

RKIFMC FALL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 26-28

1. Meeting called to order 0800
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed
3. Opening greeting from President
4. Roll Call

Chris Gadway, President
Jack Jarvis, Secretary (Excused)
Matt Mattera, Region 1
Tim Reinard, Region 3
Lance Coit, Region 5 (arrived 1435)
Pierre Halleux, Region 7

Spike Ostiguy, VP
Scott Ryan, Treasurer (Acting Secretary)
Leo Patry, Region 2
Joey Powell, Region 4 (excused)
Allen Aurich, Region 6
Jason Collins, Region 8

Guest:

Amy Gilliland (until 1628, 10/26/2017)

0805 Entered Executive Session

0910 Exited Executive Session

5. Reports
 - a. Region 7: European meeting was great success with good attendance. Next year in Ireland. New MALs, two new chapter Germany 16 and France 6. A few more pending applications for new chapters. Request to change a charter location.
 - b. Region 6: One chapter in New Mexico reported they have dissolved. April 19 next year will be Oklahoma Ride to Remember, largest poker ride in the country last time.
 - c. Region 3: WV4 is trying to get back up and running, working with State of Illinois to get the State Association up and running. Convention Committee meeting coming up.
 - d. Region 2: Working on Chaplains' Procedure meeting, met with different chapters regarding the property purchase, a number of donations have resulted from this. There is a chapter in Ontario that is within 25 miles of another chapter wanting to form. Met with NB1 on the 2021 convention, seems to have things in order. Few other pending chapters for early in the new year. Attended ON11 funeral, huge turnout.
 - e. Region 1: provided some clarity to chapters on the property purchase. Attended KORT, small turnout from Red Knights but worthwhile event.
 - f. Treasurer: Attended memorial service/ride in Maine for a ME3 member and the PEI 911 Memorial ride. Sent a dues notice letter to all chapters.
 - g. Vice-President: Toured property with MN4. MAL program had 16 applicants since convention, a number have been suggested to join local chapters. The European Conference was tremendous success and a great opportunity to expose the Board to the members and vice versa. Explained the property purchase at the meeting.
 - h. Region 8: Vietnam Veterans memorial had a number of chapters attend during the convention. New Zealand going great. Booked for The Gathering in New Zealand next March.

- i. **President:** In the newsletter there is a discussion on donations and what is and is not tax deductible, there was some misinformation, all donations to the memorial foundation (“house” and memorial site) are tax deductible. November 6th will be town meeting, the vote will be held then on the proclamation to transfer the properties. Attended KORT, and participated in the games, Red Knights won one of the events.
6. **Convention reports**
 - a. 2018 Pennsylvania, meeting on the 11th, on 18th of November, having a craft sale to put a down payment on some of the bills. They are at \$67 per person for the BBQ, Banquet, and Breakfast. There are only 30 room nights left within the block.
 - b. 2019 New Hampshire, October 14th most recent meeting. Negotiating with additional hotels for overflow. Schedule of events setup, Saturday is open. Meetings setup for International.
 - c. 2020 France, meeting held end of August. May be a problem with the limitation of one year before the meeting to book events, more time is required.
 - d. 2021 New Brunswick, meetings already underway, negotiations on room nights very flexible, still working on room price and meal prices. Hotel wants contract before end of year. Keen committee with individual sub-committees working on the details. Looking at dockside outdoor vendors, show & shine.
 - e. 2022 Pennsylvania, have not met since proposal.
Should get vendor reference letters from previous meetings to help lock in contracts.
7. **MAL Regional voting.** Discussion for a potential By-Law amendment. Votenet cannot validate location of IP addresses, should get a cost proposal to go with a second round vote to be able to separate MALs by region if there is a Regional Director being voted on.
Follow up **Tom Caisse**.
8. Who presents awards at the banquet, incoming, outgoing officers or both?
It should be the outgoing board.
9. Stickers - have a quote, just need to know if we are going to continue using them the same and how many do we order.
Current members want to be able to purchase them as well. Only one quote in at \$0.72 each.
TABLE to Spring meeting and hope additional quote requests are received. Follow up **Jack**, obtain additional quotes.
10. Dates for the 2018 Spring and Fall Meetings and location.
Want to consider holding the spring meeting in Boylston in conjunction with potential dedication of the memorial. Plan for travel May 1st and 6th with dedication on the 5th in Boylston. Fall meeting October 31st – November 4th, location to be determined if Boylston or Baltimore.
11. **Eucon expenditures**
Motion 2017-035
That the Board send President Chris Gadway to the 2018 European Conference in Cork Ireland.
Motion Carried 8-0

1350 Entered Executive Session
1410 Exited Executive Session

Motion 2017-036

To better comply with By-Law 3:03 and by advice of legal counsel in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Executive Board meetings are for the attendance of the International Board of Directors. Others may attend under the following:

- The Executive Board may, by majority approval, invite individual(s) to enter the meeting for the purposes of making a presentation to the Board of Directors.
- Members wishing to make a presentation at an Executive Board meeting must notify the International Secretary 10 days prior to the meeting, including the purpose of the presentation. Up to the first 2 hours of the spring, summer and fall Executive Board meetings will be made available for the presentations, without the majority approval of the Executive Board.
- As outlined in By-Law 3:26 and 3:27 or SOG 12:02

Motion Carried 8-1 (Tim no, President had no vote).

1700 Entered Executive Session
1730 Exited Executive Session

Motion 2017-037

To Reaffirm motion 2016-021 “Committee Appointments” with the exception of Grand Tour Coordinator. **Motion carried 9-0**

Motion 2017-038

That the Board appoint Emmett Duprey as interim Grand Tour Coordinator and post the vacancy to be filled at the Spring Executive Board Meeting. **Motion carried 9-0**

Motion 2017-039

That the Board send a paper newsletter by way of direct mail distribution in 2018 to each member’s household. **Motion carried 9-0**

12. The disciplinary procedure

Due to a misprint in convention book regarding the rationale, the proposed change was voted down. It seemed people were in favour of the concept, there were just some unanswered questions. We will need to refresh the proposed bylaw change with more backup information along with changes that would be needed in the SOGs to make it happen.

13. Convention Hosting Manual - is it time for a review and some rewrites?

Needs some rewriting and will share his ideas with the next few Convention Liaison Persons. Also need to update the Application Form and make sure it is completed.

14. 2018 Meet and Greet issue for the board.

May be best to make sure the Board is aware of any commitments/expectations well in advance of making arrangements.

15. Conventions setting up events during the ABM.

Having events during the ABM can take away from the interest in the meeting. There are two scheduled for 2018 that will conflict with the ABM. Follow up **Tim**.

16. How to fix lack of Chapters updating their rosters? This is directly related to the number of Heaven 1 names that have not been in Chapter rosters.

Adjourned 1840 10/27/2017

Resumed 0805 10/28/2017

This is an issue not just with Heavens 1 but also Regalia, options include requiring quarterly updates or being on restricted services, holding chapters responsible for Heavens 1 costs if a member is not on the roster, having Chapter purchase flag and coin to present, increased dues if members are added late. More education is needed with Chapter Presidents so they are aware of their responsibility, using representatives as part of the educating. Online form must be sent with at least 48 hours' notice in order for us to attend. Chapters will have to send names in as rosters change, each quarter they will have to send confirmation that their roster is accurate, dues will not be charged after October 1.

1027 Entered Executive session

1040 Exited Executive Session

17. Germany location change, Pierre

Motion 2017-040

That we move the charter location of Germany 15 from Altreichenau to Furstenfeldbruck.

Motion Carried 9-0

18. General discussion on Chapter email size.

The space allocation for chapter e-mails may be too low. What is the capacity of the mail server and what options are available/reasonable. Communications chair is flagged when an e-mail is approaching its limit and can increase limits. Chapters should still delete old, unneeded e-mails from their inbox as a first option.

19. Social Media Policy

We chatted in the spring meeting the idea of having a policy on responses to Social Media. For the interim, if a debate arises, refrain from becoming engaged in it through social media.

Tabled to Spring meeting, Follow up **Jack and Jason**.

20. State reps and new chapters

Secretary should ensure Regional Directors are notified when an inquiry to form a chapter in their region has been received, Regional Directors should ensure Representatives are made aware, and Representatives should, if possible, reach out to the individual(s) looking to form the chapter.

21. Reaffirmation of purchase resolution

Motion 2017-041

That the Board enter into a 12 month lease with Red Knights Memorial Foundation (RKMF, “Tenant”) for the use of the house at 595 Main Street Boylston for \$1,500 per month.

Utilities and regular small maintenance will be covered by RKMF. **Motion Carried 10-0**
Spike will sign on behalf of President since Chris will be signing on behalf of RKMF.

22. Utilizing preferred vendors

We encourage membership to use the preferred vendors we will setup and receive a bulk discount as a result. Regional Directors should make sure to suggest these vendors for all in their Region.

23. Recruitment initiatives

Spike spoke with Tom Caisse about ways to enhance the starter package for new chapter presidents. They will continue to improve this process, follow up **Spike**.

Motion 2017-043

That in person, on this date of October 28, 2017, the International Executive Board hereby ratify and reaffirm the corporate resolution of May 8, 2017 to purchase 595 Main Street Boylston, MA. **Motion Carried 10-0**

24. Patch for memorial park and tablet.

Discussion held on a plaque from RKI for the property and a patch similar to what was done for the 911 Steel Dedication.

25. Trademark authority to RKR

Tabled to Spring meeting for Secretary’s attendance.

26. Administrative Position (Scott excused himself from the meeting for this discussion)

Tabled discussion has been removed from future discussion until future date to be determined.

27. Reorganization

Tabled discussed has been removed from future discussion until future date to be determined.

28. Bylaws update on website

The bylaw updates that were approved at the Annual Business Meeting are still not on the website. There is an issue with the formatting of the organization flowchart. Follow up **Chris**

Adjourned 1550 10/28/2017