



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

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From *Your* Chapter Secretary

Somebody should point out to Al Gore that global warming actually entails warmth! It's mid May, and can you believe that we're still getting frost advisories? On May 14, I took a ride via four wheels (thanks to 40's and rain) to Green Bay to celebrate the surprise marriage of our Wisconsin State Rep Dane Nelsen to girlfriend Karen (and no, it wasn't a shotgun affair). Their reception was definitely biker friendly, with Harley clothes and Blue Knights colors being the requested formal wear of the evening. Throw in a pig roast and music by Chris Carey and it was one mighty fine party. In true Wrecking Crew tradition I didn't make it back to my hotel room until 3 AM. Congrats Dane and Karen; here's to a long and happy marriage!

Meanwhile our intrepid Past President Joe Kubicek defied the cold, rain and winds to ride out to Lacrosse for the annual Root River Ride (on his Softail rain magnet no less). Now I don't have any of the details to report (and trust me, most things that happen there shouldn't be in print), but I'm pretty confident that a serious amount of alcohol was needed to ward off the effects of our "fine" spring weather.

In the past few weeks I've forwarded several flyers for upcoming rides. If you've got the time I encourage you to toss on your colors, fire up your bike and support these events. By the time you read this newsletter Laura and I will be getting ready to head "across the pond" for the 2011 European Convention on the sunny French Riviera. When we get home I'll have enough time to pack up my bike and head to Kansas for the Spring MWRC. Yeah, I know I've got a tough life, but someone has to do it. Don't worry; I'll give you all a full report when I get back.

Lastly, May is the month we honor our brothers and sisters in law enforcement who've made the ultimate sacrifice. Please take a moment to remember those who've transferred to Heaven I and all of our fallen brethren.

"Lost in America,"

"Wrongway" Dennis

Minutes of the Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM on Tuesday, May 17 2011 by President Kindt.
- 2) President Kindt led the membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our brothers and sisters in need.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests:** President Kindt called on the three members of WI IX (Manitowoc) to stand up for introduction. Introduced were Chapter President Mark Anderson and chapter members Frank Morella and Randy Bauer. Joe Kubicek introduced his nephew Kevin “Half Sack” Kubicek.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes from the last chapter meeting (4/19/11).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Herman Kremkau. The motion passed with one opposed.
- 5) **Treasurer’s report:** Treasurer Bortmess read his report (final numbers will not be published in this forum). A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by Mike Zivicki and seconded by Chuck Homa. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) **Old business:**
 - a) **2012 Sweethearts Dance:** President Kindt informed the membership that neither Sandy Santoro nor Kim Fischer-Waliszewski were present. Joe Kubicek did not have any information about the dance. President Kindt reiterated that the membership should begin obtaining donations, especially beer, booze, and raffle prizes. With no further information available further discussion on the dance was tabled until the September 20 meeting.
 - b) **Chapter Challenge Coin:** Joe Kubicek stated that the artwork for the 2.5” bottle opener/coin was approved by the International. The initial deposit (amount withheld) was made, and the second complete payment (amount withheld) was going to be paid at the end of the month. The coins should be arriving in the first week of June, in time for members to take them to summer Blue Knights events. Joe further explained that the company would keep the die. He further stated that this company usually re-sells the coins they manufacture for their own profit. Joe stated that this was a violation of the club’s sales rules, and the company will note a “no re-sale” clause in the contract.
 - c) President Kindt stated that to date there has only been one applicant for the International Scholarship fund. Five will be awarded this year, and President Kindt stated that if any member has a child/stepchild they should apply.
 - d) There was no further old business discussed.
- 7) **New Business:**
 - a) **GLRC/International updates:** Secretary Hafeman stated that recently a number of proposals were voted on by the International Board of Directors. Two of these will have a large impact on future International Conventions. In the past the Inaugural weekend was held in Bangor Maine in January of the election year. Now, the inauguration will take place at the International Convention. He further stated that the

ballots now will be counted by an outside agency. This change will take place during the 2013 International Convention. Joe Kubicek stated that due to this change the current International President will serve a 2.5 year term. He further stated that this change isn't "set in stone" yet, and will be discussed at the International Convention this year. However it will take a 2/3 majority to overturn this.

Secretary Hafeman further stated that the deadline for bidding for the 2013 International Convention had passed. Currently, two chapters are bidding to host the convention: TN I (Memphis) and AK IV (Eureka Springs). As is typical there is no information available as to the bids other than the rough area of the state the convention would be held. Secretary Hafeman made a motion to allow President Kindt to listen to the bids at the 2011 Convention and to vote for the best package; seconded by Mike Zivicki. The motion unanimously passed.

- b) **Transfer of money to "Assist an Officer" Fund.** Secretary Hafeman stated that currently the Assist an Officer Fund has \$3,500, with a cap of \$4,000. Secretary Hafeman made a motion to transfer \$500 from the Secondary Charity Fund to the Assist an Officer fund. He stated the reason behind this would be to have the primary charity fully funded going into the summer break in chapter meetings. The motion was seconded by President Kindt. There was a good deal of discussion regarding the need to make the transfer. The vote was called; the results were 16 for the motion, 3 against, and 1 abstention. Motion passed.
- c) Joe Kubicek stated that he had recently been contacted by the Hilton Hotel. They were inquiring if the chapter was interested in hosting another convention (GLRC or International). Joe stated that he'd be willing to meet with the Hilton to investigate the possibility of hosting a spring GLRC convention. Bids to host the 2013 Spring GLRC would be heard at the 2011 Summer GLRC. President Kindt stated he would direct Joe Kubicek to investigate the possibility of hosting the spring GLRC. He was directed to obtain the information and report back in the fall. Secretary Hafeman pointed out that the bid for the 2013 convention would be put on in August; the chapter doesn't meet again formally until September. If no other chapter bids for the convention the bid would be tabled until the spring GLRC in Niagara Falls. Joe stated he'd make a report to the board prior to the GLRC. President Kindt polled the membership to see if there was interest in hosting the spring GLRC; there was. A motion was made by Chuck Homa authorizing the chapter board to investigate hosting the spring 2013 GLRC and to make a decision to bid for the conference at the summer 2011 GLRC if a suitable venue and package is compiled; seconded by Herman Kremkau. The motion unanimously passed.
- d) **There was no further new business discussed.**

8) Announcements/good of the order:

- a) Mike Zivicki spoke about the Memorial Day (May 30) ride sponsored by WI XV. He plans on attending, and anyone interested in riding with him should contact him. Secretary Hafeman stated that the flyer for this event had already been e-mailed to all chapter members.

Chuck Homa stated that is anyone who wants to go on any of these rides and want company e-mail this info to other chapter members to garner interest. Secretary Hafeman stated that he would forward any of these e-mail requests chapter-wide in the event anyone does not have a complete e-mail list of the membership. Joe Kubicek stated that members who do go on these rides consider writing articles and submitting

them to the secretary for the newsletter. This included pictures. President Kindt stated that photographs should be submitted to Web Mistress Laura Duff. Please include captions on what the photos are.

- b) Secretary Hafeman stated that last month he received a thank you letter from the Rock River Cancer Research Foundation; this is for the \$250 donation the chapter made to “Riding for a Cure” through Rock River HOG.
- c) Joe Kubicek stated that there are members of our chapter attending the Midwest Regional Convention in Olathe KS. Friends from MN will be bidding to host a future MWRC in the Winona River area, and although our members can’t vote at their meeting they ask that we “talk up” their bid. They will be bidding against Tulsa OK.
- d) Joe Kubicek stated that Manager Nicole at Milwaukee Harley is looking for help with a fundraising ride on June 25. The event is the “Ride to End Dogfighting”, and they are looking for members to act as road captains between their two scheduled stops on the run (2-3 hour time commitment). The ride is in conflict with the State HOG rally which their HOG members are attending and the Wisconsin State Convention in Manitowoc which most BKs are attending. Joe asked that anyone interested contact him.
- e) President Kindt spoke about the Wisconsin State Convention. He stated that he and Patti will be going to Fox Hills Resort on Wednesday to play golf, and they would be willing to take anyone’s clubs up to the convention for them.

President Mark Anderson (WI IX) then spoke about the upcoming convention, which his chapter is hosting. President Anderson passed out flyers for Fox Hills Resort, which is approximately 4-5 miles from the convention site. The resort has rooms blocked off; due to the HOG rally and a car show in Two Rivers there are no hotel rooms available. There may be a \$5 deduction on room rates for veterans. There are rustic cabins available at the campgrounds. Saturday night at the convention the chapter is planning a Mexican fiesta with fajitas and tacos. Registration forms are available on the WI IX web site and a link is set up on the e-mail version of the chapter newsletter which will take members to the form as well. President Anderson stated that there is no late registration fee, and they will charge \$20 for one day registration for any member coming up to the HOG rally. They are working on arranging transportation between Fox Hills and the campground.

- f) Bob Barr stated that the May 25 dinner ride will be to Brew City BBQ (10250 N. Cedarburg Rd., Mequon) at the usual meeting place and time. The June 12 brunch ride will be going to an undisclosed location in Kenosha.
- g) Discussion took place about the fund raiser at Quaker Steak and Lube in New Berlin on September 23 as suggested by member Ron Bethia. Ron was not present, and there was a lack of information about what they wanted from the chapter. It was decided that Secretary Hafeman would contact Ron Bethia to get more information on the ride then send that information out to the chapter in a mass e-mail and in the newsletter.
- h) Joe Kubicek stated that he had just received paperwork from Scott (Manager of Alioto’s) regarding a golf outing on Tuesday, August 16. The event will be at the Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex, with all proceeds going to the Vince Lombardi-St. Luke’s Hospital Cancer Research Fund. Joe stated that he would give the letter to Secretary Hafeman, and had a registration form if anyone was interested in playing.

There were no further announcements.

- 9) Next meeting is Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 7:00 PM at Alioto's Restaurant.**
- 10) 50/50 drawing:** "Big" Steve Schultz won \$74, and \$73 went to the chapter.
- 11) A motion to close the meeting was made by Joe Kubicek, and seconded by many. The meeting was officially closed at 8:02 PM by President Kindt.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI



Ride with Pride



Roll Call

Dennis Hafeman, Jim and Patti Kindt, Brian Bortmess, Carl Karwacki, Jim Bagurdes, Mike Zivicki, Pete Simet, Kevin Porter, Mark Meyer, Paul Serdynski, Andre and Kristi Bleickardt, Herman Kremkau, Eddie Kunicki, Julian Gonzalez Jr., Robert Barr, Gary and Mary Davey, Ted and Pat Englebart, Michael Stroessner, Jim Backes, Scott Miller, Steve Schultz, Scott Wysocki, Chuck Homa, Joseph Kubicek, GUESTS: Kevin Kubicek, Mark Anderson (WI IX), Frank Morella (WI IX), and Randy Bauer (WI IX)



Happy Birthday

Jori Crouse-May 5th
Conrad Zvara-May 10th
Al Schoessow-May 12th
Kris Hennen-May 15th
Nick Santoro-May 17th
Pat Englebart-May 24th
Scott Wysocki-May 24th

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
2011 Fall MWRC Okoboiji IA	September 16-18 www.blueknightsmwrc.com

Chapter Rides

Brunch rides are held the
Second Sunday (10:00 AM)

AND

Dinner rides are held the
Fourth Wednesday (6:00 PM)

Rides begin in March and run
through November

Meeting location is the park and
ride lot adjacent to the Milwaukee
Children's Center
HWY 45 and W. Watertown
Plank Road

Locations TBD