



Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. Texas VII

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DATE: 8/12/13

LOCATION: HPOU, 1600 State St, Houston, TX

CALLED TO ORDER:

BY: Jeff Tippit, President

INVOCATION BY: Chaplain Harry Stafford

ROLL CALL: Jeff Tippit, President (17 Members Present)

TREASURE REPORT:

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$1863.30

OUTSTANDING CHECKS: None

DEPOSITS: None

ENDING BALANCE:

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Harry Stafford

SECOND: Bob Dennis

FOR All present **AGAINST:** None

Treasures report accepted as presented.

SECRETARY REPORT:

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION TO ACCEPT: Bob Dennis

SECOND: Gordon Orand

FOR All present **AGAINST:** None

Secretary's report accepted as presented.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Not Present.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President Introduced Caleb White, intern with LaPorte PD, who will be asking questions of the members.

Introduced retired BK TX VII member Pat Thompson who is heavily involved with Rolling Thunder, the Memorial Day Ride in Washington DC. Pat reported the Texas Hero's Wall has 621 names and they are funding four scholarships this year. They are working on a Texas Heroes Wall, honoring First Responders and hope to have that finished Spring/Summer 2014. Pat presented the club a Blue Knights International Flag,

Mustang Bikes: Rolling Thunder bought three bikes, two are POW/MIA models. Rolling Thunder is auctioning off two bikes, ten-dollar tickets.

Nun Run on October 12. Meeting will be Saturday morning at the Villa on Lawndale. Nuns taking a ride to Galveston. More to be announced.

President motioned to the club we donate to the Houston Police Officer's Union an American and Texas flag as a thanks for allowing us to use their facilities. Club authorized without objection.

Motorcycle training is getting set up for March 2014 at the LaPorte Police Department office. Training will cover traffic control, low speed riding, etc. Basic course will be guided by the "Ride Like a Pro" video and the club will try and get TCLOSE credit for the class.

International Conference 2013 occurred in July and there were several issues, among them the host club didn't notify Chamber of Commerce or the City of Hot Springs. The caused confusion at the beginning of the convention.

Rogers Byers, Vice President of Texas 31, wants to look at hosting the 2016 International Conference in Houston. President suggested we look at working on a joint hosting between Texas VI, VII and XXXI. Members discussed and agreed if we will look into a proposal but no decisions will be made without more details on the requirements. President also mentioned if we take this on we need to have funding at the beginning of the planning, for hotel reservations, etc. Open issue and the President will raise it with other clubs.

President says he spoke with Krystal LaReau at HPOU and the union likes us. Blue Knights doesn't cause issues like other motorcycle clubs.

Fun Run:

- We have a Remington 870 shotgun donated, will hold for 2014. A possible way to raffle it is either for a duck hunt or as a tactical shotgun.
- We will have a Half Draw at Fun Run.
- Immediately after the 2013 Fun Run, we will have an after action review to establish how we can improve the event and then establish a committee of club members (not board members) to handle 2014.

The club will have a booth set up at the Texas Honor Ride.

Mike Powell looking into having an Iron Butt Ride, 1000 Miles in 24 Hours, Spring 2014

President is asking International to changes to membership requirements. As they are licensed Peace

Officers, we should allow reserved police officers to be Regular Members. Also, as Jailer/Prison Guards have limited arrest authority, they should qualify as Associate Members.

QUARTERMASTER REPORT:

QM ordering "Support the Blue Knights" patches.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Bob Curtis, Elections Committee. Reports only current officers have been nominated.

Butch Blackmon:

- Received a letter from SGT Meryl Parker, Danville Park, NJ, thanking us for assistance at Wounded Warrior.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **EZ Tag:** For the good and benefit of the club, all members are encouraged to purchase EZ tag.
2. **Records:** Please update information with Club Secretary.

Motion Made By: Butch Blackmon **Second:** Robert Dennis

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 815PM



Prepared by Michael Thiac, Blue Knights Texas VII Chapter Secretary.

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