



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

DATE: January 3rd, 2012

LOCATION: I-Hop 6508 Washington Ave, Houston, TX

CALLED TO ORDER:

By: President Neal Leonard at 1900hrs

Invocation by: Harry Stafford

Roll Call: Roll call by President Neal Leonard (Walter was not on roll call and audit to bring list of active members current will be performed)

Members in Attendance: See attached roll call sheet

TREASURE REPORT: Gary Rice

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$2,087.30 with no outstanding checks or deposit

Outstanding Checks: None

Deposits:

ENDING BALANCE: \$2,087.30

Discussion: None

Motion to Accept: Randy Marshall **Second:** J. Bailey

For: Unanimous **Against:** None

Treasures report accepted as presented.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jeff Tippit

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes read and posted t

Discussion: No Discussion

Motion to Accept: Robert Dennis **Second:** Jim Bailey

For Unanimous **Against:** None

PRESIDENT REPORT: Neal Leonard

Discussed the Board Members Meeting held 1-3-12 at 1800hrs.

-Escorts: Have been done in the past with vest rides and marked units. Due to a recent case in Dallas Texas , BK TX VII will cease the use of civilian riders (Honorary, Retired Officers, Former Officers) for such activities to reduce/eliminate liability risk for the Chapter and National Office. Civilian riders will be used in the pack as pace bikes and follow bikes but only regular, marked, units will be used for traffic control on escorted rides. A POLICE LIAISON COORDINATOR was formed with the sole purpose of contacting and coordinating other agencies motor units for escorted rides. Robert Dennis volunteered for this position. Uniformed Officers not on marked/illuminated bikes may still hold intersections. Discussion regarding the use of Honorary Members for escorts and if they could not be used, then why have them. Neal Leonard stated that the Law is clear on traffic control and only civilian allowed to control traffic is school crossing guards and construction employees that have received specific training and can only do so at specific locations. The Honorary Members joined to support and ride with the BK, and if they only joined to escort and act in a Law Enforcement Capacity, then the Honorary Member can resign from the chapter or remain and enjoy the fellowship of the Chapter and ride with the Chapter on all rides.

-WEB Site: Randy Marshal has agreed to remain the web master and will re-establish the FOR SALE section. Limit pictures to 2 and the jpeg size is to be determined by Randy Marshal and will report.

-Honorary Members: At the present time we are allowed six (6) Honorary Members and as the regular Membership increases, so will the number of Honorary Members. We are allowed one for every 10 Regular Members as per International Rules. Honorary Members must participate in 50% of the functions to maintain their status as Honorary.

-Chapter Officers: Discussed the Officers positions and what is expected of the Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sgt at Arms, Etc..)

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Steve Stensland

Thanked all the Members that purchased popcorn from his son and that all the proceeds benefitted the Houston Area Boy Scouts. He explained his function and what he intends to do to better the Chapter and is open to all suggestions.

-Rides: Wants to have a ride a month for the Chapter and family/friends to participate in. Each month someone suggest a ride and coordinate that ride. Butch Blackmon further stated that if the person suggesting the ride but does not feel comfortable coordinating the ride, contact other members for assistance, or to coordinate the ride.

-Recruiting New Members: Will step up the effort and wants all members to be an active recruiter for our Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNIVERSARY RIDE:

This years Anniversary Ride will be held on 1-21-12 but the destination will be different. The ride will go to the Matagorda County Fair Grounds in Bay City Texas to support a BK TX XL Member Chris Crummet at a fund raiser and ride. A donation of \$8.00 for a chili lunch and any amount for participating in the ride. The Anniversary Ride will start at the Bas Pro Shop parking lot at Katy Mills Mall with KSU at 0800hrs.

DOC ADAMS:

Doc Adams, a former member of TX VII and a current member of TX VI, wife passed away. Funeral will be on 1-5-12 at Palms Funeral Home in Angleton Texas. Butch Blackmon suggested flowers be sent from the chapter. Motion made by Clayton Wavra, Second by James Bailey, Motion passed Unanimously.

HOMES FOR TROOPS

Pat Thompson advised the fund raiser for the HOMES FOR TROOPS was coming up and would notify all members via email on all the particulars. All BK TX VII Members will be invited to the dinner and that information will be included in the email.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Annual voting of the Honorary Members was held with the six (6) current Honorary Members unanimously voted in for 2012. These Honorary Members are Ottis , Ray Blackmon, Terry Toye, Alex Olvera, David Schnautz, Pat Thompson.

RIDES:

Butch Blackmon advised that a ride to Love Lady Texas on 2-11-12 to a BBQ Cook Off and possibly enter as a Chapter. Ray Blackmon would get more information and report at next meeting. Will began looking for suggestions for a ride on 3-18-12. Fred Walschburger wants a ride that will take the back roads and not be a speed ride. Butch Blackmon would like to possibly discuss in the future some over night rides for the chapter members so that we can ride, enjoy fellowship the evening after riding to location and breakfast with ride back to home. Mike Thiac would like more lead time on rides.

RIDE FOR KIDS

Butch Blackmon advised the ride is scheduled for 4-29-2012 and this year will be the 20th Anniversary Ride. The Houston ride is the Largest in the Nation and a Honda Gold Wing will be given as a prize. The web site has the rules for entering for the Gold Wing. Butch advised this is his last year to coordinate the police escorts for the ride.

CAL-TEX

Butch Blackmon reported that this years conference will be in Corpus Christi Texas with a Spring Ride (unknown where). 2013 CAL-TEX Conference will be held in Deadwood, CA.

MOVING:

Randy Marshal reported his possible moving to Huntsville, AL but will remain a member of the BK TX VII.

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 TOY RUN

Butch Blackmon reported on the South Side and North Side Toy Runs. A total of \$350.00 was donated by the BK TX VII for the South Side Toy Run and the North Side Toy Run was funded by a \$250.00 donation to the BK TX VII by area businesses. A total of \$600.00 from BK TX VII was donated plus the members that participated and escorted the ride.

FOR THE GOOD AND BENEFIT OF THE CLUB:

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PURCHASE EZ TAG.

All members are encouraged to be active in RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 2011hrs

Motion Made By: Harold Sprawls

Second: Robert Dennis

