

# Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council

## Secretary's Report

May 1, 1995

- I. The 114th Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by President Ed Glaser at the Skyline Hotel, NYC hosted by Excelsior M.C.
- IIA. PRESENT: Bucks MC, Centaur MC, Cycle/Wheels MC, Empire City MC, Entre Nous, Excelsior MC, MC Faucon, Griffins MC, Highwayman TNT, Iron Guard, Long Island Ravens, Pennsman, Philadelphian MC, Pittsburgh MC, Shipmates MC, Spartan MC, Vikings MC.
- IIB. PROXY: C.O.M.M.A.N.D., Lost Angels, Pocono Warriors, Reading Railmen, Vanguard MC.
- IIC. ABSENT: Hartford Colts MC, SNC London, Scorpions MC.
- III. GUESTS: None were introduced
- IV. The minutes of the 113th meeting were questioned by Griffins MC; Why wasn't the breakdown of the results of the 1995 AMCC officer election not included in the minutes. As a matter of procedure it is not now nor has it ever been included in the minutes. The voting results can be reviewed with the secretary once the new secretary has received all of the materials from the past secretary.

A motion was made by Entre Nous to accept the minutes as mailed, seconded by Spartan MC - 16 in favor; 1 opposed - the minutes were accepted as mailed.

### V. OFFICER REPORTS:

- A. Secretary: Read correspondence, no further report.
- B. Treasurer: Treasurers report was passed out and reviewed, with business transacted at this meeting the account balance was \$295.00. Treasurers report was accepted as reviewed.
- C. Vice President: The only request for an AMCC meeting was from the Long Island Ravens for the 116th AMCC meeting. Further discussion was deferred until New Business.
- D. President: Thanks for your vote of confidence - I am looking forward to working with and for the council.

### VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Outreach Committee: No Report
- B. Articles Committee: A motion was made by Empire City to refrain

from proposing any amendments to the Articles of Agreement until after the article committee work is completed and the results shared with the council. Griffins MC seconded the motion - 16 in favor, 1 abstain - motion carries. A progress report was distributed at the meeting. If you or your club does not have a report and would like to have one contact me and I will get a copy to you.

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Calender: Griffins MC wishes to remove their name from the 1995 calendar.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Timing and location of the 116th AMCC Meeting. No one has requested hosting the December/January meeting. It was decided to dispense with that meeting thus making the 116th AMCC meeting on Long Island in March hosted by the Long Island Ravens.

The last meeting of 1995 will be in Provincetown in October, the calendar for 1996 will need to be worked out early. Please confer with your clubs so that the 1996 dates can be verified for the October meeting.

#### IX. CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Vikings MC announced that Lief Ericson '95 will be held September 1 - 4 at Valinor Farms.

B. Empire City announced that Bikers Picnic will be held over Memorial Day weekend at Valinor Farms. Bar night at the Lore June 23.

C. Entre Nous announced P'Town Pilgrimage October 20 - 22

D. C.O.M.M.A.N.D. announced its 7th Anniversary Nov. 10 - 12. This will be the 11th Mr. Maryland contest.

E. Pocono Warriors, Country Warrior Weekend will be August 11 - 13

F. Centaur MC announced CAB - Round Robin Weekend October 6 - 8

G. Iron Guard B.C. 20th Anniversary Run will be Sept. 22 - 24

H. Vanguards MC will hold an in-town Run June 9 - 11

A moment of silence for the passing of Tom Sarsfield and Justin Evink

#### X. GOOD AND WELFARE

Excelsior MC - Congratulations to the New Council - wish you all the best.

A plaque was given to Joe Lang in recognition of his years of service to AMCC.

XI. A motion was made by the Spartan MC to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Empire City MC. The 114th AMCC meeting was adjourned at 2:50.

Respectfully Submitted by

*John Minchin*

John Minchin  
Secretary AMCC

A M C C MEETING            MAY 20, 1995  
 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE  
 REVIEW OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

At the 111th meeting of the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council (AMCC), the President established a committee (the Committee) and asked that it review the AMCC Articles of Agreement (Articles) to identify what areas, if any, should be revised and how. The Committee was formed, in part, in response to recent proposed amendments to the Articles, the resulting discussions and the interest shown by the membership. While the amendments were not passed, the President, and various member Clubs felt it was in the AMCC's best interest to established the Committee at this time. Eight Clubs were named to serve on the Committee: Bucks; Centaur; Command; Empire City; L.I. Ravens; Pocono Warriors; Spartans; and Vikings, with Empire City being asked to Chair. What follows is a brief report outlining the progress made by the Committee, the process used to carry out its mandate and an estimated timeframe for conclusion of its work.

**STATUS OF THE COMMITTEE WORK:**

The Committee has held two meetings, of at least five hours each, with six of the eight members present at each meeting. Several line by line reviews resulted in the grouping of the Sections of the Articles into two categories. The first category includes Sections that the Committee felt should be reviewed further and possibly revised, while the second category notes the Sections that have thus far been identified as not requiring any revisions. The following table notes these categories and the Sections that fall under each.

SECTIONS REVIEWED AND IDENTIFIED AS IN NEED OF POSSIBLE REVISION	SECTIONS REVIEWED AND IDENTIFIED AS <u>NOT</u> NEEDING FURTHER REVIEW
Preamble	Article I. ENTIRE ARTICLE
Article II. Sections: A, B	Article II. Section: C
Article III. Sections: A, D, E	Article III. Sections: B, C
Article IV. Sections: B,C,D,E	Article IV. Section: A
Article V. Section: D	Article V. Sections A,B,C,E,F
Article VI. Sections: B,E,F,G,H,I	Article VI. Sections: A,C,D
Article VI.B ENTIRE ARTICLE	PERORATION
Article VII. ENTIRE ARTICLE	
Article VIII. ENTIRE ARTICLE	
Article IX ENTIRE ARTICLE	

There were a number of reasons that any part of the Articles was selected for further review, and possibly revision, including the following:

- o A Section is to vague and lends itself to variant interpretations;
- o Inconsistency between Sections;
- o Provisions detailed in a Section are not being carried out;
- o A need to eliminate any "perceptions" of potential abuses in the future;
- o A need for "housekeeping", such as when a Section was dated and no longer reflected actual practice voted and approved by the membership;
- o To more clearly defining the AMCC aims as identified in the Articles.

The Committee has reviewed the Articles and each of its Sections numerous

times, however, Council members should note for any of the Committee members any Section that they feel is in need of further review and which is not listed as such in the table above. Also let us know the reason(s) for conducting such a review.

It is the consensus of the Committee that its work will require at least four additional meetings before completion and a list of its findings and recommendations is presented for review and voting by the Council. Reports will be issued at each Council meeting held during this period.

ATLANTIC MOTORCYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

DECEMBER 1981

Revised October 1989

*Revised Feb. 1994*

PREAMBLE

The Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council (AMCC) exists as a forum for discussion among member clubs. Its purpose is to foster brotherhood among clubs sharing a commonality of interest and geography. The decisions of the Council will be executed by the member clubs and enforced only by the honor and good-will of these clubs. The Council will at no time involve itself in the internal affairs of any member club.

ARTICLE I - Purpose

- A. The Council is to coordinate event dates for its member clubs so that, whenever possible, there is no conflict with another member club.
- B. The Council will work to encourage participation at all sanctioned events.
- C. The Council will make itself available for

discussion of items of interest to the member clubs.

D. The Council will work to promote the enjoyment of motorcycling, leather/levi, and social activities among its members and to foster the safety thereof.

## ARTICLE II - Structure

A. The Council will be comprised of two members from each club; however, each club is entitled to only one vote.

B. These representatives will be chosen by the member clubs by whatever method they deem appropriate. At least one representative to the Council should be as permanent as possible. Preferably, the President, or chief officer of each represented club should sit on the Council.

C. The Council may establish committees to advise the membership on the various issues that may come before it.

## ARTICLE III - Membership

A. Membership in the Council is to be comprised of voting and non-voting members.

B. Applicants for membership must have at least ten (10) full active members and have been in formal existence for at least one (1) year.

C. Applicants must be sponsored by a voting member club and co-sponsored by another voting member club. The applicant will be presented at a regular business meeting and voted upon by the Council at the next scheduled regular business meeting.

D. Eighty percent (80%) of the voting member clubs present in person or by proxy at the meeting at which a vote on a new member is held must vote affirmatively for the acceptance of a new member. The vote will be by secret ballot. Article VI.H. does not apply to this vote.

E. On or about January first of each year, the President of each member club, voting and non-voting, will certify to the Secretary of the Council, in writing, the number of regular members and pledges for regular membership in his club.

#### ARTICLE IV - Council Officers

A. President - Chair AMCC meetings in accordance with the Articles of Agreement, maintain order at these meetings, and generally direct the Council.

B. Vice-President - Chair AMCC meetings in the absence of the President and assist him in all Council activities. The Vice-President will also maintain and publish a calendar of AMCC member club and known non-Council club major events; said publication and



distribution to take place no less than quarterly in each calendar year.

C. Secretary - Keep all minutes and records. Mail copies of the minutes within thirty (30) days after each meeting. Each club and representative is to receive a copy of the minutes at designated addresses. The Secretary is to initiate all Council correspondence. The secretary is to maintain and publish, as necessary, a current directory of Council member clubs and representatives.

D. Treasurer - Keep all Council financial records. Assess member clubs for Council operating expenses. Keep a bank account with his and any one other officer's signature required for disbursements. Report at each Council meeting all receipts and expenditures. Mail to the designated address of each member club, or distribute at a regular meeting, an annual financial statement of all transactions.

#### ARTICLE V - Elections

A. Commencing April 5, 1979, officers of the Council shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

B. Elections are held biennially at the last regular business meeting prior to April 5 of the election year.

C. Officers will assume their duties on April 5 of the

election year.

D. The only qualification for office in the Council is that of belonging to an AMCC member club as a regular member.

E. The Council meeting prior to the scheduled election meeting will be the nomination meeting. A ballot will be prepared and mailed by the Secretary to all member clubs at their designated address. This ballot should be returned to the Secretary. The individual with the highest number of votes receives the office. If a tie occurs, the member clubs present at the election meeting will recast their ballots until a winner is chosen.

F. A vacancy in the officers will be filled by an election at the next scheduled Council meeting following a vacancy.

#### ARTICLE VI - Meetings

A. Regular meetings should be held during AMCC sanctioned events, although at the pleasure of the Council, one meeting a year may be held at any other time.

B. Future meetings may be scheduled at any regular business meeting with a minimum of thirty (30) days notice of said meeting to be mailed to the member clubs when possible.

C. A quorum will exist at a meeting when there is representation by fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the member clubs. Regular business authorized by these Articles may be conducted if a quorum is present at a scheduled meeting.

D. A simple majority of clubs voting will decide any issue unless a larger percentage is specifically required elsewhere in these Articles.

E. With the exception of membership of a new club or change in the status of existing member clubs, representatives are to be prepared to vote on any business to come before the Council.

F. Member clubs may be disenfranchised when their membership falls below six (6) members. Suffrage will be automatically restored when the club presents a certification by its President that its membership again has reached the required number of members. During the interim, the club will have non-voting Council membership and retain any sanction date the Council has already granted or may approve.

G. Proxies will be permitted. Proxies must be in writing, signed by the Secretary or President of the club issuing the proxy and delivered to the presiding officer of the Council. In extreme circumstances, an oral statement by the person receiving the proxy would be permitted, provided it listed specific issues (blanket or limited) upon which he is voting. Proxies

will be considered as representation at that meeting  
H. Abstaining votes are not to be included in the vote count. The number of votes cast is to be diminished by the number of abstentions.

I. Guests may be invited to Council meetings by any member of the Council provided no member club objects. Guests may not participate in the meeting unless invited to do so.

#### ARTICLE VI-B - Fair and Equitable Hosting of AMCC Meetings

A. A club requesting a meeting must send a letter to the Vice-President of the AMCC thirty (30) days prior to the meeting date at which the next club determination will be made.

B. The first calculation is a division of the number of years the club has been in the AMCC by the number of meetings hosted by the club in the last ten (10) years.

C. The next calculation is the addition of the number of years since the club has hosted a meeting.

D. The club with the highest total gets the next host site.

E. All ties come to the floor. There are three (3) additional considerations:

1. One (1) member of the prospective host club must be registered at the meeting where

the deliberations take place.

2. The Vice-President can render a club ineligible to host if the bid is made within two (2) months of the last AMCC meeting, or if there is no important business to conduct.

3. If joint AMCC hosts are in the running, the calculations would be from the club with the most favorable history to host.

F. Clubs jointly hosting a meeting will be charged one (1) full point in the determination of fair and equitable hosting of AMCC clubs. However, clubs in the past who have jointly hosted meetings will be charged with one-half (1/2 or 0.5) point.

#### ARTICLE VII - Events

A. The Council will receive requests for event dates prior to the last meeting of each calendar year. The Council will present these requests to the membership at the last meeting of each calendar year at which time they will be voted upon. Invitational events shall not receive or retain sanction.

1. Clubs with conflicting dates will resolve such conflicts among themselves with the Council acting as mediator if requested; dates will be voted upon when such

resolution is completed.

B. Clubs with sanctioned dates may advertise their event as AMCC sanctioned. Only one (1) event may be sanctioned per calendar year for each member club.

C. Sanctioned events fall into two (2) categories: those lasting over thirty (30) hours and those lasting up to thirty (30) hours. No other interclub activity shall be held in conflict with a sanctioned event lasting over thirty hours. No other interclub activity shall be held in conflict with a sanctioned event lasting up to thirty hours which occurs within a fifty (50) mile radius of the site of such a sanctioned event.

1. An interclub activity is defined as any activity involving the expected support and/or participation of any other member club.

D. Member clubs may have additional interclub events throughout the year as they see fit, subject to the provisions of Section C above, but may not advertise them as sanctioned. The Council encourages member clubs within a particular geographic center to resolve non-sanctioned event date conflicts to mutual satisfaction.

E. The Council will seek to encourage co-sponsored events and regional events. If two or more member clubs wish to co-sponsor events, they will

collectively retain the right to conduct as many events as they would have conducted had they sponsored individually.

F. Clubs which have repeatedly held sanctioned events on a given date retain their right to the date even though they may refrain from exercising their option to hold a sanctioned event on the date during one (1) calendar year. A date will become available if the club using it does not hold a sanctioned event on it for two (2) consecutive years.

G. The time periods allotted for sanctioned events are not cumulative. If a club does not hold a sanctioned event one year, it is not permitted two sanctioned dates the following year.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Violations

A. A club indicating a continued lack of interest in working with the Council or displaying a willful disregard for the Articles of Agreement, especially but not limited to Article VII - Events, may be given non-voting status or may be removed.

B. In either case, the request to take such action against a member club must come in writing from at least two (2) member clubs and must be submitted to the President of the Council.

C. The request and the reasons for it will be made

known to all member clubs by the Secretary of the Council at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting at which the vote on the requested action is to be taken.

D. The vote for non-voting status or removal must be by eighty percent (80%) of the entire voting membership of the Council. The vote will be by secret ballot. Article VI.H. does not apply to this vote.

E. Voting status may be restored by a vote of eighty percent (80%) of the entire voting membership of the Council. The vote will be by secret ballot. Article VI.H. does not apply to this vote.

#### ARTICLE IX - Revisions

A. One hundred percent (100%) of the entire voting membership must be polled to vote on the acceptance of any and all revisions to the Articles of Agreement.

B. Eighty percent (80%) of the voting membership must vote affirmatively for the revision to be accepted. Article VI.H. does not apply to this vote.

C. Proposals for revisions in the Articles of Agreement must be presented in writing at a regular business meeting. A vote on the acceptance of the revision will be taken at the next scheduled business meeting.



## PERORATION

Council members accepting these Articles agree by their membership in the Council to try to uphold them in the spirit of brotherhood they engender. As administrations and general membership of each subscribing club change, each member recognizes that, by virtue of its continued membership in the Council, it is honor-bound to abide by and uphold the commitment.

## Treasurers Report A.M.C.C. 114th Meeting

20 May, 1995

Treasurer's Note,

We have opened an account with the North Fork Bank on Long Island. This account is called "Preference 50" and as long as we keep a minimum balance of \$100.00, we have no charges what so ever. Concoidering the small balance that we keep, this account is the best we can get. Most major banks want at least \$500.00 to open an account in todays market.

Initial Deposit in new account	\$ 120.00
Additional deposit	20.00
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Balance	140.00
Chk # 101 to Paul Rose - D.C. Annual Corp. Fee	-25.00
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<b>Present Balance</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<i>Balance to be transfered from Rodney Knowles</i>	<i>135.00</i>
<i>Combined Balance</i>	<i>\$ 250.00</i>

1995 A.M.C.C. Assesment: Clubs paid in full:

COMMAND M.C., L.I. Ravens M.C., Highwaymen TNT, Pittsburgh M.C., Bucks M.C.,  
M.C. Falcon, Excelsior M.C.

As of 5/18/95 Assesment due:

Cycle /Wheels M.C., Empire City M.C., Entre Nous, Griifins M.C., Hartford Colts M.C.,  
Iron Guard M.C., Lost Angels, Pennsmen, Philadelphians M.C., Pocono Warriors, Reading  
Railmen, S.N.C. London, Scorpions M.C., Shipmates, Spartan M.C., Vanguards M.C., Vikings  
M.C.

Rodney also advises me that we have 38 to 41 A.M.C.C. patches in inventory at  
present.

Repectfully submitted,



Al Lawrence

Treasurer, A.M.C.C.