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## WISCONSIN BMW MOTORRAD CLUB

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### WISCONSIN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a very hard month for our club. Many, many tears have been shed. Others are hurting. Members and friends need some help and support or especially a visit. This is one of the special qualities of our club. We look out for each other.

With winter coming, I will be looking for some activities to keep us engaged. If you have an idea volunteer.

I am planning the president's fall ride for Saturday, November 2nd. I would like to meet at the Kwik Trip at HWY 164 and ES. That's just North of I-43 in Big Bend. Meeting at 11:30 am, stands up at 12:00. There may be an extra special stop during the ride. I am planning on a lunch stop after.

I leave you with this:

*Always remember to forget  
the things that made you sad.  
But never forget to remember  
the things that made you glad.*

*Ride Safe!*

*Bob Lannin*, PRESIDENT

### CHILI ANYONE?

I've been asked to see if there is any interest in having a chili cookoff between our club and the Ducati club. If you are, contact me, newsletter editor Heidi (see pg. 2) or reply to the post on FB.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1st — Club Meeting 8pm  
**VFW Post 5716**, 17980 W Beloit Rd.  
New Berlin, WI  
*Nomination meeting! + Constitution amendment to vote on!!!!*



November 2nd — President's Fall Ride  
Meet at 11:30am  
Kwik Trip @ Hwy. 164 & ES  
Kick stands up at Noon



December 6th — Club Meeting 8pm  
**VFW Post 5716**, 17980 W Beloit Rd.  
New Berlin, WI  
*Elections!!!! Come and vote!!!  
Make your voice heard!!!*

**SAVE the DATE!!!!**

January 19th, 2025 — Installation Brunch  
Watch future newsletters for details

February 7th — Club Meeting 8pm  
**VFW Post 5716**, 17980 W Beloit Rd.  
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March 7th — Club Meeting 8pm  
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*Happy Birthday To You!!!!*



November 2 Mike Cohen



November 12 Bruce Bowman

November 14 Christine Archer



November 22 Gordie Paulowske

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# WI BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEETING MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 4, 2024

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY KATHY WATERS, CLUB SECRETARY

President Bob Lannin called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm and welcomed everyone.

Laury Saxler passed away a couple of weeks ago. Bill Saxler sent a bottle of bourbon in her honor, so go and grab a shot for a toast.

Thank you to Gina Twing and Angie Bowman for coordinating tonight's supper.

Be sure to fill out the sign in sheet.

Bob Lannin welcomed our members. Brian Manke is back.

## PRESIDENT REPORT - BOB LANNIN

Thank Heidi, Rally Chair, for a super rally! We had great weather. Bob said, "I even liked the music this year."

## VICE PRESIDENT - KEVIN KRUEGER

Heidi and Kevin put together a Profit & Loss statement just for the rally. (Available upon request.)

All the point sheets need to be completed and turned in by the November 1st meeting, so we can personalize the awards. The Points sheet is on the website under forms.

## SECRETARY - KATHY WATERS

Minutes were posted in the newsletter. Bill Ahlborn made the motion to accept the Minutes. Angie Bowman seconded. All in favor.

## TREASURER - MIKE COHEN

Checking is about \$4000.

Pat Stauss has a broken ankle from an accident which happened yesterday with Mark Doggett. Mark had a compound fracture of the tibia, three breaks in his pelvis and a broken lower back. Pat is released with a boot on his foot. Mark is in Froedtert for multiple surgeries.

There are many items brought in for sale tonight. The members donated them and any revenue from the items will be donated to the club.

Other clubs are folding due to the lack of involvement. If people will not step up, we could be on the same trajectory.

## RALLY COMMITTEE - HEIDI GOEHRING

Rally Chairs, please report to Heidi Goehring all those who worked under each chair. We had 124 pre-registered. About eighty at the gate with 203 total registered. We had a profit this year. (A Profit and Lost statement is available upon request.)

We have extra T-Shirts and are selling them for \$10 and sweatshirts are \$20. Several volunteer lists were given to Mike Cohen and not the Rally Chair. Mike and Heidi will coordinate. Heidi negotiated with Easter Seals to pay only \$10 per person, instead of \$15, for registration due to the golf cart problems and other issues on site.

## MEMBER-AT-LARGE - MIKE LAMBERT REPORTING FOR TIM KOESTER

Mike Lambert held a ride with only two riders participating. We need participation on rides.

Ross Bennett had thirty-eight bikes on the Dave Maly ride at the rally. Todd Korb from Hupy and Abraham bought lunch for the entire group on the ride. Extra big thank you Todd Korb!! Thank you to Christine Ledezma for letting Ross use her bike.

## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - BOB LANNIN

There is a suggestion to create an additional rally treasurer to streamline things at the rally. Two ways to make a change; 1 is for an individual to bring it forward to the club, with a proper motion, post it in the newsletter twice and then vote. 2 is for the Constitution Committee to put it forward to the club. Mike Cohen will send the recommendation to the Constitution Committee for review and to bring it forward to the club.

## WEBSITE COMMITTEE - MIKE LAMBERT

Nothing new.

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SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR - MIKE LAMBERT

Viking bags offered to donate travel bags for another time. It was too short notice this time around.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Our sunshine committee chair decided to get a little attention himself in the last couple of weeks. Bob ... Reitburger was in the hospital with heart issues. He is here tonight with bells on. Mark Doggett and Pat Stauss had an accident yesterday. Mark will be hospitalized for a while.

OLD BUSINESS

Aztalan races need spectators for the races. De-Wayne Williams has been flagging this year and has enjoyed it. He will furnish dates for the upcoming year which will be added to the newsletter and forums on the website.

Brian has been given permission to drive and use a walker. He says "Hi!"

NEW BUSINESS

Ross has *Star Tron stabilizer* for gas that he passed out tonight to try. *Nelson Rigg* is still offering 25% discount with the code through 2024. Go to [www.nelsonrigg.com](http://www.nelsonrigg.com), the code is DUCATIWI.

Heidi Goehring suggested we entertain options to change location for meetings, brunch, or meetings held during the day. At least explore other options. Mike Lambert liked the idea and will work up a survey to be dispersed at the November meeting.

Mike Lambert made a motion to create a non-binding poll to add to the next election, so the incoming board would know what days and time members would like to meet for future meetings in 2025. Bill Saxler seconded. All in favor.

NOMINATIONS

PRESIDENT

- Bob Lannin nominated by Mike Cohen, second by Jimmy Galaszewski
- Kevin Krueger nominated by Heidi Goering - Kevin declined

- Ross Bennett nominated by Jimmy Galaszewski, Angie 2nd – Ross declined

Jim Galaszewski made the motion to close nominations, Bill Alhborn seconded. All in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT

- Doug Twing nominated by Angie Bowman - Doug declined
- Vinnie Tomasello nominated by Kevin Krueger – Vinnie declined
- Jim Fuhrman nominated by Bob Lannin, second by Bill Alhborn

Jim Galaszewski made the motion to close nominations, Mike Lambert seconded. All in favor.

SECRETARY

- Angie Bowman nominated by Heidi Goehring - Angie declined
- Heidi Goehring nominated by Angie Bowman - Heidi declined
- Dave (Doug) Kurth nominated by Shad Volbrecht, seconded by Bill Alhborn

Angie Bowman made the motion to close nominations, Dewayne Williams seconded. All in favor.

TREASURER

- Eddie Boskamp nominated by Heidi Goehring, seconded by Angie Bowman
- Mike Cohen nominated by Eddie Boskamp, seconded by Shad Volbrecht – Mike declined

Jimmy Galaszewski made the motion to close nominations, Mike Lambert seconded. All in favor.

MEMBER - AT - LARGE

- Bill Alhborn nominated by Angie Bowman – Bill declined
- Mike Lambert nominated by Bill Alhborn - Mike declined
- Jimmy Galaszewski nominated by Bob Lannin - Jimmy declined
- Doug Twing nominated by Kathy Waters - Doug declined

- Ross Bennett nominated by Jim Fuhrman, seconded by Heidi Goehring
- Mike Cohen nominated himself, Bill Alhborn seconded

Jim Galaszewski made the motion to close nominations, Bill Alhborn seconded. All in favor.

TRUSTEE (VOTE 1 FOR 2 YEAR TERM)

- Jimmy Galaszewski nominated by Bruce Bowman, seconded by Angie Bowman
- Mike Cohen nominated himself, seconded Mona Rihn
- Jim Guthrie nominated by Heidi Goehring - Jim Declined

Mike Lambert made the motion to close the nominations, Jim Fuhrman seconded. All in favor.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR/PUBLISHER

- Heidi Goehring nominated by Kathy Waters, seconded by Angie Bowman
- Gina Twing nominated by Bob Pruess – Gina declined

Dewayne Williams made the motion to close nominations, Kathy Waters seconded. All in favor.

WEBMASTER

- Mike Lambert nominated by Ross Bennett - Mike declined but offered to assist with training
- Tim Koester nominated by Bob Lannin, seconded by Dave Kurth

Bill Saxler made the motion to close nominations, Dave Kurth seconded. All in favor.

SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK & X)

- Pete Freyer – Pete declined
- Mike Cohen nominated by Heidi Goehring declined
- Christine Ledezma nominated by Jimmy Galaszewski - Christine declined

- Rick Delarosa nominated by Kevin Krueger - Rick declined
- Tom Stressing nominated by Jimmy Galaszewski, seconded by Bob Lannin

Kathy Waters made the motion to close the nominations, Kevin Krueger seconded. All in favor.

\*\*It was determined that a vote must take place as to whether we want to hold a rally in 2025, BEFORE nominations for a rally chair will be accepted. Angie Bowman made a motion to hold a rally in 2025. Dewayne Williams seconded. The majority voted yes.

RALLY CHAIR

- Heidi Goehring nominated by Jim Fuhrman, seconded by Bill Saxler.

Ron Lampe made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Dave Kurth. All in favor.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE  
(2 PEOPLE FOR 2 YEAR TERM)

- Angie Bowman nominated Heidi Goehring
- Kevin Krueger nominated Heidi Goehring
- Heidi Goehring nominated Mike Lambert
- Jim Fuhrman nominated by Bill Saxler, seconded by Mike Lambert
- Dan Miller nominated Kathy Waters
- Dewayne Williams nominated by Kathy Waters

Kathy Waters made the motion to close nominations, Dave Kurth seconded. All in favor.

—Nominations closed.

Slimy Crud run on Sunday, October 6th. There is no organized ride planned.

Bob Reitburger suggested we investigate changing the positions to 2 years for our officers.

Bill Alhborn made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Dave Kurth seconded. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm



# REMEMBERING SHAD...

ARTICLE BY HEIDI GOEHRING ~ PHOTO FROM THE BOSCOBEL RIDE IN JULY



This is probably the hardest article I've ever written, but it needs to be done. Let's hope I don't fry my computer with my tears.

I think Dave Kurth's FaceBook post put it best ~

"He was a Gentle Man and a Gentleman."

Kindhearted, never a bad word about anyone, a true friend. We were all shocked by his sudden passing. He and I talked many times and often. My gift of gab and semi-retired schedule offered him someone to call over his long road hauls. I "yaked" him through many states.

I met Shad at his first WI Dells Rally. We called him Chad for the first day; the second day he finally corrected us. He camped next to my brother, daughter and I. A fast & lasting friendship formed. I wish I could remember how many years ago that was ~ at least 10.

*Your friends know you better in the first minute you meet than your acquaintances will know you in a thousand years.*

*— Richard Bach, Illusions*

He was there as a good friend while my brother battled cancer ~ to both of us. As we watched my brother fade away, he would say, "I don't want to linger, I want to go out like Henry." (Henry was Blackhawk BMW Club member & our friend. Shad was with me when learned Henry died while riding ~ doing what he loved best ~ also suspected due to a medical condition.) Shad, if you can hear me, and I know you can, you went too soon. You are missed ssssoooooo much by ssssoooooo many.

I know many of you have stories to share, and I could go on and on with my own. Remember how he would roll his eyes and giggle when he thought one of us was perhaps a bit inappropriate? Or simply witty? But never a terse word.... If only the good die young, what does that say about the rest of us old farts? Perhaps after our Friday meeting we can share some memories and have a toast in his honor.

In the meantime, a collection has been started to place a memorial brick at the WI MC Memorial Park in Sturgeon Bay. It will have the quote posted on FB on it with Shad's name. His family has asked to attend the placing of the brick next year. This fund was started by a non-club member, but club members are welcome to pitch in. I suggest a \$25 donation, but any amount is welcome. I'll be collecting through the Initiation brunch ~ anything above the required \$260 will be donated to Donna Volbrecht, Shad's mom. Shad would want that.

RIP my dear friend. I love you still...

**Editor's Note:** This is my tribute to Shad Volbrecht. And I had space that would have been blank.

It occurred to me that some may question 'why we didn't have something written up for others have that have gone before us.' Well, that's up to YOU as club members. I am the editor, not the author, of this newsletter. I depend upon YOU to submit articles. I knew Shad well, so writing something up wasn't hard. But I don't know all members well. Please contribute.

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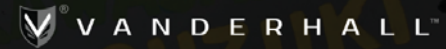
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WISCONSIN CLUB  
MEMBERSHIP

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.

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*Founded in 1967*

  
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