

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes

May 2, 2012 Meeting

President Skip Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. at The Abita Brew Pub, Abita Springs, LA. Peggy Bienvenu introduced guests present: Veronica Gregoire, Karen Harrison and Rita O'Malley.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance 4/3/12 -\$ 1666.47

Cash received:

50/50 21.00

Expenditures

Club Stickers – Bourg Signs (49.05)

New Balance **\$1638.42**

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

BUSINESS: The next meeting will be at The Italian Pie in Harahan on June 6th.

REPORT ON RIDES/RALLIES-

- Ken O'Malley reported on the Dogwood Trail Rally last month. He said that there were about 145 in attendance. The weather was great! There was good food and the beer was cold! He also added that it is a very nice, laid back, comfortable rally.

AMBASSADOR REPORT - Ken O'Malley said that members should try to attend the national rally this summer. It is to be held in Sedalia, MO on July 19-22.

UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- May 4 - 6 - The GA Mountain Rally in Hiawassee, GA.
- May 12 -The Mississippi Club has invited Gulf South members to attend their monthly meeting in Wynona, MS. After the meeting, members have been offered a tour of a private collection with over 100 vintage bikes.
- May 12 - Tech session at Skip Harrison's house in Mandeville. The topic is R1200 valve adjustment. Be there for about 9:00 a.m. If you'd like to do yours, make sure that you are there in enough time for the engine to cool sufficiently to touch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Member Bob Merrell has raised a question - Has anyone any info on the new cable safety barriers that are being installed on I10 and I12? Should this be a safety issue for a motorcyclist? A small discussion was had. We will look into it for more info.
- Alden Bienvenu mentioned that the move of BMW Motorcycles of Baton Rouge is coming along. The sales area has already moved to the new location. The mechanic area move is being completed.
- Skip Harrison announced that the Friendly Yamaha location in Slidell is moving to the old Cycle Shack location. The will handle Honda, Yamaha and Kawasaki.
- Alden Bienvenu said that he heard that the RA is looking to get to standard locations for their annual rallies. One would be in Copper Mountain, CO. The other would be somewhere east of the Mississippi River.
- **Skip Harrison shared a quote from the BMW Owner's News - "A good driver isn't necessarily a safe one."**

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Skip Harrison won \$10.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Skip Harrison - cap light

Charlie O'Malley - book

Paul Vegas - wine bottle stopper

Rita O'Malley - helmet cable lock

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Ken O'Malley and seconded by Brian Johnson,
the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Members Present at the May 2, 2012 Meeting

**GREG BECK, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, NEAL DAIGLE
DAVID FONTENOT, KEN GREGOIRE, SKIP HARRISON
BRIAN JOHNSON, CHARLIE O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY,
BETTY VEGAS, PAUL VEGAS, GARY WAGUESPACK, GENE WANLESS
Total number of attendees, members and guests: 18**