



Blue Knights WI VI

MAY 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



The 2014 May meeting was held on May 20th, 2014 at Alioto's Restaurant.

President Jim Kindt (Tiny) called the meeting to order at 7:07pm with a total of 33 members present. 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 (April 15th 2014) was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Tom Listinsky. The motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Brian Bortmess read the financial report to the

membership (report will not be published in this forum.) A motion to accept the report was made by Steve Bzdusek and seconded by Dennis Hafeman. The motion passed.

QUARTERMASTERS REPORT: Jim Bagurdes stated that there were some issues with the quality of the shirts he recently purchased and will be meeting with Will shortly to correct this.

OLD BUSINESS:

BADGES: Brian informed us that the first order of badges have arrived. Brian passed one around for all to take a look at.

If you are interested in placing orders for a badge see Brian after the meeting.

BREWERS FUNDRAISER: Paul Serdynski stated 37 of the 42 tickets have been sold and 6 people have expressed an interest in the remaining tickets, sounds like someone is gonna be left out!!

FACEBOOK: The Facebook page is up and running. Laura addressed a few questions, mainly on who and how to be invited to the page. This can be a good tool to use when it comes to communicating about events!!!

Remember, this is a closed page and you have to be invited to join it. So if you get a request to join this Facebook page from someone who states they are a Blue Knight and you are not sure if they are a Blue Knight, forward the information to Dennis. He has a master list of all the Blue Knights and can verify if it is legitimate.

STATE CONVENTION: Al Schoessow stated that there was a meeting tonight and he didn't attend it. ☺

The following information was recently forwarded to me.....

With the Convention less than a month away we will be having a meeting every Tuesday up until the convention. This starts this coming Tuesday May 27th. Let's make this happen this Tuesday here in Waupun (Community center, if weather is bad we can move to my house or an area bar) at 6:00 or 6:30 (I know this is a little late, but some work until 6). I am working on getting a key to get into the concession stand area of the building. The concession area is completely run by the hockey league, and I am working on them letting us use the space.

The guardian bells are in. If you ordered one (or more) I will bring them with me on Tuesday. The bells are \$10 each.

I also have 4 vests here as well. Since I have such a great memory, I believe I know who they all belong to (Chief, Derek, Duane, and JJ). If I am wrong please remind me. The vests are \$62.00 each.

The shirts are not ready yet, but will be in with time to spare.

Please bring your money for the above items to the next meeting if you are able to attend.

We are also trying to work on a schedule for workers for the event.

ALSO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK ON DONATIONS!!!

Thanks,

Mike

If you have any questions contact Mike Matoushek at e-mail mmatoushek@att.net.

Dennis reminded us that the host hotel is booked up but there is a secondary hotel that has rooms blocked for the Blue Knights. Dennis sent out a flyer to all regarding this information. However I deleted it as I have a room already. So if you need the information again contact Dennis.

RIDE INFORMATION:

-Bob Barr stated the next ride is June 8th and he cannot make it. (Could it be because he has birthday plans??)

He asked if anyone would like to head up the ride.

He also suggests that with the extensive destruction on our freeway system and our normal meeting location "off limits" that we pick a meeting location that is congenial of where the final destination is.

Long story short.....if you want to head up a ride, make the plans, distribute them, and pick a place (and date) to meet.

Remember we can now use our Facebook page to disseminate information!!

OLD BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

GLRC & INTERNATIONAL UPDATES:

Here is a summary from the last board meeting on May 14th from the International Rep.

-Audit....or should I say "lack of." The RFP's have expired and after some changes to the RFP's, only one firm has shown interest.

-Joe Kubicek stepped down as chairman.

-Proposal to amend by-laws regarding the Canadian Correctional Officers – failed

-The BOG reported they only have 1 bid for the 2016 International. PA V, out of Harrisburg PA. Dates of June 17-24th 2016. Registration is \$110.00. This is in the Hersey PA area.

-The BOG meeting is coming up June 23rd and our President Tiny will be voting at that one.

At this meeting there will be a discussion and vote regarding an amendment of the bylaws to allow proxy voting. How this will work is, any regular member can get a letter from any other chapter to vote on their behalf.

Dennis explained that how this proposal is written up one member could walk in with 25 letters, from 25 chapters, and be 25 voting members.....that could influence how things go. If you want more details see Dennis after the meeting, (it is a three page proposal.)

Dennis stated that he is not against proxy voting if proposed properly.

**Mike Zivicky made a motion that we NOT support the amendment on proxy voting. Dennis Hafeman seconded this motion. Discussion was open and a vote was taken. All members in attendance voted to NOT support this amendment.*

-This is a voting year for the BOG. Dennis informed us that he has decided to run for Chairman (against 4 others) and will be asking our chapter president to support

him on that. Here are the nominations for the BOG Elections:

CHAIRMAN:

Chris Dobek	IL XI
Dennis Hafeman	WI VI
Jack Kaylor	CA XXIV
Harry Shaw	England V
Lon Strayer	PA XII

VICE CHAIR:

Bob Seelye	Washington I
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SECRETARY:

Jim Borza	PA XXIV
Graham Buxton	England V
Glen Wheat	IN XIII

TREASURER:

Mike Rickard	NY V
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If you have a recommendation for Tiny please let him know before he attends this meeting.

*A vote was taken on which chairman for Tiny to vote for at this meeting and, Dennis Hafeman won!!

On a side note.....there is a possibility that if Dennis wins the chairman's position, he might not be able to be our GLRC Representative.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

-Membership cards are in, pick them up.

-Dennis Hafeman has passes for the Harley Davidson Museum. If interested see him after the meeting.

-Packer Bear games: First one is Sept 28th a noon game. We will probably be at the Super 8 again in Waukegan, IL and I'm guessing at Jesters for the game, (Dennis won't be there as he will be on his honeymoon!!) details to come.

Second game is Sunday November 9th Jim Bagurdes is checking on securing the same venue as last year, Piccadilly's Club House, I will keep you posted.

Any thoughts on combining the Packer/Bears game with our Christmas party?? Think about it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

*Danny O'Toole reported, Dale Brunner, retired MPD & Washington County Sheriff, is Presently at Cedar Community Rehab, Hwy Z, West Bend, WI. He is battling Brain Cancer. Dale was the primary "mover & shaker" for the MPD involvement in the Special Olympics program & later for the entire State program.

*Mike Zivicki mentioned the brewer game is the same date as the brunch ride; if anyone is interested in doing a ride prior to the game let him know.

*Keep Bill Drees in your thoughts as he goes back in the hospital for tests. The valve that was put in his heart is failing.

*Robert McDermott has a bike for sale. I previously sent you the information. He put together a nice folder with pictures and information. Please see him if interested.

*Kevin and Kris Porter invited all to a cookout June 7th to celebrate their wedding. Flyers were available for the taking. RSVP by June 1st.

*IL IX invite: At the end of September, Cubs are playing the Brewers in a Saturday night game. A couple of us (few of us?) were thinking of going up Saturday morning, having lunch at Sobelman's for their universally famous bloody mary's and then taking in a game. Currently, we plan on booking rooms at the Quality Inn (downtown?) we

can take the bus from the hotel to the ball park for \$2.00. If interested contact me. blueknightsillinoisix@gmail.com Rich Martinez.

*I received the following information from Allie Lux from Autism Speaks:

I'm contacting you about an event that we are doing with House of Harley called *Ride for Autism Speaks*. Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disorder in the nation, and Autism Speaks is a national organization committed to determining a cause, finding a cure, and supporting the millions that are impacted by autism. *Ride for Autism Speaks* is a motorcycle ride to raise funds for autism research and bring attention to this important issue, see the details below:

WHEN: July 12, 2014

TIME: 11am Registration, 1pm Ride Starts and 4-6pm After Party

WHERE: House of Harley Davidson @ 6221 W Layton Ave Milwaukee

ROUTE: Miles are TBA but promised to be a scenic route throughout Southern Wisconsin, both starting and ending at House of Harley Davidson.

COST: \$25 per person - includes Ride, T-Shirt, Patch and Meal Ticket

AFTER-PARTY: Filled with Food/Beer Vendors, Business Vendors, Live Music, Silent Auction and Raffles

MORE: <http://ride.autismspeaks.org/milwaukee> or call 312-515-1452

Motion to close was made by Danny O'Toole at 0756pm and seconded by Carl Karwacki. Motion passed.

Fraternally,
Sandy (LTS) 70

****Keep me posted on your rides and I will share them!!**

RIDES: May 4th, 2014 - The first ride of the 2014 season began at the McDonald's parking lot off of Hwy 83 and I-94.

It was a bit of a nippy ride but it was refreshing to us, especially those who were prepared with leather jackets and chaps.

Brian Bortmess led us on a scenic and circuitous ride thru the Kettle Moraine area and other parts, as we snaked our way too the Popeye's restaurant by the lake in Lake Geneva. Upon our arrival we were met by Bob Barr (recuperating) and his chauffeur for the day Big Steve Schultz.

Also in attendance on the ride were Al Miller, Mike Zivicki, Jim and Sherry Ortiz, Paul Serdynski, Carl Karwacki, Janis Smolinski, Steve Bzdusek, Brenda Del Valle, Ron Bethia, Joanne Cook, and Mark Meyer.

A wide variety of cuisine and conversation was enjoyed by all, before we parted company to enjoy the rest of the day.

Thank you Mike Zivicki for that report!!!

50/50 WINNER!!

Randy Winkler

**\$66 to house \$67 to
winner!!**

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH 2014, 7:00PM
ALIOTO'S. SOCIAL HOUR STARTS
AT 6:00PM**

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

**THIS STARTS OUR
SUMMER BREAK!**



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED



ROLL CALL

Chuck Homa
 Steve Schultz
 Danny O'Toole
 Sandy Santoro
 Dennis Hafeman
 Laura Duff
 Jim Kindt
 Al Schoessow
 Gary Davey
 Carl Karwacki
 Jim Ortiz
 Paul Serdynski
 Mike Hersh
 Charlene Rambodt-Hersh
 Jim Bagurdes
 Steve Bzdusek
 Bob Barr
 Andre Bleickardt
 Kristi Bleickardt
 Mark Zaremba
 Robert McDermott
 Joanne Cook
 Brian Bortmess
 Randy Winkler
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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Jori Crouse, May 5
 Conrad Zvara, May 10
 Paula Salerno, May 11
 Allen Schoessow, May 12
 Kris Porter, May 15
 Nick Santoro, May 17
 Pat Engelbart, May 24
 Scott Wysocki, May 24

THE RIDING SEASON IS HERE!!



Brunch rides are the 2nd Sunday
 (10am)
 Dinner rides are the 4th
 Wednesday (6pm)

(Ride dates may vary) Meeting
 location: changes per ride, due
 to construction

DATE**EVENT**

June 8 th 2014	WKS0 K-9 FUNDRAISER see attached flyer
June 13 th -15 th 2014	MWRC IOWA I Davenport www.blueknightsmwrc.com
June 20 th -22 nd 2014	STATE CONVENTION Waupun Community Center, see attached flyer
June 22 nd -27 th 2014	INTERNATIONAL Waidring Austria HTTP://bk-convention2014.eu/
June 21 st -July 6 th 2014	EUROPEAN TOUR, escorted by Pat Fox pfox1@nycap.rr.com
July 12 th 2014	AUTISM FUNDRAISER, info @ ride.autismspeaks.org/Milwaukee
July 13 th 2014	WI VI BREWER FUNDRAISER, info contact Paul Serdynski
August 15 th -17 th 2014	SUMMER GLRC, Galesburg IL XXXVI see attached flyer
August 24 th 2014	7 DAY ANNIVERSARY CRUISE, FL XVIII www.blueknightsflxviii.com
September 27 th 2014	BREWER/CUBS GAME, an invite from IL VI, contact Rich Martinez blueknightsillinoisix@gmail.com
September 28 th 2014	PACKER/BEAR GAME Waukegan, IL (details to come)
October 10 th -13 th 2014	TRI STATE CONVENTION, NY IV www.blueknightsny4.org See attached flyer
November 9 th 2014	PACKER/BEAR GAME WI VI HOSTS (details to come)
March 20 th -22 nd 2015	SPRING GLRC, OHIO XXV Canton, Jim Myers-jmyers0620@yahoo.com