



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

DATE: February 1, 2011

Meeting called to order by President R. Marshall with Roll Call at approximately 1900hrs.

Invocation given by Harry Stafford.

Treasure Report by Treasurer G. Rice:

Checking: \$3817.82 with \$1051.00 check to International not cleared leaving a balance of \$2766.82 (once the check to International is cleared). Motion by Neal Leonard to accept and second by Harry Stafford.

New Business:

56 members were renewed with the chapter and registered with the International.

Randy discussed the problem with the members not submitting their renewals on time and some were removed from the roster due to not responding to numerous request for renewal fees to be paid. Member fees were discussed with increase to \$50.00 (\$20.00 for International and \$30.00 for local) and a \$10.00 late fee assessed. Neal Leonard suggested and members agreed that the current By-Laws be sent out to members with suggested changes for all to review and discussion at next meeting. Suggested that renewals be sent in by 11-30, late fee assessed after that time, if member does not renew by 01-30 of the year paid for, member must submit application and new member fees.

Discussed Board of Directors Meeting: (this included the above member fee)

Club Positions were discussed with members agreeing to following for the Chapter:

Road Captain, would ensure safe ride and equipment/riders in good order for ride

Secretary would record ride details, photos and miles for submission to the news letters (RGC, International, Etc..)

Discussed the rate of Charitable Donation made by escorting the various rides. The rate to be submitted would be \$35.00/hr per non-uniform rider and \$150.00/hr per Uniformed Rider all from Texas VII.

Meeting location change from Rice University to Phil's Texas BBQ located at 110 South Heights Boulevard at Washington Avenue was discussed and a motion made by and Seconded by Neal Leonard. Motion Passed with no opposed. March meeting will be at Phil's Texas BBQ. It was also discussed that if the new location becomes a problem or the membership decides it's not what they want in a meeting location, a new location can be located, or returned to Rice University.

The Board Meeting also wanted to improve the participation of the members in the realm of chapter rides. It was discussed that members submit rides for the months there are no scheduled events/rides. Example was the Annual January ride to La Grange. February had no ride planned and any member that had a location to ride to (be eat or activity) to make the suggestion. Assistance on organizing the ride would be given as needed to the member suggesting the ride.

The Board meeting also discussed members vest, condition and what patches are allowed. The International By-Laws stipulate what is allowed and not allowed. Chapter will go by the

International By-Laws on patches and what will be displayed on the back (Top Rocker, Center Patch and Bottom Rocker ONLY).

Honorary Members

With the dues paid and the count at 56 members, this allowed the Chapter to have 5 Honorary Members. There were currently three allowing for two more. The following persons were nominated for Honorary Members; David Schnautz, Terry Toy, and Alex (ULN). Members voted Terry Toy (8 votes) and Alex (7 votes) as the new Honorary Members. David Schnautz received 6 votes and it was discussed that he would be placed as next Honorary when membership reached 60 or an opening occurred by current Honorary Member resigning/removal.

Butch Blackmon gave the following dates of events supporting the Texas Honor Ride:

2-18 Giddy Up Concert in Austin Texas

2-26 34TH Annual Chili Cook Off at Traders Village in San Antonio Texas

Will need a head count for those wanting to attend as a day trip. Will contact the San Antonio and Austin BK Chapters that always assist with the THR to San Antonio in regards to a get together at a location TBD.

5-14 THR Fun Run Studs HD at Telephone Road

Not an escorted ride and each stop will be manned by Troops. Food at Stubbs included in ride fee.

5-28/29 First Annual South Texas Jamboree and Expo at Reliant Center

All bikes get in free.

We will escort troops from Kingwood HD to Stubbs HD Telephone for breakfast and then onto Reliant Center.

9-24 THR Conroe ride at West Conroe Baptist Church

11-12 THR from Houston to San Antonio

The other rides Butch brought up that we regularly participate in are:

5-1 Children's Brain Cancer Ride

5-2 National Police Memorial Ride in Austin Texas

Blue Knights are the ONLY invited motorcycle club to participate. More details coming.

5-20 Wounded Warrior Weekend

Houston IAH to Victoria Texas

10-8 Nun Run

Houston to Galveston

Other rides were mentioned and will be listed in the Calendar of Events on the BK TX VII web site.

Old Business:

No other old business discussed.

For The Good and Benefit of the Organization:

None mentioned or discussed.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting made by Neal Leonard and Seconded by Randy Marshal.
Meeting adjourned at 2115 HRS.