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WISCONSIN BMW MOTORRAD CLUB

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WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's that time again. Time to have your voices heard. The club election is taking place December 1st.

Heidi is up for the rally chair for next year. We would love to get things set early. Please volunteer for a chairmanship or rally worker now. Would be great to kinda coast on.

I hope to plan a sleigh ride for later this winter. Let me know if your interested.

I believe we have had a great year with a great Round Robin, fantastic rally and a lot of fun among us.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season filled with happiness and hope. I'm sure we will pause to remember people we cared about no longer here. Make no mistake, they are among us.

I leave you with this:

*May the blessing of
Christmas be wth you,
May the Christ child light your way,
May God's Holy angels guide you,
And keep you safe each day.*

Ride Safe!

Bob Lannin, PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT'S CLOSING RIDE REPORT

The President's closing ride took place on Saturday, November 11th. We had 11 riders. Participating were Bob Lannin, Kevin Krueger, Mike Lambert, Jeff Bacon, Bill Ewert, Dewayne Williams, Doug and Gina Twing, Mike McCarthy, Shad Volbrecht, and George Borst as a guest. We toured southern Kettle Moraine, ending in New Berlin for a great lunch. I hope everyone had as great of a time as I did. Thanks for coming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1st — Club Meeting 8pm
VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd.
New Berlin, WI
Elections!!!
- January 21st — **Installation BRUNCH** 11am
Golden Mast Inn, W349N5293 Lacys Lane, Okauchee, WI
Details on page 6
- February 2nd — Club Meeting 8pm
VFW Post 5716, 17980 W Beloit Rd.
New Berlin, WI
- March 1st — Club Meeting 8pm
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- April 5th — Club Meeting 8pm
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- May 3rd — Club Meeting 8pm
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- May 5th — **Slimy Crud Run**
Pine Bluff in the morning • Leland in the afternoon



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Happy Birthday To You!!!!



December 2	Becky Policht
December 2	Ralph Sorenson
December 14	Ann Sobchak
December 19	Doug Twing
December 22	Janet Magin

FOR SALE

2002 R1150RS — 67K miles. Blue. Not perfect, but not too bad with lots of extras. Full Remus exhaust. Lowered suspension. Saddle bags, top case and more. First offer of \$3500 rides it away!

2002 Boxer Prep Light R1100S — Only one previous owner. 13K miles. Titan Silver. This bike has been traced to a warehouse in New Jersey as I think it was brought in as part of the boxer prep series of races. I've haven't seen another like it. It could be valuable to a collector. Brand new fuel pump. \$6000. This bike needs a younger rider. It's the best handling bike I've ever owned, but I'm just getting to old to handle something this racy.

Also... 1996 & 2000 1100RT parts —I have a lot. Ask if you need anything! I likely have it.

Contact Brian Manke if interested in either bike or with questions. 262-443-2303

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Article submissions are due to the Newsletter editor by the 20th of the month for the following month's publication. The editor reserves the right to correct, edit, change or omit all submissions.

2024 WISC BMW CLUB OFFICE NOMINEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY CLUB OFFICE CANDIDATES

Nominated club members that accepted nominations include: Bob Lannin, Kevin Krueger, Mike Lambert, Kathy Waters, Dave Kurth, Heidi Goehring, Mike Cohen, Tim Koester, Bob Reitbeger, Shad Volbrecht, Andy Pretzl, and Dewayne Williams. Of those, the following have chosen to submit statements regarding why they feel qualified for the office(s) they have been nominated for. Since the statements didn't fit on one page, please see page 6 for additional statements.

PRESIDENTIAL INCUMBANT: Bob Lannin

I have been very honored to serve you as President once again in 2023. My philosophy is simple. It's the members' club. Yes, of which I'm one, but so are each one of you.

In this job I consider myself your representative. I try to be as transparent as possible. I believe we have moved forward as a group. I also like to have more social and riding things than business meetings—even though those are necessary.

I have always been impressed how people in our club can put aside politics, religion, and even status on life, to become one club. I am proud to be a part of it.

So I ask you for your vote to continue as your President next year.

Respectfully, Bob Lannin

VICE PRESIDENTIAL INCUMBANT:

Kevin Krueger

I am running for VP because I believe board members should contribute 2 years to the prospective positions.

The first year to learn and understand, and the second year to implement any changes as the club members agree. We have a lot to accomplish this year.

I look forward to being a part of the Board as Vice President for a 2nd year.

**PRESIDENT, VP, MEMBER-AT-LARGE,
WEBMASTER & SOCIAL MEDIA ADMIN:**
Mike Lambert

I am looking to increase my official position in the Wisconsin BMW Club in the upcoming election in December. I am running for five positions this year — two technical positions, Webmaster and Social Media Administrator; and three officer positions, President, Vice-President, and Board Member-at-Large. I will say that I was shocked and honored to be nominated for all of these positions by fellow club members. It means a lot just to know that you appreciate what I have been doing so far. Thank you.

A little about me for those that don't know me all that well, I am the current Social Media Administrator for the club and have been actively getting new people to join our events, and some have liked what they seen and joined us as members. I have been very active in designing a new website for the club, that I hope can go online soon.

Going forward, I would like to take my aggressive, but balanced, demeanor to the board where I feel I can help the club grow even further by streaming and modernizing how we do some things. I would help embrace the use of technology to make our club more accessible to younger people while still embracing the cores values that we as older members still hold dear. I have always presented myself and my beliefs as what is best for the club, even when it may differ from what I personally think. I am only a member of a much bigger whole. I would just like to be more engaged in that process. I am not sure where in the three board positions you as members think I would best fit, but I am sure I would be able to do a great job for the club in any of them.

Thank you for your time reading this. I hope to see you all soon. Keep the rubber side down ☺

STATEMENTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 6...



WI BMW CLUB MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2023

MINUTES AS SUBMITTED BY KATHY WATERS, SECRETARY

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Welcome back Eddie Boskamp.

Sign-in sheet for the meeting is in the back of the room. We ask you to sign-in and get a name tag on if you don't have a magnetic one already. This will help our new members learn names.

Bob Lannin welcomed our members.

Heidi Goehring made a motion to accept minutes as printed in the newsletter. Mike Lambert seconded. All in favor.

President Report – Bob Lannin

We will complete nominations tonight. There will be the President's closing ride on November 11th.

Vice President Report – Kevin Krueger

We are doing something different, a champagne brunch at the Golden Mast. Annual activity point system, you need to tally points that you believe what you have earned. You are required to obtain 300 points to enter the milage contest. Mike Lambert has a spreadsheet on the Members Only Facebook page, go ahead and download. It states points must be tallied on a BMW only.

Heidi Goehring made a list of Rally Chairs that are needed next year, and requests people sign up. This will help her determine if she will take on the Rally Chair nomination.

Treasurer Report – Mike Cohen

We have a positive fund. Expenditures were \$200 deposit for Weisgerber's Golden Mast deposit. The bill for Cardinal Print that was from August, was just received. The rally report was off due to Cardinal Print bill being received so late. With that update to the rally account, actual monies earned were \$1600 not \$2000.

Secretary Report – Kathy Waters

Nothing to report.

Rally Report – Bob Preuss

Bob Preuss will put the ad in the MOA for next year's rally.

Sunshine Committee – Bob Reitberger

A card was given to Gina for the loss of her mother.

Member-At-Large – Doug Twing

The presidential closing ride is on the 11th.

Constitution Committee – Bob Lannin

Nothing to report.

Website Committee – Kathy Waters

Mike Lambert has been working on our new website. We are still doing a lot of behind the scenes testing but are optimistic that we will be able to get it up and running for the next rally.

Social Media Director – Mike Lambert

There have been lots of updates with the Facebook page. Watch for further positive changes. We have many non-members on our public page. Many are joining us on rides.

OLD BUSINESS

Continue with nominations...

President: Bob Lannin, Kevin Krueger, Mike Lambert

Kevin withdrew as a presidential nominee. Jimmy Galaszewski made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Vinny Tomasello. All in favor.

Vice President: Kevin Krueger, Mike Lambert

Eddy Boskamp was nominated but declined, Dave Kurth was nominated and declined. Mike Lambert made motion to close nominations, Dewayne Williams seconded, all in favor.

Secretary: Kathy Waters, Dave Kurth, Heidi Goehring

Doug Twing made motion to close nominations, Dewayne Williams seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer: Mike Cohen, Kathy Waters

Kathy has declined nomination. Bill Ahlborn made motion to close nominations, Angie Bowman seconded, all in favor.

Member-At-Large: Tim Koester, Mike Lambert, Jeff Bacon-Declined

Angie Bowman made the motion to close nominations, Bill Ahlborn seconded, all in favor.

Rally Chair: Kevin Krueger, Heidi Goehring

Heidi will accept with the stipulation there will be enough volunteers. Kevin declined. Kathy Waters made to motion to close nominations and Vinny Tomasello seconded, all in favor.

Trustee: Bob Reitburger, Mike Lambert, Jim Fuhrman

Mike Lambert declined his nomination. Tim Koester made the motion to close nominations, Mona Rihn seconded, all in favor.

MINUTES CONTINUED...

Newsletter Editor: Heidi Goehring

Tim Koester made the motion to close nominations, Angie Bowman seconded, all in favor.

Webmaster: Tim Koester, Mike Lambert

Heidi Goehring was nominated and declined. Kathy Waters made the motion to close nominations, Bob Ahlborn seconded, all in favor.

Social Media Administrator: Mike Lambert

Kathy Waters made the motion to close nominations, Angie Bowman seconded, all in favor.

Constitution Committee: Jimmy Galaszewski and Shad Volbrecht are going off. Nominations are:

Jimmy Galaszewski – declined, Shad Volbrecht, Jim Fuhrman, Andy Pretzl, Mike Lambert

Dewayne Williams – Bob Reitburger nominated, Heidi Goehring seconded the nomination.

Mike Cohen – nominated himself, seconded by Bob Preuss.

Referendum — Points Committee: Heidi Goehring suggested we add an informative referendum on the ballot. The purpose is to gather information for the direction of the point system by the committee. Do we continue as we are, improve and simplify the current point system or eliminate it all together? Mike Lambert seconded the motion, all in favor.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Mike Cohen needs a spreadsheet made – Mike Lambert will make an Excel sheet. Good news, Easter Seals contract has been received. The rate will remain the same as 2023 and all golf carts will be included with the fee.

Heidi Goehring suggested that nominees submit a summary for those who are running for office, and she will include it in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Reitburger brought up that he'd like the club to subsidize more of the installation brunch at Golden Mast. He thought it was more like \$10-15 per meal. Mike Cohen said the cost is \$42.50 and the club is subsidizing \$5.50 per person. Bob Lannin suggested \$10 per meal. Vinny Tomasello suggested the club pay

more. Bob R. made a motion that members pay \$25, non-member/guests are \$30. The club would pick up the difference per meal. Mike Cohen seconded the motion, all in favor.

Absentee ballots will have to be requested. You will be required to have your name on the outside of the envelope, or it will be discarded. The ballot will have to be received by Kathy Waters no later than November 30th. Security is important. One vote per paid membership. Things will run very smoothly. Mike Lambert will present a new form for elections.

Mike Lambert explained we must have a majority vote as per the constitution; this is only applicable where 3 or more people are nominated for a position. Instant run-off is 1st, 2nd, 3rd choices, eliminates having to hand out additional ballots for each position with 3 or more nominees. Many primaries are per this process.

Ballots will be issued immediately at the beginning of the meeting. Other business will be continued while ballots are being tabulated. Bruce Bowman volunteered to help count. We want you to understand the process, which is following the Constitution. There will be an instruction sheet included.

<http://www.wp.wiscbmwclub.com> is active if you want to look at the new website and how it's shaping up. Suggestions are welcome on how to improve it.

Mike Cohen and Mike Lambert want more opinions on whether the club address list should be on our members only Facebook page. Majority input tonight say they want it off Facebook. Keeping the list in PDF allows there to be fewer changes and multiple lists circulating.

Tim Koester made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Doug Twing seconded, all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Please Note:

CHRISTMAS IS CANCELLED

Apparently, YOU told Santa that you have been GOOD this year ...



He died laughing
www.womenmotorcyclist.com



Our *January Installation Meeting* will be a

Champagne BRUNCH

And will take place on

Sunday, January 21, 2024 at

WEISSGERBER'S GOLDEN MAST INN

W349N5293 Lacys Lane * Okauchee, WI 53069

Officer Installation/Transition Meeting from 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Doors Open for Social Time 11:00 – 1:00 PM • Brunch Served 11:30 – 1:00 PM

Awards and Meeting 1:00 – 2:30 PM • Social Time until 4:00 PM

NEW PRICING!!!! WI BMW Club Members \$25 — Guests \$30

(Includes Meal, Glass of Champagne, Tax & Gratuity)

CASH BAR

Please RSVP to Kevin Krueger by *Saturday, January 14th* by

Email: kjkrueger55@gmail.com or Text: 262-691-7373

2024 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3...

SECRETARY INCUMBANT: Kathy Waters

I would like to again take on the Secretary position. I was secretary for a national non-profit organization for 18 years. Although this is a much smaller scale, I believe getting things moved into the digital direction is a major goal.

We have had a very cohesive Board this year that continues to work in that direction. I want to see our membership grow and utilize our long-term members as mentors. Our club has a lot of knowledge and riding skills that could be shared with newer riders and members. I feel strongly that we all have some experience or skill to offer. Knowledge is strength, and continued learning helps us grow, especially on motorcycles.

SECRETARY, RALLY CHAIR & EDITOR: Heidi Goehring

I'm happy to accept the nomination for Secretary, although, I'm thinkin' Kathy does a good job.

I'm also happy to accept the nomination for Rally Chair. I think I've shown my organization skills in this position in the past. And I really want to **THANK** those that have been willing to sign up early as chairs &/or volunteers!!!! It makes a HUGE difference and I look forward to working with each of you should I be elected.

I've also enjoyed serving as the newsletter editor, putting my spelling, grammar, punctuation and formatting skills to good use —*still only human*— and would be happy to continue to do so to support our club communications. Thank you for your faith in me.

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OF EACH MONTH AT 8 PM
(exceptions: January, May and September)

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262-679-0800

WISCONSIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Many long and lasting friendships have been made through the Wisconsin Club since its inception in 1967. You are welcome to come and join us and meet the friendly and knowledgeable people who share a mutual respect for riding BMW motorcycles.

Our membership includes men, women, families, couples, and singles. Our meetings are open to all BMW riders.


During the riding season, we sponsor many activities, including group rides, tech days, social get-togethers, and in September we host the annual Wisconsin Dells Rally.

Visitors are welcome. If you are interested in membership, you will be asked to attend two club rides and two monthly club meetings within 12 months prior to being voted in by the general membership. You must own and operate a BMW motorcycle. Helmets and proof of insurance are required by all participants on club rides.

WISCONSIN BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB
Founded in 1967



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