

BELOW IS THE TIMES AND AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETINGS

RKIFMC BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

8:00 am 5:00 pm

PRESIDENT

1. Meeting called to order 8:03 AM by Chris
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed
3. Opening greeting from President
4. Roll Call

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

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

Guest:

Pierre Halleux, Howard Roun, Jr. (left at first break), Keith Matlock, Ken Stoveken arrived at 8:25 AM and left at 11:00 am), Matt Mattera arrived in the afternoon.

5. Rules of meeting: *Break every 55 minutes, raise hand to speak, name will be placed on list*
6. Reports:
 - *President: History book is going well, Norm is to do the Founder's portion, Bill is to do the history of the Executive Board, advised of the new safety vest that the RKR will have, advised of a work review for the RKR QM.*
 - *Vice President: 670 MALs on books, 475 had paid their dues for 2015, have loss 44 MALs due to by-law change.*
 - *Secretary: Insurance program is not being used as much as it should be, TMLA program is working well, still have some chapters in Europe who may not full understand the program*
 - *Treasurer: Attended the 1st Yankee Rally, visited the RMKC Memorial, will make a motion to vote out chapters for non-payment of dues*
 - *Region 1: Had 320 attend the 1st Yankee Rally, NY 12 returned \$500.00 back to him, NY 3 Americade ride had 92 motorcycle, Americade dinner had 250 attending, most RKMC members ever*
 - *Region 2: QE 2 is paying dues, NBI plans to bid on hosting the 2019 or 2020 Convention in St. John, held a memorial service for Ontario members who passed away at the Ontario Association Convention, will do this every year, had 195 (140 Americans and 45 Canadians) attend the Ride to Dexter*

- *Region 3: Working with KY 3 to get them re-instated, some issues with Fire and Iron in KY, held Region 3 meeting in Columbus, Ohio, next year it will be hosted by IL 14, Met with Wisconsin Association on 2016 Convention, working with PA 8 to host 2018 Convention, new State Associations in PA, WI and WV.*
 - *Region 4: Had 160 attend the Dixie Rally, some email issues, growing*
 - *Region 5: 84 members attended the Western Rally from 10 chapters, attended the MN 4 Anniversary event*
 - *Region 6: Visited chapters in region, working on some issues in AZ with the Hell Angels, work with OK 5 to get them re-instated, issues with email, loss two chapters, no gain in chapters*
 - *Region 7: Region is working well, some issues with MALs, turn laptop over to Pierre.*
7. Convention reports:
- *2016: Wisconsin Association working hard on convention to be held at Wisconsin Dells, trips planned include HD Museum*
 - *2017: Everything is in order, have so much planned may have to reduce some actives*
 - *2018: PA 8 to host in Pittsburgh, working on agenda, rides to Flight 93 Memorial, baseball game.*
8. Adjustments to Agenda:
- *Agenda for October meeting needs to be to Secretary by September 23, 2015*
 - *Discussion on what is restricted service*

THE FOLLOWING WERE CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2015 SPRING MEETING

9. 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

This done, coin is here, has the RKIFMC on one side, flags of countries on other side.

10. Forum:

This item and #28 will be discussed in under item 11

NEW ITEMS:

11. Web site and related issues (Chris):

Some problems 165 have contacted Kitty and or Roger to have help sitting up email accounts. Web site is up and running ok, some problems are still working on. Have chapters that need help, go to web site, and open link for Log In and follow directions. Association email address were not included but now has been added. Secretary to contact the web master requesting a quarterly data base of all email addresses.

Norm requested an email address for all current past officers (name@redknights mc.com). Secretary to submitted notice to web master. Set up one with Memorial@redknightsmc.com for Don Parker. Add to Support Services on web site.

Forum: Old system is gone. Chris gave new ideas for add on items. Suggestions to have Chris send out the ideas to Board members for review and to discuss at the fall Board meeting. Chris will submit the ideas.

Secretary is to set email address and past word for all new chapters. All information from the International Board or International is to be submitted to the Secretary to be submitted to the web site.

Add webmaster@redknights.com to be to submit photos for weddings, births and deaths.

Any other problems or concerns send to Chris, who will submit to webmaster.

12. And 20: Reimbursement of expense for Jack for attending the Dixie, who has final say, Treasurer or President (Jack)

There was much discussion on this subject. Jack is to be reimbursement of expenses for the attending the Dixie. This was done after discussion. The discussion on allowing the Executive of the International to attend any Regional rallies was tabled until the fall Board meeting.

If member of the Executive requests reimbursement, the request is to be submitted to the International Treasurer who will submit a motion to the Secretary who will send out a motion to the Board for a vote. After the vote the Treasurer will either pay the request or not. If not, he will submit the reason for it not been paid.

13. Is a motion need for the awards program? If so who make it (Jack)

Discussion of AL 14 and IR 1 events. The Regional Director is to research and report back to the Board at the fall meeting.

14. Items must be place on the agenda to be discussed, if not, will be discussed till the end of meeting if time allows (Jack)

Items place on the agenda should also have reasons for why the item is placed on the agenda and by whom.

15. Attorney's letter in regards to the current policy on TMLA (Bill)

Read letter from attorney regarding "naked trademark". Board agreed with following the advice of the attorney. The RKIFMC will not issue "naked trademarks".

16. Concerns regarding vendors requirements (Karl Downton) (Bill)

Discussion, Motion 2015-010 was made by Tom and second Jack. Motion passed. Vendors will now not be required to submit for approval before shipping

17. Planning a Bike week trip to Alaska, leaving July 9, 2016 for 4-5 weeks (Bill)

Reports need to be in July 1, 2016.

18. International life membership for Bob Laford (Norm)

Moved to Executive Session

19. SOG Section 10:01: Organizational Promotions Grants, (Leo)

Reviews of program, can more than one chapter apply if at same event. One can apply for a \$200.00 grant; they can request funds from the Regional Director and the Secretary for advising.

20. Clarification of the guidelines for the payment of expenses to Board members, there was a lot of confusion about payment for travel to this year's Dixie and I think we need to better define what other travel by Board members is covered such as State/Provincial Association rally's or Regional rallies. (Leo)

DONE see item 12

21. I also would like to speak on the Proposal from New Brunswick 1 to host the 2019 International Convention in Saint John New Brunswick. (Leo)

NB 1, has letter endorsement letters, room rate, \$94.00 US (now) \$129.00 Canada. Leo will do presentation Saturday morning, showing power point.

22. I would also like to request that the Regional directors get notified when the treasurer issues a cheque to a Region or Chapter for an event and also notify them when there is a change in the balance remaining in the Promotional Grants budget and the budget for Regional events. (Leo)

Treasurer will send notice to Regional Director when check is issued.

23. Also that notification is sent to the Regional Director whenever a cheque has been issued and sent for either an event or a promotion by a chapter or region association. (Leo)

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24. Have proposals for by law changes put on the ballot in the future (Tim)

TABLED till fall meeting

25. Report on OH 17 President (Tim)

Moved to Executive Session

26. A business manager for the club (Tim)

TABLE till fall meeting

27. Moving of Texas from Region 6 back to Region 4 (Joey)

Discussion on moving, Joe is to send out a letter to all chapters in Texas to see who wants to move from Region 6 to Region.

This was TABLE till fall Board meeting.

28. Chapter email access and passwords (Gil)

DONE

29. Who owns the RKIFMC Emblems and Crests? (Joe)

Discussed that the patches belongs to the person who paid for the patches. We can send a letter to the person and follow up with a letter from the attorney. However, under the Fair Trading Act of 1973 (and revisions of 1986, 1987 and 2014) if they paid for the item, it belongs to them and they are not required to return them.

30. Use of word SUPPORT on clothing

Board decide to continue the policy of not using the word "SUPPORT RED KNIGHTS" on any item. Also, will not use a drawing of a Devil on any Red Knight item.

31/32 Report on Attorney for TMLA for Germany (Tom Tom)

Read letter from Germany attorney (copy on file. Tom was advised to work with European Attorney to reach an agreement.

Trademark: Based on the attorneys letter (Red Knights football Tübingen): What are the International Boards next steps? (Tom Tom)

Advised Tom Tom to have attorney to go ahead with demarcation agreement.

33. Interschutz: Reports and Experiences, what's next? (Partnership German Firefighter Association?) (Tom Tom)

Tom Tom gave report on Interschutz event. Possible of having a relationship with Germany FF State Association. Read article that was in German FF book. Advised to continue to research relationship

34. My personal situation: I am right now member of the communications committee, FB page admin, FB all members group co-admin, working with trademark in Region 7. Is the Board interested that I continue this work? We also should appoint a Liaison Officer to keep in close contact with the German language Firefighter Associations. I want to bring that discussion to the int. board. (Tom Tom)

As this is a Regional issue, the Board agrees that the making of a Liaison Officer to work with the German FF Association would be leave to Pierre.

Tom Tom will continue to do FB page Admin, the FB all members group co-admin, working for trademarks in Region 7. Tom and Pierre are to work together on during these jobs.

Rolf Muehlemann is to be the European QM.

Scott will send the roster for Help A Knight when needed.

35. Nominations:

Tom Caisse gave the following report on the 2015 elections. The cost for the election was \$1300.00. Region 5 had the only contested position. All others position will receive on vote cast by him at the ABM. Region 5 has 21 chapters and 11 chapters voted (52%).

- NEW:
- Life Saving Awards (1) AL 14; (2) President of Ireland

TABLED UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED

- Update of the KaW (membership Administration program) (Tom Tom)

Tom Tom gave a report on this program. It is her goal to have program ready for use in Europe by October 2015.

- Appointment of Committee Chairs:

Chairs to be discussed on Saturday

- Letter to German 3 regarding MALs in Europe regarding attending a set number of meetings and events in order to maintain membership.

This will be addressed by Norm during the European Red Knights meeting in September,

Executive Session began at 5:27 PM

Executive Session ended at 5:39 PM.

General Meeting resumed at 5:50 PM

36. Treasurer gave a report on the finances of the RKIFMC. Copy is on file with the Secretary,

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 PM

Submitted By:

Bill Snodgrass
International Secretary