run out Milwaukee HD will be able to supply us. It was decided that Kim would work with Kevin on this, and e-mail Jim Kindt with the results. There was an issue about the original flyer not having the date/time of the event on it. Kim requested that anyone who has these flyers destroy them.

Sandy stated that all Blue Knights from the chapter attending must pay admission.

The next issued discussed was beer. Milwaukee HD was going to check with Miller, and would supply taps and coolers. President Kindt suggested finding a bar that would front us the beer and sell it to us at cost; Joe thought Mitchell’s may be willing to do this. He will check with them, and believed that he may be able to get the beer for \$79ish per half barrel. He will also ask about buying back any unused barrels. Jim Crouse will check with Rosie’s about a donation, and Bob Barr will go to Lakefront Brewery and speak with Jim Klisch. There was discussion about the number of half barrels, and Joe pointed out that at his sister’s fund raiser they went through six half barrels in four hours. Jim C. and Joe K. will coordinate with Sandy over the beer issue.

Doni Kubicek will take care of decorations. Kim is still waiting to hear back from Sgt. Wroblewski, whose family runs the store that supplies helium.

Dennis will stop at Knight's Popcorn and see about a donation. He'll also coordinate with Joe regarding snacks. Dennis also has paper boats for snacks.

Kim stated they have arranged seating for 300, and at least two tables for raffle items. Music is taken care of, and President Kindt asked for help securing port-a-potties.

Kim stated she needs help after the event putting chairs and tables away and with general clean up. Milwaukee HD closes at 4:00 PM that day, and that's when set up will begin. She needs people to step up and help.

At least 200 letters soliciting donations went out, and several came back as return to sender. It was stressed that we need donations for door prizes and raffle items. Kim has only two larger items and needs more. Joe will contact Misty at Harley Davidson Police sales, and Laura Duff will contact Donna at the Hilton as well as pick up donations from Sprecher Brewery.

B) Packer/Bear game/Christmas Party final: Dennis stated the party was a huge success. 58 members and guests attended. Dennis gave the financial numbers (not published in this forum). The chapter made a small profit when all was finished; this money will be used for the upcoming championship game. President Kindt stated he was happy to not be wearing the Bears jersey again.

C) Secondary Charity Committee report: Chairman Dennis stated that six charities were chose to receive donations of \$250 each. They are: American Cancer Society, ALS Society of Wisconsin, National MS Society, COPSRUN, JDRF of Southeast Wisconsin, and Riding for a Cure (supported by Rock River HOG for breast cancer). Joe had a question about COPS, wondering why it was COPSRUN instead of COPS. Dennis explained that the donation will be going to BLUEKNIGHTS COPSRUN, as this charity was listed in the latest International magazine and is supported directly by the club. Dennis stated that donation letters were already made out and ready to mail, but due to Brian's absence he was unable to get the checks. He hoped to have them by Sunday. President Kindt instructed Dennis to inform the International Secretary of the donations; Dennis had already done so.

D) International Motorcycle Show: Steve Schultz stated that due to a lack of interest the bus and van rides were cancelled. He's taking a small faction down himself.

E) Any old business from the floor: Bob Barr stated that the fish fry at Tanner-Paull was put on hold due to everything going on this month and next. There is no plan to do a fish fry in January as a club event.

There was no further old business from the floor.

New Business: **A) International and GLRC issues:** The Spring GLRC will be held on March 25-27 in Cleveland. President Kindt then read the results from the International elections:

International President Bob Flanagan
International Vice President DJ Alvarez
International Secretary Jack Kaylor (ran unopposed)
International Treasurer Jerry Bryan

Dave Mulford lost the presidential election by 82 votes. President Kindt expressed a personal disappointment, but urged everyone to support the newly elected officers. There was a 34% ballot return club wide. The chapter had a much higher ballot return.

B) Chapter web site/manager: President Kindt introduced the new chapter web site manager Laura Duff. She will be setting up an actual web site e-mail address that members can use to contact her. She and Mark Meyer are in the process of changing things over and it will take a few days to get everything up and running. He urged members to be patient, as this is new to her. Dennis stated that Mark had mentioned that several of the problems he had were: photos sent without captions, a lack of input from members, and people sending CDs of photos expecting them all to be put on the site. President Kindt reminded everyone that the web site is the web manager's domain, and she has the final say in what gets posted.

C) Chapter motions book: Dennis informed the chapter that while doing research in Robert's Rules he found that every chapter is supposed to have a motions book. He stated that the chapter does not have one. A motions book records all motions and their outcomes, and is a continuing process. Dennis will go back as far as possible in the chapter records and create this book, with the intent to have it in place by spring. It will help clarify issues in the future.

D) 2010 Blue Knight of the Year: President Kindt called Sandy Santoro to the front of the room, where she was named the 2010 Blue Knight of the Year. Sandy was presented with a trophy and the traveling plaque. The board unanimously picked her based on her attendance, service to the chapter as the dance co-chairwoman, and for her actions on the Hoan Bridge which resulted in saving the life of a jumper.

E) New Business from the floor: Jim Bagurdes mentioned that there was a Retirees Dinner Dance the same night as the Sweethearts Dance. After some discussion it was deemed not an issue to cause concern.

There was no further new business from the floor.

Announcements/good of the order: Dennis read a thank you letter from Joe Kubicek, expressing his and his family's gratitude to the chapter for supporting the fund raiser for his sister Cara.

Packer/Bear game: Joe Kubicek stated that he has secured the Harvey Funk American Legion Post in Franksville (Racine area) for the NFC Championship game. He was able to get the hall for our exclusive use for \$95, and they have two TVs (but we're welcome to bring in our own). Pitchers of beer are \$4.50, canned beer \$2.50, and \$2 rail and \$2.50 call drinks. Doors open at 12:30PM and we're able to bring in our own food. Kickoff is at 2:00 PM. The invitation went out statewide and to Illinois State Rep Gayle Murnane for her to forward to Illinois chapters. He requested an RSVP to help plan for food. There was a lengthy discussion regarding food, and it was eventually decided that the executive board would work out the details. The chapters will split the rental fee of the hall, and Joe Kubicek suggested taking the profits from the last Packer game and using it towards this event.

There were no further announcements from the floor.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM (Alioto's)

The 50/50 was drawn, and Kristi Bleickardt won \$59 (\$58 to the chapter). She donated her winnings back to the chapter to use for the upcoming Packer/Bear game.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Bob McDermott, seconded by Bob Barr. All in favor; the motion passed.

The meeting was closed at 8:00 PM



ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman & Laura Duff,
Carl Karwacki, Joe Kubicek,
Andre and Kristi Bleickardt, Jim
Bagurdes, Gary & Mary Davey,
Scott Wysocki, Steve Lesniewski,
Sandy Santoro, Chuck Homa,
Kevin Porter, Jim and Patti Kindt,
Bob McDermott, Eddie Kunicki,
Tom Listinsky, Robert E. Barr,
Steve Schultz, Steve Bzdusek,
Scott Miller, Jim Backes, Pete
Simet, Jim Crouse, and Kim
Fischer-Waliszewski



INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS

President

Bob Flanagan (W)-2,577
Dave Mulford-2,495
Peter Domiziano-1,928

Vice President

DJ Alvarez (W)-4,257
Pat Fox-2,749

Secretary

Jack Kaylor (unopposed)-6,643

Treasurer

Jerry Bryant (W)-3,618
Russ Harper-3,375



Happy Birthday

Doni Kubicek-Jan 15
Ellen Wysocki-Jan 15
Laura Duff-Jan 17
Tina Chappell-Jan 30

UPCOMING EVENTS

2011 Spring GLRC Cleveland OH	March 25-27 www.blueknightsohvii.com
2011 Spring MWRC Olathe KS	June 10-12 www.bkks8.org/events.htm
2011 WI State Convention Mishicot WI	June 24-26 www.bkwiix.org/state_conv.html
2011 International Convention ChesapeakeVA	July 17-21 www.blueknights2011convention.org
2011 Summer GLRC Canton OH	August 19-21 www.angelfire.com/oh5/blueknightsohxxv