

SWC General Membership Meeting

Prescott, AZ

June 17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 0900 by Guy O' Connor. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence for members of Heaven One and all fallen law enforcement officers. The Blue Knight Pledge was read by Guy O'Connor.

SWC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman: Guy O'Connor

Vice Chair West: Glenn Carpenter

Secretary: Jack Aarsvold

Treasurer: Tom Slaughter

Safety Officer: Richard Bennett

GUESTS:

Bob Flanagan, International President

D. J. Alvarez, International Vice President

Jack Kaylor, International Secretary

Mike Ripsch, International Past President

Karl Hutchinson, WCC Chairman

CHAPTER PRESIDENT/PROXIES REPRESENTED:

AZ II, AZ VI, AZ IX, CA IV, CA VI, CA XVII, CO I, CO II, CO IX, NM I, NMVI, TX III.

There is a quorum of 12 of 26 chapters present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Dale Doucet and seconded by Doug Brown to approve the July 2010 minutes as published. Motion passed by voice vote.

Members were reminded to provide a current list of their chapter boards with correct email addresses.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amount in bank: \$6224.09

Outstanding debt: \$0

Issues: None

Special Fund Donation: \$0

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Stan Thibault and seconded by Doug Brown. Motion passed by voice vote.

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT:

- The convention safety meeting will be held at 1300 today in the Granite Mt. room.

VICE CHAIR EAST REPORT:

Rick Parsons could not attend the convention. He sent a message that he would not be seeking re-election as Vice Chair East at the next convention in 2012. He asks that chapters in CO, NM and TX begin looking for nominees for this post. He also requests chapter Presidents review the requirements for vice chair.

VICE CHAIR WEST:

- There will be a Presidents Meeting at 1500 in Room 502. All presidents and proxies are requested to attend.
- Chapters are encouraged to create and maintain chapter procedures. Most problems that are forwarded to Conference and International levels could be solved locally if there are proper procedures in place.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- The SWC Board thanks the International Board for attending our convention. We believe this gives the board an opportunity to meet with our members and discuss items of mutual interest.
- Last November, we lost Deputy Brownlee, a Blue Knight from Colorado IX during a law enforcement activity. The SWC sent flowers and donated to his memorial fund.
- Every January AZ VI sponsors a social weekend at Palm Springs, CA. This year over 50 members/spouses attended.
- While travelling to Palm Springs, Buster Hummel and his wife were involved in a traffic mishap. Both were airlifted to the hospital where Buster remained in ICU for several weeks. He is now at home after many sessions of rehab. Buster is a member-at large

from Yuma. The SWC has recognized Buster by awarding him a paid Silver Tier Life Membership. We wish him well.

- Last year's joint WCC/SWC convention at Grand Junction was well received and profitable. Each Conference made \$3000. The SWC donated their monies to the COPS charity.
- This year a new committee was formed at International. It is the International Elections Committee. Dale Doucet, AZ VI, is a member of that committee.
- Since the last convention we lost two chapters, CO VII and CA XIV. Southwest Riverside has received its charter from International as CA XXIV. John Lopotosky is the President.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

AZ II: 20 members. Involved with TIPS program.

AZ VI: 43 members. Thank you for coming.

AZ IX: We have updated our web site and credit that with getting 11 new members. We have set up an on-line voting system.

CA IV: 62 members. Made \$35,000 for Twin Pines Ranch. We have agreed to host the 2013 convention and are working locating a site for that event.

CA VI: 75 members. Involved with COPS.

CA XVII: 24 members. Support the VA home in Ventura County.

CO I: 100 members. Involved in the CO Top Gun event.

CO II: 17 members. Attempting to recruit new members. Support a Christmas toy run in eastern CO.

CO IX: 46 members. Lost a member in a shoot out. Participated in the service and memorial for him.

NM I: 12 members. Involved in local memorial rides and recruiting activities.

NM VI: 35 members.

TX III: 21 members. Buster Hummel is now a member of TX III.

INTERNATIONAL: Bob Flanagan reports that all is well at International. All membership renewals have been processed. There is \$500 available to each conference for recruitment. The back ordered new vests should be sent out next week. The next International Convention is in July at Chesapeake, Va. D.J. Alvarez thanks SWC and AZ VI for their hospitality. The SWC has 808 members and 26 chapters. The total Blue Knight count is 19259 in 619 chapters world wide. Jack Kaylor reminds chapters to report stats involving charities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- UT IV will be the host chapter for the 2012 joint WCC/SWC convention. Greg Duval gave a slide presentation detailing some of the activities. The convention will be held June 17/21, 2012 starting in Provo, going to Torrey and ending in Bryce Canyon National Park. A registration form will be posted on the SWC web site in about 2 weeks. More information can be seen at “Blueknightsutah4.blogspot.com”.
- 2012 is an election year for SWC Officers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The following proposals are before the International Board:

1.2011-0004 Sending the renewal packages over the internet in an excel file.

2.2011-0007 To establish a procedure for current and future Members at Large.

3. 2011-0008 To establish a new membership classification. (denied)

4. 2011-0009 To change to date and venue for the inauguration of the International Executive Officers.

5. 2011-0010 To change the dates for the Verification Committee.

6. 2011-0011 To establish guidelines and policy for the distribution of charitable donations.

- CA IV has proposed that they would host the 2013 SWC Convention. Motion was made to accept CA IV proposal. Approved by voice vote.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Chapters are reminded that there is a \$500 fund to reimburse for recruiting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Brown and seconded by Stan Thibault to adjourn at 1045. Approved by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING WILL IN JUNE 2012 AT PROVO, UT.