

BLUE KNIGHTS TEXAS VII
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2012

Call to Order: President Neal Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: 20 members present

Prayer: Harry Stafford

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Treasurer's Report:

Motion by H. Stafford, 2nd by R. Dennis to accept minutes as read by President Leonard. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Treasurer, Gary Rice, reported no outstanding charges with a balance of \$3,225.30. Motion by L. Neely, 2nd by H. Stafford to accept. Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

Back The Badge – Brian Miller

Proceeds benefiting The 100 Club of Houston. Saturday, April 14, 2012, 2:00 p.m., San Jacinto Harley Davidson to First Responders Wild Game Cook Off @ Sam Houston Raceway Park. Registration 11:00 am – 2:00 p.m. \$25.00.

Discussion re: NO civilians used to escort. Event insurance policy and DOT needed.

Pre-Party – Sunday, April 1, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Davenport Lounge – Richmond @ Shepherd.

Ride for Kids 2012: Ronnie Lunsford

Proceeds benefiting the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Sunday, April 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy, Humble 77338. Registration 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

This is our 20th year with over 3.3 million being donated by the Houston area. Last year, 72 family members were given rides in the event. Out of 40 events, Houston was the top money producer. Day of the event last year brought in \$335,043 with a grand total of \$337,000. Top prize this year will be a Gold Wing.

HONDA RECALL: Ronnie Lunsford

Honda Gold Wing recall for 2001-2012, brake failure. Take your bike to NW Honda, or any reputable Honda dealer, to have this problem corrected.

President Leonard - We had purchased a \$100 parking chip for the family of Lance Shannon. This chip was given to his wife, Beth, after visiting with Lance in Hermann Hospital. Lance is a HC Pct 4 Deputy and while escorting a funeral was struck by another motor officer's bike on his left leg. He has a long recovery and military doctors have taken an interest in his case in the hopes of saving the legs of wounded soldiers. Lance's bike was also totaled as a result of this accident. Read thank you note from Beth and Lance Shannon.

Butch Blackmon - Pct 4 held a fund raiser for Lance and it brought in over \$14,000. Thanks to all who bought bar-b-que and desserts.

2012 Upcoming Rides and Events:

Saturday, March 10 Blessing 8:45 a.m.

Sunday, March 24 RGC Annual Rendezvous TX XXXI Round Top.
Ride for Kids Washington on the Brazos NorthWest Honda 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 31 Woodville Pickett House 8:00 a.m.

Friday – Sunday, April 13,14,15 Cal-Tex Kerrville YO Ranch

Saturday, April 14 Back The Badge. Officers meeting 1:15p.m.

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Sunday, April 29 Ride for Kids Humble Civic Center. Officers meeting 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 5 Texas Honor Ride Fun Run Stubbs HD 9:00 a.m.

Thursday – Sunday, May 17,18,19,20 Warriors Weekend Port O’Connor

Thursday – Sunday, May 17,18,19,20 Rio Grande Conference Waco

Saturday, June 2 Ride for Life M.D. Anderson

RGC:

President Leonard - Rio Grande Conference will be held in Waco, TX, May 17-20. Registration is \$65 for adults/\$45 for children under 15 until March 15th and after \$75 for adults/\$55 for children under 15.

Information from RGC Secretary, Gary Keeter:

Any chapter can bid for the 2014 International Convention (40th Anniversary Blue Knights). Bids must be to BOG Chairman Bob Seeyle by May 1, 2012 to be presented in Tyler, TX.

International is looking into the possibility of hiring an outside independent company to conduct future BK elections. There are over 20,000 members in the BK organization. Some of the issues; security of membership addresses; increase in dues to cover cost.

Honorably Discharged Veteran Vehicle License Plates:

Starting March 12, 2012, any Texas veteran can request an Honorably Discharged Veteran Vehicle License Place from your specific branch of military service when you go to get a registration renewal or new plates. You will need your DD 214. We can thank BK TX XXXIV member Larry P. Christensen for this great opportunity along with Texas officials Raul Torres and Todd Hunter for pushing this bill through and Governor Rick Perry for signing it into law. These plates can be viewed @ http://www.txdmv.gov/vehicles/license_plates/qualifying/military.htm.

President Leonard -Thank You from Chris and Kim Crummett to the Riders of Blue Knights TX VII for all their support. Chris, a fellow Blue Knight, is running for Sheriff of Matagorda County.

President Leonard - Tuesday, April 3rd, the Texas Police Chief's Association Conference will have a fun ride. This ride will start at the Woodlands Marriott and go through the Sam Houston Forest – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Discussion on would the chapter want to sponsor a lunch for the riders. Otis Moran gives \$200 personal check.

Butch Blackmon – DPS Trooper had a wreck going to the Texas Honor Ride. While checking his injuries, doctors found he has Stage 4 lung cancer. There will be a fund raiser, date to be announced.

Randy Marshall – Looking for someone who will take over as the contact person for the Nun Run. It's a long drive from Alabama to attend the monthly meetings. If interested contact Randy (281-709-3983).

President Leonard – BMK Solutions has teamed up with ProvisionRx to promote and raise funds for clubs or non-profit organizations. Discussion. No interest.

President Leonard – 2013 will be TX VII's 25th anniversary (1988 – 2013). Taking suggestions for designs on Challenge Coins, badges, embroidered logos, silk screens.

Motion by H. Stafford, 2nd by M. Powell to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Stefanie Leonard
BK TX VII Member