

BLACKHAWK REGION BMW ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Jeff Sluiter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the January 2010 meeting were discussed. Everyone indicated they received Minutes and were able to open and read them. Previous Minutes are available on the website as well.

Gloria Misik provided the Treasurer's report.

Twenty-nine members were present. We had four guests. Steve Frank was attending his third meeting; Glen from South Beloit, Dawn from Rochelle with Henry Badker, and Mr. Olsen from Sweden with the Misiks.

Flea Market. Earve Brauer thanked the Misiks for hosting the mailing party. He reported that one registration for vendor has been received. He suggested a committee meeting to be held at the Machine Shed on Thursday, March 11, where separate committees could meet at different tables to discuss the flea market and duties. For those interested in dining, meet at 6:30; actual meeting and discussion to begin at 7:30 p.m. Discussion continued that there should be a lead for each committee and also people dedicated to those committees, rather than having floaters. New ideas for the 50/50 drawing would be appreciated. We still have tickets left from last year that can be used. In previous years, the Club gave half of the gate money; then five \$100.00 prizes, and last year sold tickets and gave half as a door prize. Signs will be posted this year to make sellers aware that Club consignment table fee is 20%. A suggestion was made that we advertise in the Rockford Register Star. Discussion ensued about securing the gates and easy-up tents were suggested to keep people out of the rain. Wristbands with numbers for door prizes or rubber stamps were offered as other ideas for admission. Motorcycle Consumer News has a listing of the flea market. Paul reported that 923 postcards and 176 envelopes were mailed.

Cycle Show. Our bus will be departing from the Forest Plaza parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 21. The price for ticket and bus for members is \$10.00 and non-members \$25.00. The bus will leave the show between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. with group dinner to follow in Rockford. Only 40 of 56 seats were reserved.

Area Dealers. Jeff Sluiter indicated he and Earve Brauer had visited Milwaukee BMW and All Pro Motor Sports in Waukesha. They also went to Barrington BMW and reported an appreciation for the new management there.

Club ERC. A Club Experienced Rider Course will be offered on Saturday, May 8. The cost will be \$20.00 and Jeff will have applications available in March.

Yahoo Group. Jim Maier will be sending invitations to join our Yahoo group. If you need assistance signing up, please contact Jim at (815) 229-9452 or j.a.maier@comcast.net. This group will give us an opportunity to communicate the group via one post.

Spring Banquet. John Tallman had collected some quotes for our spring banquet. He was trying to arrange something for March 20 or 27. He was suggesting a cost of \$25.00 per person.

Budget Committee. This led to a discussion about having the club subsidize part of the cost of the banquet and further what the club pays for. Suggestion was made that we establish a reserve amount and then prepare a budget or finance plan based on percentages of money rather than dollar amounts. Earve Brauer indicated _____ would be a comfortable reserve amount. Jim Maier made a motion that by the end of June a committee be established and a budget prepared by the end of August. Motion carried. Shirley Schoelkopf, Ron Tippe, Dan Schueb and Jim Maier will be the committee. Gloria Misik will provide previous financial records to them.

New Member. Michael Gunderson moved, seconded, to accept Steve Frank into the Club.

Dues. Gloria Misik asked that anyone who has not paid dues, please do so.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18, at Aunt Mary's at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlisa R. Gunderson