

Chapter New York III

Newsletter

Blue Knights New York III

October 7, 2003

MINUTES of the regular meeting held October 7, 2003 at Denny's Restaurant, Route 9, Poughkeepsie, NY:

Attendees:

JJ Lynch, Carl Raymo, Kim and Bill Pomeroy, Ryan Pomeroy, Sal Napolitano, Bob Ferrigan, Al Kenwood, David McDonald, Jan and Don Cassavant, Steve Bekesy, Willie Hernandez, Philip Cioffi, Elliott Velger, Chuck Tuttle, Scott Butler, Dave Kaufman, Eddie Burgos, Mick Houser, Fran and Keith Lipsey, Brian Pack.

Call to Order by President James J. Lynch at 7:13 P.M.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and remained standing for a moment of silence in honor of departed members.

President Lynch made opening remarks regarding the length of discussion of topics brought to the floor. Discussion would last no longer than 15 minutes for the purpose of reducing the overall length of the monthly meeting. Those topics deemed serious enough to warrant more time would receive ample extra time.

Reports of Officers

Secretary:

MOTION by Sal Napolitano to accept the September Newsletter as written as the minutes of the last meeting. Motion seconded by Fred Ross. Unanimous voice vote to accept.

Treasurer:

Report was read by Treasurer Pomeroy.

MOTION made by Bob Ferrigan to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Motion seconded by Eddie Burgos. Unanimous voice vote to accept.

MOTION made by Eddie Burgos to reimburse President Lynch for the donation he made to the Boulanger ride. Motion seconded by Sal Napolitano. Unanimous voice vote to accept.

President Lynch specified that he would accept partial reimbursement and that the remaining money be donated to COPS RUN.

Quartermaster:

Not present at meeting. President Lynch mentioned that Charlie Kolaitis had been at the picnic and was looking good.

Board of Directors:

To be discussed at a later point in the regular meeting.

Uniform Committee:

Sal Napolitano presented one example of a sample dress uniform. Bob Ferrigan presented another example. No action was taken. President Lynch asked everyone who had ideas to contact either Sal or Bob.

Old Business

Charity topic

President Lynch recapped the previous decision to donate money to a local charity and asked for ideas from the floor.

Sal Napolitano suggested the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Eddie Burgos suggested the leukemia ride for children.

The Castle Point food bank was suggested.

The Cardinal Hayes Home was suggested.

Bob Ferrigan raised the idea of having publicity to accompany the donation and President Lynch added that he wants photos taken at a formal presentation.

A vote was taken followed by a run-off vote.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation will receive our donation. President Lynch will research the organization to determine how and where this can done. He asked for any one with knowledge of this organization to contact him. He asked also that anyone with media contacts to contact him.

Picnic

President Lynch reported that the picnic was a success. He thanked Dave Howard for securing the Washington Hollow Gun Club for our use.

New Business

Proposal for new chapter

President Lynch informed the members that Chapter III member Thor Johnson has requested information from International on starting a new Blue Knights Chapter. He explained that Thor and one other member are currently involved in this project and they have other potential members available to start the new chapter. Only two current members of our chapter are considering this move at this time President Lynch described the process of starting a new chapter to our membership.

Dues for 2004

President Lynch advised that he has received word from member Donald Briggs that he will not be renewing for 2004. Don has sold his motorcycle and is no longer eligible for membership. We'll miss you, Don!

It is time to start the process of paying dues for 2004. Dues are still the same as last year and must be paid by December. Contact Treasurer Bill Pomeroy to make your payment.

Treasurer Bill Pomeroy was asked to explain to the membership the New Member policy and how it impacts dues for the upcoming year. Anyone with questions should contact Bill.

Tri-State Convention

President Lynch and Secretary Raymo will be attending the Tri-State Convention next weekend where they will vote on our Bike Blessing date, proposed as May 2nd, 2004.

Meet and Eat - October 21st

MOTION by Fred Ross to meet at the South Side Café directly across from Denny's on Route 9,

Poughkeepsie. Time: 7:00 P.M. Motion seconded by Scott Butler. Unanimous voice vote to accept.

Christmas Party - December 2nd, 2003

MOTION by Sal Napolitano to secure the Washington Hollow Gun Club for our annual Christmas Party. Motion seconded by Eddie Burgos. Unanimous voice vote to accept.

Dave Howard is to be contacted to look into arrangements.

Bullet Proof Vests

President Lynch advised that the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is collecting old bullet proof vests for the purpose of sending them to Iraq where our military forces will use them to reinforce their vehicles. Contact member Fred Ross for details.

Recruitment Video

President Lynch advised that BK International is collecting high resolution videos and photographs to be included in their new recruitment video. If anyone has something to contribute, contact International via their web page.

New Member Applicants

The following applicants have completed the mandatory three events and were voted in at the meeting: Keith Lipsey, Robert Coletta and Earl Bowman. Welcome aboard Brother Knights! *Ride with Pride!*

Annual Elections/Nominations

President Lynch opened the floor for nominations for officers for 2004. Nominations will remain open until the November meeting where any other nominations will be heard and elections will follow:

For President

James J. Lynch - Nominated by Phil Cioffi, Seconded by Scott Butler.

For Vice-President

Alan Kenwood - Nominated by James Lynch, Seconded by Willie Hernandez.

For Treasurer

Bill Pomeroy - Nominated by Al Kenwood, Seconded by Dave McDonald

For Secretary

No nominations were made.

For Director

Sal Napolitano - Nominated by Bob Ferrigan, Seconded by Don Cassavant.

For Road Captain

Eddie Burgos - Nominated by Willie Hernandez, Seconded by Mick Houser

Upcoming Events and Rides

Bill Pomeroy explained the foliage ride scheduled for Sunday, October 19th.

President Lynch mentioned the ride to NYC sponsored by BK NY XXI on Oct 19th.

President Lynch mentioned the open ride on Oct, 26th and asked for suggestions. No action was taken.

Miscellaneous

Steve Bekesy mentioned that he has a leather motorcycle jacket for sale. It is size 50 regular and

he wants \$75 for it. He asked that it be advertised on our web page.

Eddie Burgos reported that \$300 was donated in the name of our chapter to the leukemia ride for kids recently.

President Lynch mentioned that there is a form to be filled out for any charity work our members perform. Bill Pomeroy reported that this form would be on the web page very soon. Any member needing the form can print it from the web page.

Carl Raymo reported that he went on the Tee Moyer ride and he saw approximately 120 bikes. There were Blue Knights and Wild Pigs from all over the area at the event. See Carl for details.

Scott Butler mentioned that the Montrose VA Hospital might be closed in the near future. He has heard that Rolling Thunder might make a showing at the hospital and if anyone hears when they are planning to do so please contact him as soon as possible. See Scott for details.

Treasurer Bill Pomeroy presented a suggestion that our chapter take over responsibility for the Marlborough Police Department's booth at the annual craft fair in Marlboro. This booth is situated in the center of the craft fair and has been donated free of charge by the owners of the property. Chapter III has had a "piggy back" presence at this fair for two years and we have sold many 50-50 tickets. This year the booth was removed by the police chief because of manpower problems. Bill suggests that our chapter take over the booth in partnership with the police as a guarantee that it will be manned. See Bill for details.

President Lynch explained Newburgh Denny's soup kitchen donation drive. Sales receipts from the restaurant can be collected and the company will donate 10% of the face value to St. Patrick's soup kitchen. See JJ for details.

Motion to Adjourn made by Bob Ferrigan. Seconded by Mick Houser. Unanimous voice vote to accept. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Notes taken and Minutes prepared by *Treasurer* Bill Pomeroy.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Raymo
Secretary