

**Gulf South BMW Owners Club  
Minutes of January 2,2008 Meeting**

President Elmon Randolph opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. at the Italian Pie in Jefferson, LA. He welcomed everyone and mentioned that the club has come a long way since it's beginning. Six of the original charter members were in attendance this evening. They are: Rick Borja, Bob Froebese, Lyle Grimes, Ken O'Malley, Debra Randolph and Elmon Randolph. There are still active members from the first few meetings, like Paul and Betty Vegas. One goal for this year is to recruit new members and to try to get more members involved. Elmon thanked those who led and organized rides last year. He is open for suggestions from any member for new rides this year.

Vice-president Rick Borja introduced and welcomed our guests for the evening, Rita O'Malley and Melvin Durr. Out-of-town member, Michael O'Malley was welcomed as well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Debra Randolph reported a club balance of \$202.55. Dues are due!

**MINUTES**

A motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Paul Vegas and seconded by Rick Borja. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annual Christmas Party** – The party, held at the Vespa-Triumph dealer was great! The food was delicious, as usual. And there was plenty left over. It was suggested that the club send the Materne's a thank you card.

**Gumbo/Bonfire Ride** – The weather was cold, just right for gumbo! Alden Bienvenu reported that there were about 25 people in attendance. It was a nice day. Celeste Lousteau baked a cake to help Lyle Grimes celebrate his birthday. Check out some nice pictures on the web page. President Randolph thanked the Bienvenu's for hosting this event.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

1. Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – Rick Borja is planning a ride to the Chalmette Battlefield. Meet at the Shoney's on Clearview and I-10 for 9:00. You'll need to park at the courthouse and take a shuttle to the site. There is no charge. A stop for lunch at Rocky and Carlo's is planned.
2. Super Bowl Sunday Ride – Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – A ride is being planned to the newly opened Cabela's Store in Gonzales. Info will be emailed or call a club officer if you need information.
3. The club mileage contest ends at the February meeting, February 6th. Members need to get mileage to Jannie Markey. The info is on the [club web page](#) and an email will be sent to members.

4. Many members will be attending Daytona Bike week – Feb29 – Mar. 9th. The monthly meeting for March will probably be moved to the 12<sup>th</sup>. Officers are waiting to make sure that Italian Pie can accommodate us on that day.

**MOA AMBASSADOR'S REPORT (Lyle Grimes/Ken O'Malley)**

Lyle Grimes mentioned an article in the January issue of the MOA Owner's News. The article is about Dave Swisher receiving a BMW Motorcycle Icon award for riding 1.4 million miles on BMW bikes. He is only the second person in the U.S. to receive this honor.

Lyle has an original Gulf South club jacket for sale. It is a size large and is brand new.

**COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, DISCUSSION**

Paul Vegas talked about a good book about touring in Australia, Twisted Throttle.

**DOOR PRIZES and 50/50**

Charlie O'Malley, Jackie Graff and Jim Markey all won small LED flashlights. Paul Vegas won a copy of the movie, World's Fastest Indian. Debra Randolph won the 50/50 pot of \$17.

**ADJOURNMENT**

By motion made by Ken O'Malley and seconded by Alden Bienvenu, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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**Members Present at the January 2, 2008 Meeting**

PAUL ANDRY, JIM BATES, FRANK BERGERON, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU, MICHAEL BORCHERS, RICK BORJA, FRED DESMITH, BOB FROBOESE, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF, KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, LYLE GRIMES, MAURY GUILLOT, BRIAN JOHNSON, BERNARD LOUSTEAU, CELESTE LOUSTEAU, JIM MARKEY, JOHN O'MALLEY, CHARLES O'MALLEY, LINDA O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY, MICHAEL O'MALLEY, DEBRA RANDOLPH, ELMON RANDOLPH, FELIX RIVERO, JOE TRIPPODO, BOB VAUGHN, PAUL VEGAS AND JOE WILBERT

**Total number of attendees, members and guests: 33**