



Blue Knights Wisconsin VI

November 2012 Chapter Newsletter

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Observations on a late October color ride

By Joe Kubicek

Sunday, October 28th was the date of the WI II fall color ride. 2012 marked the 10th anniversary of this event, the proceeds from which benefit 'Tomorrow's Hope'. This annual ride culminates with an AYCE chili feed, timed to coincide with the start of the weekly Packer game. There are also, of course, plenty of raffle and silent auction items, as well as the requisite 50/50 drawing. Being late October I wondered how colorful the day would be, but colors did indeed abound.

The first color of note was WHITE - a dense, albeit brief snow squall as I drove home from church. The sky was GREY, the temps were in the low 30's, and a truck with heated seats beckoned me so I left the bike in the garage, at least for the early morning hours.

That gave way to some beautiful BLUE skies, at least to the north and west of me, so I parked the truck and rolled out the bike. As I began my ride it was apparent that the primary color offered by the trees this day, alas, would only be BROWN. The bright RED, ORANGE and YELLOW leaves had since faded and fallen as our area's autumn colors had peaked weeks ago. Those bright colors would only be seen today in Nescoes full of chili.

At the VFW Post in Jefferson I met up with Carl, Janis & Tiny. Although they hadn't experienced the morning snow, the weather convinced them that four wheeled transportation would be their mode of travel for the day.

On the serving table next to the chili fixings were PINK (and I mean PINK!) hot dogs, offered as a side to the chili. They were quite an eye catcher but if you covered them in chili they ate pretty good! WI II President Bruce Gondert said that when he saw them he just couldn't pass them up but I'm semi-convinced that they were served in honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Our beloved GREEN and GOLD prevailed that day but in the end what was most important was that a bit of GREEN was raised for Tomorrow's Hope and that's really what the day was about.

A BLUE ribbon to the members of WI II and their significant others for yet another quality event.

Minutes of the November 13 Chapter Meeting

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Kindt at 7:07 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.
- 2) President Kindt led the chapter membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence for our brother Blue Knights in need.
- 3) **Introduction of new members/special guests.** None were made, but after the meeting Jerry Bolyard (MPD retired) joined.
- 4) **Reading of the minutes of the last meeting (10/16/12).** A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Joe Kubicek and seconded by Robert McDermott. The motion passed.
- 5) **Treasurer's report.** Treasurer Bortmess read the financial report to the membership. The financial report will not be published in this forum. A motion to accept the report was made by Chuck Homa and seconded by Jim Bagurdes. The motion passed.
- 6) **Quartermaster's report.** Quartermaster Bagurdes stated that due to a lack of interest no chapter t-shirts will be ordered.
- 7) **Old business.**
 - A) **2013 Spring GLRC.** Joe Kubicek made a report on the status of the convention. He stated that not much had occurred since the last meeting. He had several copies of solicitation letters for members to take, and stated he would be e-mailing them out to the entire membership. Joe stated that several committee heads had toured the host hotel earlier in the evening to view the hospitality suite. These members went over the layout of the event with the hotel contact. Scott Wysocki and Danny O'Toole will be handling vendors for the event. Joe stated that he is still looking for committee chairs for the Entertainment Committee, Printing/Program Committee and Awards Committee. He stated that Laura Duff expressed interest in helping with the Printing Committee but wanted a regular member to run it. President Kindt stated that the event pin order would be placed within the next two weeks, with 250 pins being ordered. He further stated that t-shirts would be ordered for those working the event; most likely using the same logo as the event pin. Discussion took place over having event t-shirts as a sales item. In regards to the worker shirts President Kindt stated he needed to know who would be attending, their shirt sizes, and the number of days they'd be working and not "just showing up." Workers coming for the entire event would receive two shirts. He stated he'd need this info by the December meeting. Joe Kubicek stated that the host hotel is giving the chapter 10 rooms at ½ price; these rooms would be designated for committee chairs and those workers putting in long hours during the event. Any members interested in one of these rooms are requested to contact Joe for further info. Bob McDermott stated that he needed a signature on his donation letter; Joe stated he would sign any letters present but would not be able to do that on the electronic ones. Jim Crouse is working on securing a scale for the "largest chapter" award.
 - B) **Upcoming Packer/Bear game.** Discussion took place over a venue for the Crying Towel rematch. It was decided that Mitchell's Tavern on N. 104/W. Appleton Ave. would be the location. Mitchell's will allow the chapter to bring in food, and will sell a ½ barrel of beer to us at cost. The only issue may be a NASCAR race during the game, but President Kindt believed that racing would be finished by the game. Food was discussed, and it seemed that chili, hot dogs and brats would be the fare. Joe Kubicek stated he would lock in the date (December 16, 2012, noon kickoff)

with the bar. Director Santoro spoke about the Brass Monkey Bar on E. Layton as a venue, but due to higher prices and not being able to bring in our own food the location was voted down.

C) There was no further old business discussed.

8) New business.

A) International/GLRC updates. Secretary Hafeman stated that two days earlier he had received three proposals that would be coming up for voting at the International Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for 11/14/12. He stated that due to the time constraint the GLRC board voted on these proposals and did not forward them to the chapters. Proposal #2012-0024 allocated \$12K annually for charitable donations. Each conference could request up to \$1K annually, and the International Executive Board and International Office would have \$1K as well. Currently \$5K is budgeted for this. The GLRC board voted to support this proposal. Proposal #2012-0025 was to establish social media guidelines for Blue Knights International employees, members, and contractors who create or contribute to social media such as Facebook, blogs or other social media. The lengthy guidelines would establish how a member conducts himself in these forums. The GLRC board voted to support this proposal, although it was not a unanimous vote. Proposal #2012-0026 was to impose discipline to Anthony “Scooter” Boyer of the Tri State for allowing a persona non grata member to enter the hall during the Fall Tri State Conference, in violation of Article X of the bylaws. The proposal recommended a written reprimand with warning that future violations would result in expulsion from the club. The GLRC voted to support this proposal.

B) Nominations for chapter officers. President Kindt explained how the nomination process would proceed in accordance to Robert’s Rules of Order. President Kindt called for nominations for chapter president. Secretary Hafeman nominated Joe Kubicek; he accepted the nomination. Director Santoro nominated Jim Kindt; he accepted the nomination. President Kindt called for additional nominations three times; none were made. President Kindt closed nominations for president. President Kindt called for nominations for chapter vice president. Director Santoro nominated Dennis Hafeman; he accepted the nomination. President Kindt called for additional nominations for vice president three times; none were made. President Kindt closed nominations for vice president. President Kindt called for nominations for chapter secretary. Secretary Hafeman nominated Sandy Santoro; she accepted the nomination. President Kindt called for additional nominations three times; none were made. President Kindt closed nominations for secretary. President Kindt called for nominations for chapter treasurer. Joe Kubicek nominated Chuck Homa; he declined the nomination. President Kindt nominated Brian Bortmess; he accepted the nomination. President Kindt called for additional nominations three times; none were made. President Kindt closed nominations for chapter treasurer. President Kindt called for nominations for chapter director (three positions available). Secretary Hafeman read a letter of intent from Ted Engelbart seeking to remain a director. Secretary Hafeman nominated Ted Engelbart. President Kindt nominated Chuck Homa; he accepted the nomination. Secretary Hafeman nominated Steve Bzdusek; he accepted the nomination. Director Santoro nominated Bob Barr; he declined the nomination. President Kindt called for additional nominations for chapter director three times; none were made. President Kindt closed nominations for chapter director. A paper ballot for the election of a chapter president and stamped envelope returning the ballots to the chapter secretary will be mailed out after Thanksgiving. The ballots must be returned before the December 18 chapter meeting if mailed, or brought in person to this meeting for counting. Results of the election will be made at that meeting.

- C) Joe Kubicek led discussion about the 2015 International Convention. It was decided that no additional information discussed would be published in this forum.
- D) There was no additional new business discussed.**
- 9) **Announcements/Good of the Order.**
- A) Chris Koch stated that Kenn Ziebell had his hip replaced on November 13, and other than a scratchy esophagus is recovering well.
- B) Secretary Hafeman read an e-mail from the vice president of WI XV. The e-mail stated that WI XV has decided to discontinue their annual Veteran's Day Memorial Ride. The decision was due to too much competition from other organizations which caused attendance to fall substantially.
- C) Joe Kubicek read a letter he received from the Harley-Davidson Museum regarding the chapter rivet. Our current rivet sustained damage from skateboarders. The letter explained that our old rivet would be replaced with a new one and relocated to a newly created lighted display near entrance and the hill climber statue. This is being done at no cost to the chapter, and is expected to take place in late spring of 2013. The museum will notify the chapter of the exact location when this occurs.
- D) There were no further announcements made or information discussed.**
- 10) **Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Alioto's.** President Kindt stated that ballots for the election of chapter president will be counted at this meeting. Secretary Hafeman stated that the annual voting for chapter honorary members will also take place at this meeting; the chapter can have a total of five honorary members this year.
- 11) The 50/50 drawing was held, with \$56 being won by Vice President Karwacki and \$56 going to the chapter treasury (earmarked for the 2013 Spring GLRC).
- 12) A motion to close the meeting was made by Bob Barr and seconded by Steve Bzdusek. The meeting was officially closed by President Kindt at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis H. Hafeman
Secretary, Blue Knights WI VI

CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE!!!

Dues are \$30 if you receive an electronic newsletter; \$35 if you get your newsletter via snail mail. Send your dues check to either Secretary Dennis Hafeman or Treasurer Brian Bortmess. Don't wait until the last minute; **SEND THEM IN NOW!**

Deadline is 1/5/13



ROLL CALL

Dennis Hafeman, Robert McDermott, Carl Karwacki, Jim Bagurdes, Steve Bzdusek, Joe Kubicek, Robert Barr, Paul Serdynski, Tom Listinsky, Danny O'Toole, Herman Kremkau, Ed Marynik, Chris Koch, Jim Ortiz, Jim Crouse, Scott Wysocki, Sandy Santoro, Julian Gonzalez Jr., Chuck Homa, Jim Kindt, and Brian Bortmess



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve Bzdusek-November 10th
Randy Winkler-November 11th
Steve Schultz-November 17th
Janis Smolinski-November 28th

Crying Towel Classic Round II

Round II of the 16th Annual Crying Towel Classic
Hosted by the Blue Knights of WI VI
Kickoff is at noon (tentatively) Sunday, December 16
Location: Mitchell's Tavern. 10433 W. Appleton Ave.



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

Destinations TBD

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFO

The following is a letter written by chapter president candidate Joe Kubicek in regards to the election.

As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, I have accepted a nomination for chapter president for the 2013-2014 term. I have had a strong interest in serving as your president again for the past several years however, as most of you know, Doni & I have been talking about a move out of state since my retirement in 2006 so I have not pursued it. The reason I accepted the nomination this time is that it is unknown to us when, if ever, we will actually complete the move.

The reason I am writing this is to let you know that we are still hoping to make the move someday and I feel it is important that you know about this before you vote, in the event we do find a home and sell ours here.

If any officer of this chapter is not able to fulfill his/her duties there are two options available; either an interim officer could be appointed or a special election could be held.

Respectfully,
Joe Kubicek

Now, with that out of the way, here is the information on how we'll be electing our next chapter president. All of you will be receiving an envelope in the mail within the next few days. Inside you'll find a ballot and an envelope; the envelope has been stamped and given my return address. For those few who receive the newsletter via "snail mail" your ballot/return envelope is in the same mailing. Mark your ballot for one (1) of the candidates, fold the ballot and stick it in the envelope. Then all you have to do is drop it in the mail. Please get them mailed as soon as possible so I'll have them at the December meeting. The ballots will be opened and tabulated at that meeting.

GOOD LUCK "TINY" AND JOE!

