

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes
August 8, 2012 Meeting**

Vice-president Charlie O'Malley called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at The Italian Pie, Harahan,LA. He then introduced guests present: Rita and Quinn O'Malley.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	Beginning balance 6/6/12 -	\$1692.39
	Cash received:	
	50/50	32.00
	Expenditures :	
	<i>State of LA Renewal fee</i>	(10.00)
	<i>Door Prizes</i>	(27.29)
	New Balance	<u>\$1687.10</u>

MINUTES: A motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Bob Vaughan and seconded by Paul Vegas. The minutes were unanimously approved.

BUSINESS: There are still patches left to distribute. Charlie O'Malley asked if all patches/decals had been distributed. Greg Beck said that he still has some of both.
- Bob Vaughan reported that president; Skip Harrison was in a very serious accident last week while riding in California. Skip has already had surgery and has started physical therapy. He is at a hospital in Reno,NV. Members were encouraged to send cards or call him.

REPORT ON RIDES/RALLIES-

- Paul Vegas reported on his recent trip to Oshkosh,WI for the fly-in. He said that there were thousands of airplanes - an awesome number!

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UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- Bob Vaughan said that he is planning to attend the Huskerrally in Franklin,NE and the Bear Tooth Rendevous in Red Lodge,MT.

- Ken O'Malley said that he is planning to do the Great River Road (maybe in September).

- Charlie O'Malley is riding to Oregon then to see his son in the Los Angeles area and then on to Austin to visit with his daughter and her family.

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT: Ken O'Malley reported that the BMWMOA is just MOA now. He said that the national rally in Missouri was the best MOA rally - saying that it was extremely well organized, the closing ceremony was under an hour and that the food on site was very good. He said that it was hot on Wednesday but that the temperature went down afterwards. Ken mentioned that there are lots of changes at MOA now and that if you are not a member you might want to consider joining. See him if you are interested in a free copy of the MOA magazine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Alden Bienvenu said that BMW Motorcycles of Baton Rouge might have to change their name. Corporate BMW says that it is a copy write infringement to have BMW in their name. Charlie O'Malley spoke with Jim Whitehead about when the new shop might be fully operational. He was told that they hope to move in by the end of August.
- Charlie O'Malley spoke about his recent dealings with REMUS about his noisy exhaust system. He was sent a new muffler - no charge. Charlie says that they stand behind their product.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Bob Vaughan won \$10.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Buxton Hobbes - First aid kit

Paul Vegas - flashing LED light

John O'Malley - Camelbak cleaning kit

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Bob Vaughan and seconded by Paul Vegas , the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Members Present at the August 8, 2012 Meeting

**GREG BECK, ALDEN BIENVENU,
PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS,
KEN GREGOIRE, BUXTON HOBBS, JIM MARKEY,
BOB MERRELL, CHRIS MERRELL, KEN O'MALLEY,
JOHN O'MALLEY, CHARLES O'MALLEY,
BOB VAUGHAN, PAUL VEGAS, GARY WAGUESPACK
Total number of attendees: members and guests: 17**