

BELOW IS THE TIMES AND AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS

**RKIFMC BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, April 9 to April 11, 2014
8:00 am 5:00 pm**

PRESIDENT

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 by Chris
2. Chaplain gave opening prayer.
3. Moment of Silence for those who have passed
4. Opening greeting from President
5. Roll Call

Chris Gadway, President, Present
Jack Jarvis, VP, Present
Bill Snodgrass, Secretary, Present
Scott Ryan, Treasurer, Present
Gil Rekken, Region 5, Present
Tom Delboi Region 7, Present

Norm Beausoleil, Region 1, Present
Leo Patry, Region 2, Present
Tim Reinard, Region 3, Present
Joey Powell, Region 4, Present
Joe Connors, Region 6, Present

All Board members presented.

6. Rules of meeting
 - Break at 55 to 60 minutes
 - Items for Executive session, must let Board know when and what
7. Reports
 - President: Thank the Board for working together on several issues.
 - Vice President: We are at almost 400 MALs. All overseas chapter dues were paid on time. It is working well with Tom Delboi handing the new MALs in Europe and mailing out their welcome package. He has agreed to continue to do this if the new Regional Director is in agreement.
 - Secretary: The Medical Data Decal program in the US is completed, 5,934 were mailed out. Feedback has been very good from the chapters. Tim Reinard is to write something for the newsletter on this program All Medical Data Decals for the MALs, Overseas chapters and Europe have been given to Jack and Tom. Tim is to write a report on this program for the newsletter. Gave an update on the insurance and new chapter programs.

I have attended three funeral/memorial services for our members who have passed away. To date we have lost 10 members in 2015. I want to thank Region 3 Director, Tim Reinard, for assisting me in doing these as it was a big help. Since he became the Region 3 Director he has attended 10 funerals/wakes (in three regions) that I would have had to attend.

- Treasurer: Has been busy with the dues renewal. Has found that this position is taking more time than he thought it would. He submitted a copy of the financial report to the Board.
- Region One: he has new chapters in his region, happy to see it is growing. Working with the committee for the Yankee Rally. Looking for over 300 members to attend. Did have to change the host hotel but everything is moving forward.
- Region Two: Spend 4 months in Florida away from the cold and snow. Introduced his self to new chapters and MALs in region. Send out a letter to all chapter regarding term limits for Board members.
- Region Three: Traveling and trying to meet as many chapters as he can. Helped in the forming of three new State Associations. Attended a Fire Expo in Pittsburgh with chapters from PA. Printed tri fold brochures and gave out. Has a Regional Meeting scheduled for June.
- Region Four: Still having problems with GA 15, Challenged all chapter to get five (5) new members in 2015. The Dixie Rally will be held in Ocean City, MD in 2016 and in North Carolina in 2017.
- Region Five: Western Rally is in Alberta for 2015 and in North Dakota in 2016. Minnesota will be holding a state rally on July 17-19, 2015.
- Region Six: Brothers Keepers (1% club) is moving into Texas. They are ok with the Red Knights. He has a meeting set with the Hell Angels in Arizona. He has some problems with TMLAs in Texas and working to correct them.
- Region Seven: Still growing, has a problem with one chapter who does not understand the history if the Red Knights. Is working with them.

8. Convention reports

- Attends the Convention meetings, committee is work together. Went over details of what is need by the Board. Advise him that they would need to furnish equipment for the Board meetings (projector, extension cords for laptops). Chris is make arrangement to get RKIFMC equipment to Texas for

convention. Advise him that the committee would need to print the International Handout booklet.

- 2016: Tim has a meeting in two weeks with the chapters in Wisconsin who are hosting the Convention and will give a report to the Board after the meeting.
- 2017: Julie Carson and Carlos Ferrer gave a power point presentation on the plans they are working on and will give it at the 2015 General meeting
- 2018: PA 8 is hosting but this may be change to the PA Association hosting. Plans are moving forward.
- 2019: Rumors that NH, OK and NB may submit bids to host. Norm is to meet with NH on 4/11/2015.
- 2020: The European Association will submit a bid to host in Styraia, Austria at 2015 General Meeting. Tom showed a power point presentation on their behalf.

9. Adjustments to Agenda

- Convention report from NY at 4:00 pm on Friday
- Web site proposal
- Web site

THE FOLLOWING WERE CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2014 FALL MEETING

10. Application for Hosting Convention, Scott is to re-write By-Law section 2:02 on Annual Meeting/Convention.

Done, what is on the web site is correct. CD was sent to all chapters/associations who are hosting in the future.

11. Ability for International officer to enact a suspension pending board approval

Discussion on this was led by Chris, Leo spoke against this. We have the means to be able to talk with each Board member on this issue as a group. It was agreed not to allow this at this time.

12. A discussion on having a First and Second Vice President and term limits

Chris showed power point for a new organization flow chart on this subject that was based on number of chapters/members. This would have a President, Executive VP, three Regional VP, Secretary, Treasurer and 10 Regional Directors. Good discussion

on this idea which would take some time to develop to a point to present to the membership.

Power Point is to be sent to Board members for review and comments and review at the Fall Board meeting was to be submitted by Chris.

13. Different design on challenge coin, Norm is having photos taken of Memorial, Jack is working on design and will forward to Board members for review

Still working on design, Norm is working to getting the photos and will submit them to Jack for the design. Jack will submit to two different designs. Side one will be have the RKMC logo. Side two to have one of the new designs that will be approved by the Board.

14. Jackets for International Board members, Tom to show the International Board possible Jackets for board members.

Board was not interested at this time

15. Scott is to work on a SOG and by-law change for more than one regional meeting or for President/Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer travel.

In by-laws now, just need to advise Board of travel and reason for travel.

16. Board meetings location and dates for Fall Meeting, 2015

Best Western BWI Airport, October 18-20, 2015. RKR Board meeting will be at 1000 and the RKI 1300 on October 18, 2015.

17. Discussion on if we can get health (travel) insurance to cover us while we are on Red Knight business (Secretary to research)

Cannot get, Secretary checked with three companies

18. Business Plan Review (Saturday Morning)

This was tabled till October 18, 2015

PRESIDENT:

19. By-law committee / general bylaw discussion

The by-law committee is not working at this time. We will be working to redo this committee. In the meantime all by-law proposals are to be submitted to the International

Secretary. He is to advise the Board of any by-law proposals he receives and have them posted on the Red Knights web site.

Reviewed the following by-law proposals:

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| <i>Section 2:01 II</i> | <i>This is endorsed by the International Board</i> |
| <i>Section 2:01 VI</i> | <i>Leave as written in by-law</i> |
| <i>Section 3:04</i> | <i>This is not endorsed by the International Board</i> |
| <i>Section 3:05</i> | <i>This is not endorsed by the International Board</i> |
| <i>Section 3:14</i> | <i>This is not endorsed by the International Board (Bill/Scott declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting for this discussion)”</i> |
| <i>Section 3:22</i> | <i>housekeeping items (Pres, VP, Sec, and Tresurer to update by-laws</i> |
| <i>Section 3:17 I</i> | <i>housekeeping</i> |
| <i>Section 4:05</i> | <i>This is not endorsed by the International Board</i> |
| <i>Section 5:04</i> | <i>housekeeping does not need to go to the membership for a vote, remove section as shown</i> |
| <i>Section 5:06</i> | <i>This is endorsed by the International Board</i> |
| <i>Section 5:09</i> | <i>This is endorsed by the International Board</i> |
| <i>Section 4:02</i> | <i>This is endorsed by the International Board</i> |
- (Board agreed to post by laws proposals and rationale on web site, newsletter and International Booklet)*

VICE PRESIENT

20. Andy Monell (to speak on By-Law 2:01) at 1000 hrs. (cancelled Jack to speak on this)

Andy did not show. This was addressed and an addition was made on the in the by-law proposals

21. Jason Collins would like to be able to purchase Australian rockers to wear only when he is here in the states. As of right now the SOG states that no 10” rockers are to be sold to Australian members.

Only Officers of the chapter may order patches and he is not an officer. Due to the law in Australia that bottom rockers cannot be worn on the back of the vest. Due to this, his request was not approved after discussion. As this will cause big problems in Australia and Ross is not in favor of this

22. Forum **TABLE TILL NOVEMBER**

Discussion was held on the need of having this or not. When we go to the new web site, do we want to keep it? We will table this until we have a new web site and then make a discussion.

SECRETARY:

23. By-Law Section 3:22A vs. SOG Section 8:02

Not a problem between by-laws and the SOGs as they are guide lines only. The By-law states what the International wants and the SOGs state how to do it.

24. Time logs, do we need them or not

Reasons were given on why they are required. Average number of time for all Board members is to be submitted at the end of year with the EOY

25. International Reports for convention booklet to Secretary

Due July 1, 2015 to Secretary. He is to submit the booklet to the Convention Host for printing.

26. Reading of motion 2015-001E into minutes

Secretary read the motion into the minutes

27. Heaven One (started 1/2009, 198 deaths, 38 not notified, 17 flag/coin send, 143 attended)

WA 2 Death, try to use OR 1 if not use Region 5 Director.

28. Special Compassionate Honorary Member for TN 2

Sally Darnell will be made a MAL Special Compassionate Honorary Member. Secretary is to notify her. Jack will send her a MAL package.

PRESIDENT

29. Kathleen Brooks, Harris Connect to speak on a no cost to RKMC history/member at 1300 hrs.

Wants to do a book of our history of our club and directory of members. 50 pages would be history. The book would be sold to our members only at a cost of \$89 for hard copy or \$69 for a soft copy. See handouts given to us. Royalty of \$5.00 back to club after 10% of member purchase. Data base of our roster would need to be submitted to the.

They would send a post card (at least 4) to our members who wanted to take part in the program. Our members would be advised to call a phone number and give them the information needed.

Motion 2015-002 was made and approved to enter into with Harris Connect to produce a book of our history and a directory of our membership. A letter will be submitted to the chapters by the Regional Directors. It is to be paced on the web site and our face book account.

Chris and Scott to work on the contact with them. After the contract is signed a copy with be submitted to all Board members. Chris and Jack will work on the letter to the membership.

TREASURER:

30. Section 9/10 changes, (Scott)

Life Member Dues - By-Laws 2.01 (I) states "The organizational level proposing the member for Life Membership shall pay such membership costs annually."

I would like confirmation that this refers to ALL chapters a Life Member is a member of, not just their home chapter. (Scott)

If an International Life Member, no dues are to be paid to the International by any chapter(s) that they may belong. If Life membership made by chapter, are to be paid to the International by the Chapter.

31. Chapters at discretion of the Board (Bylaw 3.10 5 b), Illinois 20, Massachusetts 5, Massachusetts 14, Tennessee 2.

Left up to the Treasurer to use his own direction

32. Chapters surrendering charter: Georgia 21, Nevada 1, New York 13, New York 51

Need to receive a letter stating that the chapter was going to disband. The letter needs to be submitted to the Regional Director who will work with the International Treasurer.

33. By Law Section 201 II. a. Any Member-At-Large wishing to transfer membership to a designated chapter may do so upon the written request to the International Secretary from the Chapter President that the M.A.L. is transferring to. There shall be no refund of M.A.L. dues or will any International dues be payable by the chapter he/she transfers to for the calendar year of the transfer. The M.A.L. shall notify the chairman of the Member-At-large committee of his/her transfer.

MALs may form a new chapter

34. I am interested in either changing the wording or the interpretation to allow MALs to transfer to a new chapter they are creating

After discussion it was agreed that they can

April 10, 2015, meeting opened, all members are presented,

REGION 1:

35. A line item budget for maintenance (lawn care, pruning, taking, etc.) for the Memorial. The guys from MA 1 have been doing it (labor, equipment and fuel) pro bono since day one, and some of them are thinking it's time for a change.

We have a line item budget for this. MA 1 is to manage this fund and submitted invoices to the International Treasurer for payment.

36. International seed money for convention startup

International does not have a credit card that can be used for placing a deposit for the hotel for rooms. It is up to the local chapter/associations to work this out.

37. NY 51 should be suspended and their charter needs to be revoked.

After discussion, it was agreed due to the facts that Norm presented and the fact that they have not paid their International dues since 2013.

REGION 2:

38. A review of the survey I did in Region 2 in regards to the terms of office question for International officers

Review of survey that Region Directors did in Region 2. 9 chapters and 1 MAL responded.

Survey showed that chapters were not in favor of term limits or restricted in servicing on Board.

39. Promotional and Events Grants Program

There are chapters that still do not know about these programs. Maybe placing information about the grant program on our face book, newsletter and web site would help. Leo was told see that these were place on these sites.

REGION 3:

40. Sending complete rosters to State/Province Representatives

Directors were to break the master roster down by state/province and give it to each state representative. This is to include the MAL roster for each state/province.

41. When change to by law 3:14 and 3:21 occurred (Comments from Jeff Peters)

This was done by the By-Laws committee as part of the cleanup of the by-laws.

REGION 6:

42. SOG Section 8:01 vs. By Law Section 4:02 and 4:02A

The following were removed from Section 8:01 after discussion; “This term is to run opposite the term of the overseeing Regional Director”.

Section 8:02 now reads “The executive board of the association shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chapter/MAL Representative “

44. Software” Go to Meetings”

Discussion on this program and review of program. Board does not see the need at this time. We have the available to have conference calls now.

REGION 7:

40. Trademark: New updates on the trademark issue, discussion about trademark.

We are trademarked by WIPO Madrid, in Switzerland and all of Europe. Have a letter from the attorney requesting the payment of 1029.35 euro. Motion 2015-007 was approved to have the International Treasurer paid the amount of 1029.35 euro to the firm of Hindennach Leuze & Partner. This is due to letter giving a dead line to a football team who has been using the Red Knight name for ten years while we have only used it for five years in Europe.

Motion 2015-008 was passed to have Tom Delboi contract an attorney to research is we have the correct wording on our TLMAs and how to handle any issues in the future. Fee not to exceed \$2800.00.

41. MAL patches: I want to open a discussion about the MAL welcome patches. I received a lot of questions from new chapters and new members of existing chapters why MAL get front patches as a welcome gift, but not Joe member from new or existing chapters.

The MALs paid for the patches when they join because they are paying \$25.00 to join the RKMC. Problem is from Germany on why all chapter members do not get the 4” patch when they join. The Regional Directors needs to submit a letter addressing why to all chapters.

42. Interschutz: Updates about the Interschutz exhibition, possible ways to recruit new members there.

Tom wants to have a new MAL member package to give out if they sign up for membership at this event. He wants to have 200 decals and 4'' patches for this event. Secretary is to send 100 decals to Tom.

43. Communications: I want to bring you feedbacks from the German chapter presidents meeting about ways to publish information (for example new founded chapters).

Meeting of Germany Chapter Presidents two weeks, they want a notice of all new chapters submitted to them before a notice is posted on face book. Not to change.

43. Knight and Way: Updates from Ramona about the KaW program.

She has found that the program that she was using may have a security problem. She is looking for a new service to use. She thinks that by the end of August a sample program will be sent to the Board with a sample program to be sent to the chapter. She hopes to have the program ready by spring 2016.

44. RKR patches in Europe: I want to re-discuss the idea to find a vendor and/or a quartermaster for the RKR patches in Europe. MAYBE THIS ITEM FOR THE RKR AGENDA???

In Texas, each European member takes RKMC patches back with them. We agree on 50 sets to be given to them. Tom will give a list of who is to be given the patches. However a European Quartermaster must be in place before we will allow this to happen. Tom is to work with Pierre to decide who this will be.

45. Countries: We thought that we have members in 20 countries, but we made a mistake. England and Wales are not countries; they are all part of the country "United Kingdom". All of them have passports of "United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland". Any action needed?

While we know that these are in the UK, we want all members to show honor of the area where they live. Therefore we display their flag (if they have one).

46. Tom reported that the Grand Tour program is working in Europe

47. Roster to Scarlett or Amanda so that they can check the names before approving them on the RKMC face book account.

48. Region 7: Pierre Halleux

This was discussed and agreed to furnish that the Master Roaster be submitted to them with name and chapter only. Scott is to submit this to them.

TOM CASSIS IS IN MEETING AT 8:00 AM ON APRIL 11, 2015

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

48. Update on 2015 Elections

President: Chris Gadway Treasurer: Scott Ryan Region 1: Matthew Mattera

Region 3: Tim Reinard & Jeff Peter Region 5: Gil Rekken

May 17, 2015 nominations close, June 16, voting starts, July 16 voting ends

RKMC email addresses to be used

Cost for election including Region 3 election is \$1500.0, cost could be \$2000. Is there is a nomination for President or Treasurer

Motion 2015-004 to execute contract with Vote Net for 2015 election

49. Contract options for electronic voting

Dave Emery is approved as to receive the results of the election if Tom Cassie is unavailable to receive them.

50. Review of proposed By-Law Change for filling vacancies submitted by Mass

Had discussion on 3:04 and 3:05, Tom Cassis is taking suggestions on 3:05 back to MA to see if they want to agree to make changes and re-submit. He will advise the Secretary of any changes by the May 1st dead line of posting.

TOM CASSIS HAS LEFT THE MEETING 10:43

TOMMY HIMES HAS ARRIVED FOR THE MEETING 10:50

WEB MASTER:

51. Hours

The Board advised him that they had decided to go with an outside company. He was asked to continued doing the web site until the new site is up and running. He agreed to help.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

52. Chenille patches

RKI agreed to stop using Emblem Emprises and start using Carolina Embers for the chenille patches, price would be slightly higher.

To checks with Wolfe Enterprise on the cost and available of them doing the Chenille patches.

53. OCA Award

Discussion was made and agreed to award this award to two members at the Annual Convention dinner. Chris is to handle the arrangements.

54. Question on Patches needing the ®

Is needed on all items with our name/logo

55. Additional funding for KORT

They can request funding from the promotion grand funds.

56. History of RKMC to be kept at Texas Tech.

Joe Connors is to get a quote

57. Business plan

Tabled to October 18, 2015 business meeting. First item to be discussed.

58. *Each Board member is to take one session of the By-laws and review and comments, be ready to discuss at the October meeting.*

Closing comments

Meeting Adjourned at 1558

Submitted By:

Bill Snodgrass
Secretary