



ATLANTIC MOTORCYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 124th meeting held in Washington DC at the Highwaymen TNT 20th Anniversary/Bearfest, on 09 May 1998. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Dutcher at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bucks MC, COMMAND MC, Centaurs MC, Empire City MC, Entre Nous, Excelsior MC, Griffins MC, Highwaymen, Iron Guard BC, Knight Hawks, LI Ravens MC, MC Faucon, Philadelphians MC, Potomac MC, Railmen, Spartan MC, TBLC, Pittsburgh MC, and ShipMates.

PROXY: SNC to the Chair

ABSENT: Pennsmen and Pocono Warriors

GUESTS:

Enforcers RI, Providence RI

Twilight Guard, Ardsley-on-Hudson NY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEW REPRESENTATIVES:

Jon from Bucks

Kerry from COMMAND MC

MINUTES:

MOTION to accept the minutes for the 123rd meeting made by Empire City MC; seconded by Excelsior MC; **APPROVED.**

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

- Read announcement of new club London SPADES in London Ontario; see correspondence file for letter.
- Read announcement on Thunder in the Mountain Leather Event 1998 to be held in Denver CO 31 July through 02 August; letter and flyer in correspondence file.
- Address rosters were produced, one for each club, their president/captain, and AMCC representative.
- Announced that all certifications had been received from all clubs except SNC London (acceptable) and requested that they be more timely next year so that the updated address roster can be distributed before the first meeting of the year.

TREASURER:

- Brad could not be present for the meeting.
- Copies of current report provided for all
- MOTION** to accept the Treasurer's report made by Excelsior MC, seconded by Philadelphians MC. **ACCEPTED.**
- Discussion: Empire City MC thanks those for the very successful fund raiser night (at the Bike Stop), including Paul Rose and the officers.
- President added that the event was attended by every North American member club.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Have a request for the 126th meeting from the Philadelphians MC for 31 December 1998 through 01 January 1999; meeting scheduled on 02 January.
- Have a request for the 127th meeting from the ShipMates for 26 through 28 March 1999.

**REQUESTS FOR THE 127th AMCC MEETING ARE DUE
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT BY 10 SEPTEMBER 1998.**

PRESIDENT:

- Hope all had great holidays.
- Got a couple Christmas cards, and the pictures looked *lovely*.
- If anyone needs an electronic copy of the AMCC logo, contact either the President or Secretary.
- Received a letter from Cycle/Wheels MC, indicating that their post office box will be closed effective 31 December 1997. The club had been in existence for 30 years. The club, as voted by membership, will cease to exist as of the end of January 1998, with attrition as the reason for dissolution. The President would like to send a certificate honoring their time in the council.
- Need a contact for SNC London. Mail sent to Tom has been coming back and mail sent to the post office box is returned with "unknown". If anyone has the address, please pass it along to the council. Entre Nous had the most recent ties. Iron Guard BC offered some information.
- Question to the Chair: Spartan MC indicated that there may have been a member club name missing from the new address roster, specifically the Scorpions MC. The President indicated that per the articles of agreement that they and the Hartford Colts have been dropped from the roles for the same situation. We have been drafting a letter to notify them; hope to have it done by this weekend.

**NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR THE 1999-2000 TERM
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, WITH ELECTIONS AT
THE NEW YEAR'S MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OUTREACH: Chairman Ricky Rogers thanked all for the wonderful fund raiser at the Bike Stop. He acknowledged the lengthy process to make this event happen ("Elephants are bred faster"). Now that funds are available, the committee to work in two directions. First, use some of the funds help member clubs with slow membership. Second to expand the AMCC roster to include additional clubs which are not affiliated with any other umbrella clubs (like AMCC, SECC, Mid-America Conference, etc.). Along these lines, he would like to see the committee reorganize, since it is difficult to meet. He tendered his resignation as Chairman, and open the committee to re-organization. The President thanked him for his efforts.

HISTORIAN: To date, no clubs have sent their club histories. Also, have not received minutes of the back meetings. Lots of people have promised, but none have delivered including Mr. Batten, who said that he had everything from meeting 1 (and forward). Paul offered to retrieve, but Mr. Batten said that he would send them. If anyone else has a stash of these minutes, PLEASE provide them. Basically, the minutes from meetings 1 through 50 are missing. Empire City MC suggested that Mr. Batten be contacted during Biker's Picnic over Memorial Day weekend at Valinor Farm.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: The committee thanks all who have submitted information so far. Two issues have been completed, and the next issue will be for July, August, September, and October. The committee tries calling clubs several times (sometimes up to 3 times). The submissions and what ends up in the newsletter is completely dependent upon the contribution from the member clubs. The Knight Hawks have enjoyed doing the newsletter (Tom and particularly Steve Bradshaw). The next issue should come out around July 15, with the deadline for new articles around July 10. Please submit calendars and articles, including any runs or events coming up during that period.

The President indicated that Dave Walker (Highwaymen) has offered to do the next three issues of the newsletter; that is the only offer received to date. Empire City MC indicated that rotating authorship among the clubs is probably a good idea. Since there were no objections, newsletter authorship will be passed from the Knight Hawks to the Highwaymen after publication of the third newsletter. Mr. Walker was thanked for his offer.

The AMCC roster in the next newsletter will be pulled from the master AMCC roster (just published). This will be an abbreviated roster, excluding the club presidents/captains and club representatives. The President requested that the newsletter committee provide a cost of the newsletter (for budgetary reasons). The committee head explained distribution (80 to 90 clubs including member clubs, all the bars on the East Coast, the Southeast Conference, some Mid-America clubs, and some clubs that are in our region but do not belong to any conference), and that the Knight Hawks bore the entire cost of the AMCC newsletter to date. The mailing list will be provided to Mr. Walker at turn over.

The President called for a motion to establish a budget item from Outreach funds for the newsletter. The ShipMates made a **MOTION** that "for the next three (3) issues that the council establish what it costs and delay a budget until at which time as we know exactly how much it going to cost, and then set up a budget but we appropriate whatever funds until that time to get the issues out". Seconded by Empire City MC. No discussion. **APPROVED.**

TORRID TUBER COMMITTEE: No report, and the committee did not name a Chair. The President requested that a Chair be named (from within the committee) during the break. The old Torrid Tuber is still in Boston at the home of the Treasurer, waiting for delivery to Norfolk for a debut at the Knight Hawks' run, for further transfer to the Leather Archives in Chicago. Chris Zimmerman (Menamore, Wilmington NC) is the regional Leather Archives representative, and he may arrange for delivery to Chicago.

A short break was called by the Chair.

Upon return, the Torrid Tuber Committee announced that Empire City MC would Chair, and that several ideas were already floating for the new award. Additional representatives include Spartan MC, Excelsior MC, and Reading Railmen. Ideas for the new Tuber were welcomed. The President suggested that the ShipMate representative has some excellent ideas and that he would want to share with the committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP FOR THE ENFORCERS RHODE ISLAND: Their past and founding president spoke, first describing some of their club members, some of their achievements, and how he felt that joining AMCC could be mutually beneficial to both parties. Next the sponsors (ShipMates and LI Ravens MC) spoke, recapping their letters of support. There were additional words of endorsement from the member clubs, specifically COMMAND MC, Iron Guard BC, Spartan MC, and Centaur MCs. Ballots were passed to 19 clubs, gathered, counted. The Enforcers RI were accepted as an AMCC member club.

SANCTION CALENDAR CHANGES:

31 JUL – 02 AUG	Enforcers RI	Leather Weekend RI/Mr. Ocean State Leather contest
06 NOV – 08 NOV	COMMAND MC	Hang 10 (moved ahead 1 week)
04 JUL – 05 JUL	Bucks MC	(Event dates reduced)

The President received word that the Pocono Warriors will likely move their run date to their normal weekend, that the previously announced date was not their normal weekend; there was no representative present, nor was their proxy tendered. They had no dates on the previous sanction calendar. We will get in touch with them to firm up the date and include in the minutes (07 through 09 August --- Secretary).

NEW BUSINESS:

126TH MEETING: Philadelphians MC requested the 126th meeting during their (sanctioned) event over New Year's (31 December through 01 January). As only one request was received, and it was before the deadline specified in the Articles, the meeting was awarded to them; date of the meeting is 02 January.

127TH MEETING: The ShipMates have submitted a request for 26 March through 28 March. A short discussion ensued. The deadline for requesting this meeting has not yet passed, so a decision on who hosts this meeting will be deferred until the 125th meeting per the Articles of Agreement.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The Griffins MC made a **MOTION** that "future AMCC bar night monies go directly into the general treasury", and is not earmarked for any council expenses, at which time the council can disperse those monies as we need. They continued with the fact that we will need a budget item for the newsletter, and will need to plan for our survival financially, to include doing bar nights more regularly. The motion was restated, then seconded by ShipMates. The discussion included:

- ShipMates noted that (additional fund raisers) reduce the financial burden from member clubs for the assessments, and that it makes fiscal sense;
- Griffins MC recounted some history (the first AMCC bar night) and indicated that we should earn our own money as has happened in the past;
- Empire City MC indicated that they were not aware that funds were going to a separate account (the President spoke, stating that the funds will go into the general treasury, but are earmarked for Outreach), but does agree with the motion;
- Vice President noted that the recent fund raiser was a financial and fraternal success due to a great community effort (in planning and execution), and should this become an annual event if correctly reading the comments from the group, that a month be established for this event to be held to avoid scheduling conflicts;
- Philadelphians MC/(outgoing) Outreach Chair said that he is still being questioned by the leather community "When are you coming back?" and offered that we should probably rotate cities;
- Knight Hawks indicated that it was a good idea to come up with a couple people/clubs to determine a date (for the next fund raiser) by the next meeting, and that it is a good idea to raise funds;
- LI Ravens MC first restated the motion (to ensure he understood it), then asked where would Outreach get their money (if the motion passes);
- President responded that the committee would prepare a budget and submit it (to the council) for approval;
- Iron Guard BC asked that if all goes to the general fund, will it affect how other committees get their monies?;
- President explained that this motion if passed would mean that all monies raised at future events would be funneled into the general treasury, and that the funds would be dispensed as requested by the committees and approved by the council;
- Spartan MC stated that is what should already be occurring now, that the Articles Committee never envisioned "dedicated funds", that the proposal to give Outreach the funds was made before the new Articles were adopted, and that the motion reaffirms the principle of the original Articles Committee intentions;
- COMMAND MC said that it appears to be a friendly amendment, and suggests adding "Unless it is established in advance" to not totally remove that option;
- Empire City MC offered that the motion will simply mean that the council will determine the use for the monies after the event;

The motion was restated; a vote was taken; the motion was **APPROVED**.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE: Knight Hawks recommended a new committee be formed to pick fund raiser dates. Volunteering member clubs include Knight Hawks, Potomac MC, Philadelphians MC, and Bucks MC. Philadelphians MC was appointed as Chair.

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS OUTREACH COMMITTEE: The President appointed a new committee for motorcycle riders to promote education, recreation, and safety among AMCC member clubs in motorcycle riding. Clubs appointed are Highwaymen and Empire City MC, with LI Ravens MC and Spartan MC volunteering.

- Griffins MC stated that he remembered a brochure created by council some years ago on bike riding, rules, road rules, etc.
- Empire City MC stated that each new Empire City MC member gets a set of AMCC riding rules, as do members of the Spartans and Bucks.
- The President stated that this board has not seen any of that information in years.

- Vice President indicated that there are 3 "Riders Clubs" (Bucks MC, Empire City MC, and Spartan MC), with a scattering of riders in the other clubs; he also indicated that the next AMCC roster will have something (an asterisk perhaps) to indicate the 3 primary clubs (done---Secretary).
 - Spartan MC indicated that there is a set of interclub ride rules which have been adopted and published.
 - Vice President stated that council wants to put together a mechanism to fund the continued publication of these rules as we do want to "outreach" to bikers too.
 - President indicated that the new committee could keep track of new laws as well as programs for safe riding.
 - Empire City MC added that they have an existing program: every 2 years, they host a safety meeting paid from their treasury.
 - COMMAND MC asked for a report at the next meeting, and that a copy (of existing materials) be given to other member clubs by the next meeting.
 - Spartan MC added that the rules will be posted on their web site.
 - Empire City MC added that packs of these rules will be available at their Memorial Day weekend function at Valinor Farms.
- Empire City MC was appointed the Chair, and Highwaymen was appointed Information Dissemination Expert (Secretary).

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Knight Hawks:

- Council welcomed to attend the 5th anniversary celebration---Damn the Torpedoes, 19 through 21 June;
- Will be hosting a bar night at the DC Eagle during DC Pride weekend, June 6;
- Will be on the road Memorial Day weekend, stopping in Philadelphia Friday night at the Bike Stop, then to New York on Saturday, and on to the Long Island Eagle on Sunday.
- Will be holding a joint bar night with the Philadelphians MC on July 25 at the DC Eagle.

Philadelphians MC:

- Next Saturday, will be at the DC Eagle as first of three trip journey, with the second at the Long Island Eagle on 08 August and the Baltimore Eagle on 19 September;
- Will hold their day trip picnic on 06 June at Valinor Farms---\$35 if you drive yourself, or \$45 if you join them on the bus from Philadelphia (Bike Stop);
- Tricen is scheduled for 31 December and 01 January, and working hard to secure a hotel;
- Will be holding a joint bar night with the Knight Hawks on July 25 at the DC Eagle.

MC Faucon:

- Welcome visitors for their Gay Pride weekend, 31 July through 02 August, to include Mr. Montreal Leatherman contest and the Leather Ball; the price and times are to be announced.

Empire City MC:

- All motorcyclists are welcomed to their Memorial Day Weekend event at Valinor Farms; the event is free to all those arriving on motorcycles. The three day even starts on Saturday.

Excelsior MC:

- Next weekend to celebrate their 23rd anniversary--- Friday through Sunday---the cost is \$79 for the weekend; no flyers available at this time. See the rep if interested.

Bucks MC:

- 25th anniversary celebration is only \$35 and will be held 04 and 05 July; applications are available here and on their web site.

Potomac MC:

- Only 5 weeks until their Potomac River Run; this will also include the 5th annual DC Drummer and DC Drummer Boy contest on 12 through 14 June.

TBLC:

- In 2 weeks will be at the Baltimore Eagle;
- On 11 July, will be at the Long Island Eagle;
- On second weekend in August (07 through 09 August), the annual campout will be held, with a cost of only \$20. The theme is cowboys and Indians so there will be lots of rope.

Centaurs MC:

- Olympia XV will be held on Labor Day weekend (applications now available on their web site--- Secretary)
- Will hold a bar night at The Lure on 18 July.

Spartan MC:

- Babylon Biker/Marathon has sold out; thanks for the support;
- Will hold their 30th anniversary celebration on 10 through 11 October; it will be part of Capitol Area Board (CAB) weekend, and will include at least dinner and cocktail parties (also the 125th AMCC meeting---Secretary); flyers will be available in June or July.

COMMAND MC:

- Will hold a bar night at the Baltimore Eagle on 13 June during Baltimore Pride weekend;
- Will host Baltimore Leather Pride weekend on 10 through 13 July;
- Will host "Hang Ten" in honor of the 10th anniversary on 06 through 08 November.

Iron Guard BC:

- Recommends attending the Excelsior event, and that there are more things to do other than the bars.
- Will celebrate their 23rd anniversary on 19 September, using a unique place for the banquet; other events are in the planning stage; flyers are not yet available but probably by the end of the month.

ShipMates:

- Will hold a bar night at the Baltimore Eagle on 06 June.

Knight Hawks:

- Several members attended the Key West Wreckers run;
- The Panthers L/LC are holding the first joint SECC/Mid America conference the same weekend (in Atlanta) as COMMAND MC's 10th anniversary celebration.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Attended the successful Key West Wreckers run, noting several AMCC clubs (Knight Hawks, LI Ravens MC, Iron Guard, and Pennsmen) in attendance;
- The AMCC colors were displayed at the banquet;
- The unity of the SECC was vibrant;
- Suggested that among ourselves, we need to redevelop *our* spirit—push and publicize ourselves;
- We are not in competition, but can learn from them;
- They need to continue to grow as do we.
- Outreach:
 - Current committee was formed 2 councils (4 years) ago;
 - Action delayed until the Articles were approved (1½ year delay);
 - The prototype brochure was produced, but the final has not yet been published;
 - We need to get the committee working---let's light the firecracker.

MC FAUCON:

- Officers were asked to read statement concerning the loss of member Denny Logan (copy of the statement to be given to the Secretary);

--The Council expressed their condolences to MC Faucon on their loss.

EXCELSIOR MC:

--Congratulations to the Highwaymen on their 20th anniversary.

PRESIDENT:

--Thanks to the Highwaymen for hosting this meeting, and we look forward to a fabulous time at the contest and other events;

--Congratulations to Dave W., the "new" Highwaymen AMCC representative

--Patches are available from the Treasurer; 128 in stock; contact the Treasurer.

SECRETARY:

--Error on the current AMCC roster: The Bucks MCweb site is "BUCKSMC", not "BUCKMC".

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by the Spartan MC at 3:48 pm. **APPROVED.**