



Blue Knights WI VI

March 2014 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

Happy St. Patrick's Day

The 2014 March meeting was held on March 18th, 2014 at Alioto's Restaurant.

President Jim Kindt (Tiny) called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with a total of 29 members and guests present. Welcome to a special guest from WI XII, Randy Abbott. President Kindt led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our brothers who are in need.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting (February 18th 2014) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Ken Ziebell. The motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: In Treasurer Brian Bortmess's absence, President Jim Kindt read the financial report to the membership (report will not be published in this forum.) A motion to accept the

report was made by Vice President Dennis Hafeman and seconded by Carl Karwacki. The motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Jim Bagurdes stated he has placed the shirt order!!

OLD BUSINESS:

BADGES: With Brian absent there was no update.

BREWERS FUNDRAISER: Paul Serdynski stated there are 13 people signed up for the game. Dennis has sent flyers out to all of you via email. Please print one up and post it at work or a (respectable) business you frequent. Remember this is a fundraiser. The cost is \$100 per person. Make your checks out to Paul Serdynski and mail it to him (use the address on the roster.) We have 40 total tickets. SIGN UP!! This should be a great time!!

FACEBOOK: Laura looked at the International's social media policy, and there was nothing in there about setting up a Facebook page. The policy is geared

more toward how to conduct yourself when using a social media site. Copies of the policy were sent out to all chapter members. With that said, Laura reports that it is up to us if we want to set up a page. There are ways to place restrictions on who can post on it or read it.

There was a short discussion on the security of a Facebook page. Tiny stated we will go ahead with setting up a Facebook page, with only WI VI members able to post on it. Laura said it can be set up as "private" meaning, others will be able to see that we have a page, but can't see what is on it.

Tiny gave Laura the go-ahead to set up a Facebook page and monitor it, if things don't go well we can shut it down.

STATE CONVENTION: Al Schoessow stated that he spoke to Mike Matoushek and he (Mike) requests that if you plan on helping out at the State Convention to send him an e-mail at mmatoushek@att.net.

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

GLRC & INTERNATIONAL UPDATES:

GLRC Nominations were read by Tiny. Both Tiny and Dennis strongly suggest you get to know the people who are running for these positions and make your recommendations known. Tiny will be voting at the summer GLRC for these positions.....

International representative:

Dennis Hafeman

Bill Haylett

Chris Dobek

Chairman:

Tom Peed

Mike Ripsch

Vice Chairman:

Collette DeFalco

Paul Croteau

Rich Martinez

Secretary:

Pam Carlton

Glenn Wheat

Treasurer:

Jim Kindt

Brian Arnold

Gail Murnane

Dennis reports there is not a lot of business to discuss at the International level.

-proposal regarding proxy voting at the International Convention for this year has been withdrawn.

-proposal regarding the chapter level safety officer being a sworn law enforcement member was discussed and was voted down. That proposal has ended.

-2015 summer GLRC bids were tabled until the 2014 summer GLRC (no one put a bid in.)

-travelers pin (information on how this ride is done is on the GLRC web site) the GLRC has now approved that you may take your picture in front of a police station of the city you are in.

Next meeting is at the summer GLRC (August 16th) and is open to all members. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and see what goes on at the GLRC level.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

-MWRC June 13-16. Davenport, Iowa

-State Convention June 20-22, Waupun Community Center (WI XII)

International convention June 22-27, Waidring, Austria

- Summer GLRC, Galesburg ILL, Aug 15-17
- Bike blessing Blue Knights WI II, April 12
- WI V Fools 100 reunion party, April 12

GOOD OF THE ORDER FROM THE FLOOR:

-Ken Cecil was in attendance tonight selling the limited HD 110 Badge. Ken is retired MPD. He is able to make replica badges for you retired MPD officers. Check out the web site 1855project.com.

-We need to designate a place to meet for our upcoming rides since the current park-n-ride is now closed. Possibility of have two locations (north and south sides) depending on where the rides are going. If you have a location in mind, bring it to the next meeting.

-Get well (SOON) wishes are going out to Bob Barr. We are praying for a speedy recovery for you!! Or, we might not see a riding season..... "lost without your circuitous routes!!"

-Pete Simet has come across some old MPD photos. He asked if anyone would be interested in getting together to help him ID some of the people in the photos. Photos are from 1952 and on.....

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD REASON FOR A DINNER GET TOGETHER!!! Details to come.

Motion to close was made by Dennis Hafeman at 0748pm and seconded by Jim Bagurdes. Motion passed.

Fraternally,
Sandy (LTS) 134

RIDES/EVENTS:

The spring GLRC was held in Erie PA March 14th thru the 16th.

Wisconsin VI was represented well, fourteen people to be exact!

The ride there reminded me of a bad workday. More than 24 hours after the 50 semi and car pileup on the Turnike happened, the debris and damage was still there and the Interstate was reclosed. After the detours and delays our early arrival brought us there just in time to meet Joe, Doni, Dennis and Laura as they finished their dinner.

PA XVIII put on one heck of a party! From the Chinese Auctions to the hospitality room and banquet, all were done first class. Even the city had lots to offer. But in a college town, on a St. Patrick's Day weekend, if you wanted sleep, you came to the wrong place!!

This was a very well attended convention and everyone I saw was having a great time!!

WI VI members who attended were: Jim and Patti Kindt, Dennis Hafeman and Laura Duff, Joe and Doni Kubicek, Carl Karwacki, Sandy Santoro, Bob Barr, Jim and Sherry Ortiz, Jim Bagurdes, Chuck Homa and Mike Zivicki.





ROLL CALL

Chuck Homa
Steve Schultz
Danny O'Toole
Scott Wysocki
Sandy Santoro
Nick Santoro
Dennis Hafeman
Laura Duff
Jim Kindt
Al Schoessow
Gary Davey
Mary Davey
Carl Karwacki
Pete Simet
Jim Ortiz
Kenn Ziebell
Paul Serdynski
Mike Hersh
Charlene Rambodt-Hersh
Jim Bagurdes
Mike Stroessner
Steve Bzdusek
Jared Listinsky
Tom Listinsky
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Pat Engelbart
Jim Crouse
Herman Kremkau
Randy Abbott



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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Kristi Bleickardt, March 3

Ed Marynik, March 8

Robert McDermott, March 23

Michelle Roy, March 24

Mark Koch, March 29

**THE RIDING SEASON IS
HERE!! (weather permitting)**



Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday
(10am)

Dinner rides are the 4th
Wednesday (6pm)

Rides run March through
November

(Ride dates may vary)

Meeting location: **changes per
ride, due to construction**

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

- 2014 WI II Bike Blessing, April 12th
Crosspoint Community Church, Oconomowoc
Just south of 16 off 67
- 2014 MWRC Iowa I June 13-15
Davenport, Iowa (www.blueknightsmwrc.com)
- 2014 State Convention June 20-22
Waupun Community Center (510 E Spring St)
More detail to come soon
- 2014 International June 22 – 27
Waidring Austria [HTTP://BK-Convention2014.eu/](http://BK-Convention2014.eu/)
- 2014 European Tour June 21-July 6
Escorted by Pat Fox, contact Pfox1@nycap.rr.com
- Brewer Fundraiser BK WI VI July 13
Contact Paul Serdyski Brewers vs St. Louis
- Fool's 100 WI V (see flyer) August 12
- 2014 Summer GLRC August 15-17
Galesburg, ILL XXXVI
- Blue Knights 40th Anniversary Cruise, 7 days
Hosted by Florida XVIII August 24, 2014
www.blueknightsflxviii.com
- 2014 TSC Oct 10-13
New York IV www.blueknightsny4.org
- 2015 Spring GLRC dates to be announced
Canton, OH

50/50 WINNER!!

Steve Bzdusek

\$61 to house \$61 to winner!!

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL
15TH 2014, 7:00PM ALIOTO'S.
SOCIAL HOUR STARTS AT 6:00PM**

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

