

BLACKHAWK REGION BMW ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

March 18, 2010

Jeff Sluiter called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the February 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. She has created a tally of 2005 to 2009 club expenses for the new Budget Committee to use. Flyers for the flea market cost \$15.00 and \$36.00 was paid for name badges. The current balance is \$X. Our current membership role is X.

Cycle Show Bus Trip. Rolff Schoelkopf indicated 43 people rode the bus. The cost of the bus was \$X and the tickets were \$X. We thanked Rolff for organizing this event.

Club ERC. Jeff Sluiter passed out forms for the Experienced Rider Course on Saturday, May 8. He would appreciate forms be returned by the end of April (flea market weekend) with a \$20.00 check written to NIU Motorcycle Project. The class is limited to 12. Mike Gunderson, Paul Misik, and Jeff on behalf of LeeAnn Sluiter, gave testimonials to the benefits of taking this course on your own motorcycle.

Flea Market on April 24 and 25. Earve Brauer thanked those in attendance at last week's committee meeting and indicated he had hoped to see more members there. Earve reviewed the committee leaders: Jeff Sluiter, Gate; Mike and Marlisa Gunderson, Consignment; Earve Brauer, Registration; Becky Brauer, Kitchen; Thierry Leonard, Security; Bruce Widell, 50/50.

Becky Brauer indicated that we would be loading the trailer at her house on Friday night to get to the fairgrounds earlier on Saturday. She shared the menu for the weekend. Saturday lunch: cold sandwiches; Saturday evening: hot dogs, BBQ, chili and pie; Sunday morning: biscuits and gravy, sausage patties, rolls; Sunday lunch: brats, steak burgers, cheeseburgers, BBQ, Italian Beef and pies. Becky would like kitchen help to arrive Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We were reminded that club members eat free—just let Gloria know so she can keep track. Gloves and aprons will be provided for kitchen workers, but they need to bring their own hat.

Speaking of hats, Gloria is placing an order for club logo hats from Embroider This in Roscoe. Let her know if you want one and pay her when she delivers them.

Thierry Leonard will be at the fairgrounds Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. Vendors will be allowed in at 11:00 a.m. after we have had time to clean and set up. Thierry asked that anyone who has cheap two-way radios bring them (with chargers, if applicable) for use by gate and security people.

Bruce Widell asked for assistance and ideas with the 50/50 raffle.

We were encouraged to wear our name badges and hats, as well as blue mesh vests with the club logo which are available.

Signs for Flea Market. Thierry Leonard got two quotes for new signs for the Flea Market. Nine 24" x 18" plastic corrugated signs with our logo and two 4' x 4' sheets to attach to plywood would cost \$115.00. The large signs would be for parking; the smaller signs would be for consignment table, 50/50, coffee and parking. Gary Pasch made a motion, seconded by Tim Bradley, to purchase the signs. Motion carried.

Tim Bradley asked if there would be a club table to advertise our club and sell t-shirts. Marlisa Gunderson indicated some of the remaining t-shirts had been sold last year from the consignment table and she felt other non-members would also purchase shirts. She suggested a photo montage of club activities to promote membership.

Jeff Sluiter stated he is purchasing a megaphone from Harbor Freight for use at the flea market.

Mileage Contest. Rolff Schoelkopf encouraged members to turn in their beginning mileage for the contest. This can be on any brand of motorcycle and multiple motorcycles.

Spring Banquet. The Spring Banquet will be held at KiKi B's, 1641 North Alpine Road, Rockford, on Saturday, April 10, with cocktails beginning at 6:00 and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Menu choices are: Garlic Roasted Chicken \$22.00; Pan Seared Tilapia \$29.00; and Ribeye Steak \$32.00. Dessert will be provided by the club. Please send your check payable to Blackhawk BMW Club, to John Tallman, 8403 Pheasant Trail, Stillman Valley, IL 61084 before April 1.

Jeff Sluiter indicated the Spring Banquet is traditionally when the members vote on an individual to receive the MOA medallion. Discussion ensued and by consensus we decided to move this vote to the Steak Fry/Annual Meeting, when the medallion would be available to be presented. Paul Misik suggested additional awards such as most hours served at flea market; longest ride led, etc. Jeff Sluiter said he had made plaques in the past for his ride photo contests.

Yahoo Group. Jim Maier indicated he has sent 50 invitations and only 13 have signed up. 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 to the group via one post to blackhawkbmw@yahogroups.com. Jim will be calling members in two weeks to follow up. This service will also provide a calendar that anyone can add to and that will issue reminders of upcoming events.

Tour Directors. Paul Misik, Joe Misik, Harrison Fiddis, Gary Akerman, Thierry Leonard and Jeff Fink are our tour directors. If anyone has ride ideas, please speak to one of the tour directors to coordinate. Anyone can lead a ride, but it should be organized through a tour director. Paul indicated a desire to set up guidelines for rides so we can ride safely and happily in a group.

Jeff Sluiter reported that Dan Boon had a heart attack. He is home now and will have to be off blood thinners for several days before a double bypass can be performed.

Local Rallies. Dick Alpiser indicated a desire to attend some local rallies (Hermann Weekend Getaway in Missouri May 7-9 and the Iowa rally) if anyone wished to join him. The Wild Goose Run is sponsored by the Port Washington Club on April 18 at the Bayside Supper Club in Beaver Dam. Reservations are required by April 11. The Madison Club hosts the Great River Road Run on May 14-16 and has given us two registrations as a door prize for the flea market.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, at Aunt Mary's at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlisa R. Gunderson