

Gulf South BMW Owners Club Minutes
August 3, 2011 Meeting

President Bob Vaughan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Rotolo's Pizzeria in Metairie, LA. Vice-president Charlie O'Malley introduced guests present: Aiden Tiblier, Rita O'Malley, Bernard Lousteau, Celeste Lousteau, Ke Li, Jerome Mouton, Amy Herold, Richard, Shannon & Rick Borja.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beginning balance 7/6/11 -	\$1197.75
Cash received:	
50/50 (7/6) :	12.00
Dues	30.00
 Expenditures : N/A	
New Balance	<u>\$1239.75</u>

MINUTES: A motion to approve last month's meeting minutes was made by Betty Vegas and seconded by Adam Graff. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

BUSINESS: President Vaughan announced that election of officers would be soon. The club will need to have elections for at least president and treasurer. Please think about it! It is important that someone step up to this challenge.

REPORTS ON RIDES/RALLIES:

- Charlie O'Malley gave his rendition of the MOA national rally in Bloomsburg, P A. He and his brother Michael had a nice ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Temperature was in the 60's and nice. They spent the night in a motel in Waynesboro. When they arrived at the rally the next day, the temperature had soared to 103 degrees and with no wind! He said that the heat was abusive. They did drink lots of water. There were lots of vendors at the rally and they were giving good deals. He said that for the first time ever, he volunteered! And really enjoyed it! The rally was good! The heat was bad!
- Ken O'Malley reported on his ride to the national. He and Rita spent three nights at the Willville Bike Camp off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. He also volunteered when he arrived at the rally. He also said that the vendors were great and that the rally site was pretty good. Next year, the national will be held in Sedalia, MO @ the Missouri State Fairgrounds.
- Bob Vaughan reported that his trip to the rally was hot, but fun. He told of his "Grand Entrance" when arriving at his daughter's in-laws in Lititz,PA where he ran off of the driveway, into the bushes and dropped his GS. The bike is still there and he will go back in a couple of weeks to get it.

UPCOMING RIDES/RALLIES:

- The Boudin Ride is planned for some time in October.
- Ken O'Malley reported that he is still working on a ride to Stennis.
- In the fall, the following are some rallies that may be attended by members: Hotchkiss,CO Rally, the Rat Hole Rally, Return to Shiloh Rally and the Swampscooters' Rally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Ken Gregoire shared info on an upcoming class for conceal carry permits.
- Brian Johnson said that when going to a rally a key thing is to volunteer.
- President Vaughan asked if members are interested in a fall party/picnic. Jackie Graff said that she would look in to possibility of using her camp in Mississippi. A commitment is needed by next month. This would not take the place of the Christmas party.
- Jim Bates gave a report of his ride to the Moto Guzzi National Rally held every year in Elkader, Iowa. It was a small rally (about 350-400). He enjoyed his trip.
- Paul Vegas told of a product XPEL film that is used for covering headlights. He said that it is very good and reasonably priced.
- President Vaughan asked for suggestions for a different meeting place on the south shore, as Rotolo's is too small for our group. Someone suggested Giorlando's on Bonnabel Blvd. and will look into it.

DOOR PRIZES and 50/50: Ed Dieck won \$22.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

- Alden Bienvenu - mini Flashlight
- Aiden Tiblier - cap flashlight
- Peggy Bienvenu - fire ball candy and air gauge
- Gary Waguespack - Chicken poop lip balm
- Fred DeSmith - highlighters for marking maps
- Jackie Graff - knife sharpener
- Ed Dieck - knife

ADJOURNMENT By motion made by Ken O'Malley and seconded by Ken Gregoire, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Members Present at the August 3, 2011 Meeting

**JIM BATES, ALDEN BIENVENU, PEGGY BIENVENU,
MICHAEL BORCHERS, FRED DESMITH,
ED DIECK, ADAM GRAFF, JACKIE GRAFF,
KEN GREGOIRE, VERONICA GREGOIRE, SKIP HARRISON,
BRENT HEROLD, BRIAN JOHNSON, MARC LEVINE,
JIM MARKEY, JOHN O'MALLEY, KEN O'MALLEY,
CHARLES O'MALLEY, , BOB VAUGHAN, JOAN VAUGHAN,
PAUL VEGAS, BETTY VEGAS, GARY WAGUESPACK
Total number of attendees, members and guests: 33**