



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



DATE: May 1st, 2012

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

CALLED TO ORDER:1905hrs

By: President Neal Leonard

Invocation by:

Roll Call

Members in Attendance:

TREASURE REPORT: GARY RICE

BEGINNING BALANCE: \$3,125.30

Outstanding Checks: \$50.00 to BK INTL for late fees

Deposits: \$285.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$3,360.30

Discussion: The Chapters P. O. Box fees will be renewed for one year. No other discussion.

Motion to Accept: Harry Stafford **Second:** Mike Thiac

For: All In Attendance **Against:** None

Treasures report accepted as presented.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jeff Tippit

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Posted and printed copies presented at meeting

Discussion: None

Motion to Accept: Stefanie Leonard **Second:** Harry Stafford

For: All IN Attendance **Against:** None

PRESIDENT REPORT: Neal Leonard

BY-LAWS up-date still in progress.,

Need other members to step up and volunteer for liaison to the charities we work with instead of the same members.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Steve Stensland

None

NEW BUSINESS:

PUSH UP FOR CHARITY HOUSTON-Thomas Jacobs presented a fund raising event to the membership, PUSH UP FOR CHARITY HOUSTON. Will benefit Houston area Wounded Warriors and their families. Event is scheduled for May 19, 2012 beginning at 0900hrs at the Body3 Fitness Center, 1987 West T C Jester Blvd, 281-667-3648. www.pushupsforcharityhouston.com

RIDE FOR LIFE-Kay Rogers presented members with the RIDE FOR LIFE escorted MC ride scheduled June 2, 2012. Patrick Browning and Leslie Kian of the RIDE FOR CURE MC, An M D Anderson Hospital Employee MC, are the event's organizers this year. Kay, Patrick, and Leslie Thanked the BK TX VII for the 13+years of participation and assisting in the ride. On Line registration is available at www.ridersforthecure.org and additional information can also be obtained from Mr. Brown at pbrownin@mdanderson.org .

Blue Knights International Conference 2012. Neal Leonard reminded members that this year's International Conference will be held in Tyler Texas beginning July 22, 2012 and concluding July 27, 2012. The host chapter is the Blue Knights Texas XXXIV in Tyler Texas. For registration information, hotels, and schedule, please visit the host chapter's web site at <http://www.blueknightstx34.org/forms.html>

Rio-Grande Conference. Neal Leonard reminded members of the Annual Conference will be held in Waco Texas on May 17, 2012 through May 20, 2012. Advised elections to be held at the conference for representatives. For more information on the conference, go to the RGC web site calendar at <http://bkrgec.org/calendar.htm> and for registration forms, hotel info, and other news regarding the conference, go to the host chapter, THE BLUE KNIGHTS TEXAS CHAPTER XI at <http://www.blueknightstexaschapterxi.com/> .

Houston Police Retired Officers Association Surviving Spouses Luncheon. Stefanie Leonard reminded the members of the raffle of a baseball bat autographed by Pete Rose and a boxing glove autographed by Manny Pacquiao at \$10.00 a ticket. Drawing to be held Saturday, October 27, 2012 in Fredericksburg, Texas and need not be present to win. See Stefanie for tickets. www.hpcretired.com

National Police Memorial Week Ceremony at Houston Police Memorial Stefanie Leonard extended an open invitation to all members to attend the ceremony Honoring all our Fallen Brothers and Sisters in Blue on May 18, 2012. The ceremony will begin with a procession at 6:20 pm, starting at the HPOU Building, 1602 State Street, and walking to 2400 Memorial Drive Memorial Drive to conclude with the placing of a wreath at the HPD Officers' Memorial. Included in the ceremony is a candlelight vigil for fallen officers, a roll call of HPD officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, a 21-gun salute, TAPS by the HPD Bagpipers, and a fly-over by HPD helicopters. The vigil will conclude at approximately 8:30 PM. For more information, go to the Houston Police Officers Union web site http://www.hpou.org/news/content/428/national_police_week/

National Law Enforcement Offices Museum Neal Leonard advised the members of the Blue Knights International will have a video displayed at the museum upon its completion.

Wounded Warriors Weekend Port O'Connor Butch Blackmon briefed members on the upcoming events. http://web.mac.com/warriorsweekend/Warriors_Weekend/Home.html

May 12, 2012, in Victoria Texas is the viewing of the Wounded Warriors Weekend Project. It is a film of interviews made of the participating Warriors and their families. WWW Project will give BK TX VII Members free tickets to the screening and recognition for our chapters' participation. Contact Butch Blackmon for tickets.

May 17, 2012, 63 Wounded Warriors will arrive at the IAH and will attend a dinner in their Honor at the Spring Creek Church of Christ, 1327 Spring Creek Dr Spring, TX 77386. Members are to meet at Mel's Country Café, 24814 Stanolind Rd Tomball (281) 255-6357 to escort Wounded Warriors and their families to the church from their Hotel. Butch will email more details, times, etc., as they develop. All members are encouraged to attend and enjoy a meal with the Wounded Warriors.

May 18, 19, 20 is the Wounded Warriors Fishing Tournament in Port O Connor, Texas. All members Escorting/Participating will meet at the CELL PHONE LOT at IAH to meet the busses carrying the Wounded Warriors and their Families to Port O Connor. KSU at 1130hrs to go to Port O Connor. Members are needed to help escort busses on the 19th and then back to Houston on the 20th. Accommodations provided for. Contact Butch Blackmon if you can stay the weekend.

Texas Honor Ride Fun Run Butch Blackmon briefed members on the upcoming fun run from San Jacinto Harley Davidson to Stubbs Harley Davidson on May 5th, 2012, benefitting the Texas Honor Ride. http://texashonorride.org/2012/fun_run_2012.htm

Heroes For Holden Benefit Ride Jeff Tippit briefed the members on the upcoming ride to benefit a young boy that suffered extreme injuries from child abuse. The ride is scheduled for June 9th 2012 at San Jacinto Harley Davidson. Registration and details can be found at www.heroes4holden.org.

OLD BUSINESS:

Back The Badge Ride Butch Blackmon and Neal Leonard advised there were 14 BK TX VII in attendance for the ride and the event raised \$3,800.00 for the 100 Club Of Houston.

Ride For Kids Benefit Neal Leonard recapped the ride for members. There were 44 LEO and BK TX VII members in attendance. The ride raised over \$321,000.00 and is the largest in the Nation. Neal Leonard was told by the National Director of the Ride For Kids that Houston is the best ride out of all the 21 rides across the USA because of the way it is escorted and route planning. He further stated to Neal Leonard that the camaraderie of all the different agencies is nothing seen outside of the Houston Area and wanted to thank all the agencies and BK members that help the ride be a success.

FOR THE GOOD AND BENEFIT OF THE CLUB:

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PURCHASE EZ TAG.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 2000 hrs

Motion Made By: Les Neely

Second: Harry Stafford

