



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

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From Your Chapter Secretary

Well, with winter just around the corner most of us have already put the bikes away for the year. If you haven't put your baby up for the winter just yet, check out the November issue of the GLRC newsletter. GLRC Secretary Tom Peed listed all the necessary steps for properly putting your scooter away for the season so it'll be ready to roll when spring returns.

This just in: ABATE of Illinois spearheaded a veto override for HB2860. This bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code, and provides that the driver of a motorcycle, facing any steady red signal which fails to change to a green signal within a reasonable period of time because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle due to the motorcycle's size or weight, has the right to proceed subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. The reasonable amount of time has been set at 120 seconds. This law doesn't take effect until January 2012, so it'll be up and running by the time riding season returns.

The paperwork for the annual membership renewals has arrived. If you've moved during 2011, or have changed your phone number or e-mail address you need to get your current information to me as soon as possible. If for some reason you don't plan on remaining a member, please drop me an e-mail so I can remove you from the chapter rolls. I'd like to have the renewal package done by the chapter Christmas party (1-7-12), so don't wait until the eleventh hour to get me your current contact info.

Remember to start collecting door prizes and especially bottles of decent liquor for our 2012 dance. Your efforts are appreciated!

That's all I have for you this month. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

"Wrongway" Dennis



Minutes of the November 15 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.
- 2) President Kindt led the chapter membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for our brothers who passed away and their families, and for our brothers in need. President Kindt briefly spoke about the recent death of BOG Secretary Jimmy Schneider from NY. He commended Secretary Hafeman and Past President Kubicek for making the trip to NY and representing the chapter and conference.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests.** There were no new members or special guests present.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (10/18/11).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Joe Kubicek. Motion carried.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess was not present; the treasurer's report was read by President Kindt (numbers will not be published in this forum). A motion to accept the report as read was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Kenn Ziebell. Motion carried.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated that he had just completed the first international sale of our chapter challenge coin. Two were recently sold to a Blue Knight in Canada. He further reported that he will be going to Will's to see what they have available for shirts, and will report back at the December meeting. He asked that anyone with a special request contact him.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2012 Dance.** Co-Chairperson Santoro gave the report; Co-Chairperson Waliszewski-Fischer was not present. She informed the membership that the contract with the hall had been signed. The dance will be on Saturday, April 28, 2012. The cost of the rental is \$500. This includes all tables, chairs, linens, bartender's fees, and cleanup. The cost of beer is extra; the chapter cannot bring in our own beer. She further stated the hall will hold 300. The hall will offer a cash bar and they suggested a bikini bike wash (weather permitting). Flyers and donation letters were made available to the members; Co-Chair Santoro asked that anyone soliciting a donation send the name of the establishment to her or Kim; this prevents multiple letters being sent to the same business. There was discussion about having the tickets printed, and it was determined that the booze raffle tickets should be printed ASAP so they can be sold at upcoming holiday parties. 1,500 booze raffle tickets will be made up; Jim Bagurdes stated he would handle this. Co-Chair Santoro will contact Kevin Porter to see about having dance tickets printed. President Kindt asked members to begin collecting door prizes and bottles of booze for the raffles.
 - B) **2012 Chapter Christmas Party.** Secretary Hafeman stated that he had left several messages with the MPSO Union; they had not been returned. He stated that prior to the meeting he asked Jim Crouse to contact the MPSO and see about the availability of the hall for the date of Saturday, January 7, 2012. There was nothing further reported.
 - C) **2013 Spring GLRC.** Joe Kubicek did not have any new information about the event at this time.
 - D) **2011 Blue Knight of the Year.** President Kindt stated that the board is still accepting nominations for this honor. He further stated that the deadline for submitting a candidate will be the December 20th meeting. After the meeting the

executive board will meet and determine a recipient. He further stated that nominations can be e-mailed to any board member.

E) **There was no further old business discussed.**

8) **New business.**

A) **International/GLRC updates.** Secretary Hafeman stated that in the last GLRC newsletter GLRC Chairman Haylett addressed a number of proposals. He further stated that a few months ago he solicited the chapter's opinion on whether to discontinue receiving mailed copies of the board of director's minutes. Secretary Hafeman stated that the majority of chapters in the GLRC elected to opt out of receiving "hard copies" of these minutes; they will be available on the internet. A proposal allowing chapters to increase the amount of member's dues from \$20 to \$50 if they choose to passed. This was primarily passed to help European chapters, as the value of the dollar is not comparable to the Euro. International dues will remain the same. A proposal to allow chapters to renew memberships on line also passed. There are still issues with this and they are being worked out, so until then a paper copy has been mailed out. Secretary Hafeman passed the copy out, asking members to verify their information. The deadline for submitting the renewal package to International is January 31. Lastly, a proposal establishing a new harassment and unlawful discrimination policy passed. Secretary Hafeman stated that he has not seen the policy.

B) Vice President Karwacki stated that dues are due no later than the chapter Christmas Party. Secretary Hafeman stated that he will collect the dues and pass them along to Treasurer Bortmess. (NOTE: renewals are \$35 if you receive a paper copy of the newsletter; \$30 if you opt to receive the newsletter via e-mail).

C) **There was no further new business discussed.**

9) **Announcements/Good of the Order.**

A) President Kindt read a thank you note sent to him by Bonnie and Sam Pierce of OK II. At the Fall MWRC President Kindt made a \$100 donation to this family; they had lost their home and all their possessions in a fire. President Kindt stated that they are now living in a pickup truck camper on another Blue Knight's property, and further stated that our charitable donations fund was well used for this donation.

B) President Kindt once again asked for members to contribute photos from past Blue Knights events. He asked that members give him the photos on a CD or a flash drive. He intends to create a slide show to be used at chapter events. To date he has received one CD with photos from the past two International Conventions.

C) Secretary Hafeman stated that he received an e-mail from "Big" Steve Schultz thanking the chapter for the get well card he received. He stated that the card lifted his spirits as he continues to heal.

D) Secretary Hafeman stated that he received an e-mail update from Evie Pieper about Jerry on November 8. Evie stated that Jerry had undergone a carotid stent procedure opening the blockage, and two weeks later he was out riding his new motorcycle to Iowa.

E) Secretary Hafeman informed the membership that his time serving on the Secondary Charity Committee ends in December; fellow committee members Ed Kunicki and Kristi Bleickardt are also done serving on this committee in December. He asked for interested members to step up and serve on this committee. President Kindt stated that if nobody volunteers he will appoint members to this committee.

F) Secretary Hafeman reminded the membership that nomination for honorary members takes place next month.

G) Pete Simet passed out 10 pairs of free admission tickets to the HD Museum. The passes expire at the end of 2011. He also thanked the membership for the get well card he received.

H) **There were no further announcements or information discussed.**

10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.**

- 11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$44 going to winner Gary Davey and \$43 going to the chapter treasury.
- 12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Tom Listinsky. The motion passed. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI



CALLING ALL BLUE KNIGHTS

President “Tiny” Kindt is issuing an assist call to all members of WI VI. He is attempting to gather as many photos of our chapter members as possible. His goal is to put together a computer slide show and display them during Blue Knights functions (such as during our upcoming 2013 Spring GLRC). Doesn’t matter if it’s old or new; “Tiny” wants them all! If you have photos from past events (rides, conventions, parties, etc.) and would like to contribute them to this cause, put them on a flash drive or CD and get them to the Prez ASAP!



WI VI CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Saturday, January 7, 2012

M.P.S.O. Union Hall
2900 W. Forest Home Av.
Milwaukee

Doors open at 6:30 PM and close
when the last person leaves!

Food, beer, and soda provided
BYOB

Fellow members;

After the meeting was closed on October 18th, the 2012 Spring GLRC in Niagara Falls, NY was among the topics discussed by some of those who remained. Specifically, the idea of possibly chartering a motor coach was floated. Unfortunately, that idea apparently sank into a sea of beer & whiskey that same evening and did not "float" again until after the most recent meeting on November 15th. To be sure, the cost would be borne by those utilizing the coach, not by the Chapter, and I would suggest extending the invite to any other chapter members along the way that wanted to join in. I would propose a Thursday AM departure from Milwaukee and a Sunday AM departure from Niagara Falls.

Our chapter did this many years ago and from what I've heard from those that remember the trip, it was a very good time!

I would like to know if there is any interest in this so I am asking that anyone who would consider going as a group, please send me an email (or call). I'd like to know if you would be traveling alone or with a guest, as well.

While this would not entail a commitment at this time, it would give me an idea as to whether or not I should try to get a price quote. I would like to hear from you as soon as possible because at least one member that is planning on attending is considering flying and would like to book the flight soon before fares increase.

Ride with Pride,
Joe Kubicek