



ATLANTIC MOTORCYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

P. O. Box 6191 Ben Franklin Station
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Minutes of the 125th meeting held in Washington DC at the Spartan MC 30th Anniversary on 10 October 1998. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Dutcher at 11:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Bucks MC, COMMAND MC, Centaurs MC, Empire City MC, Enforcers RI, Excelsior MC, Griffins MC, Highwaymen, Iron Guard BC, Knight Hawks, LI Ravens MC, MC Faucon, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, Pocono Warriors, Potomac MC, Spartan MC, TBLC, Pittsburgh MC, and ShipMates.

PROXY: Entre Nous to LI Ravens, Railmen to ShipMates, and SNC to the Chair

ABSENT: None

GUEST:

Tom S., President of Defenders NY

MINUTES:

MOTION to accept the minutes for the 124th meeting made by Excelsior MC; **seconded** by Spartan MC; no corrections; **APPROVED.**

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

SECRETARY:

- Club point system for participation.
- Any changes to the address/president/representative roster?
- Apologized for the length of the previous minutes

TREASURER:

- Not present, but report submitted (on file).
- MOTION** to accept the Treasurer's report by Centaur MC; **seconded** by Philadelphians MC; no corrections or discussion; **APPROVED.**

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Still has not received anything for the AMCC Calendar of Events. Please consult the Articles of Agreement for the due date. Closing dates for calendar is 30 days prior to meeting covering the period for the next six (6) months.
- Must reform the Outreach Committee.
- LI Ravens seeking sanction meeting for the council for the 7th anniversary weekend; invitation withdrawn in view of the ShipMates' 25th anniversary.

PRESIDENT:

- Re-established contact with the European Council, and will keep it open.
- Opening dialogue between other councils and ourselves; they are sending material to us; Mid-America Conference and SECC will be at Prowl in Atlanta 06-08 November 1998. Can foster exchange of info, plus look at Leather Navigator and Leather Journal
- Ensure that AMCC has your club's current address and email; they are published in the roster.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OUTREACH: To be reformed; report delayed until after the break.

**REQUESTS FOR THE 128th AMCC MEETING ARE DUE
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT BY 03 DECEMBER 1998.**

HISTORIAN:

- Copies of the Canadian National Anthem as well as the first and fourth verses of the United States National Anthem were distributed at this meeting.
- President reminded all members clubs that we voted to provide club histories; Get them to the historian. To date, he has received only 1! Includes clubs which were part of council in past, and even those which are no longer in existence.
- Got more old minutes from Keith Batten, and still looking for more.
- Some patches are missing from the old Torrid Tuber; noted during the inventory at Olympia this year. Wally Wallace may have some replacements for the missing patches. Waiting for Knight Hawks to make their addition to the old Torrid Tuber so that it can be sent to the regional Leather Archives representative for further transfer to the Archives in Chicago. Photos will be taken by Knight Hawks for our archives/history.
- MOTION:** Reimburse the Historian for printing by the Spartan MC; **seconded** by ?; **APPROVED.**

NEWSLETTER:

- Deadline for next edition is 19 October 1998; snail mail or email.
- Won't work if nothing is submitted, so send articles!
- Deadline for the next edition: 05 January 1999.

TORRID TUBER:

- Empire City MC: Ideas were volunteered, but no consensus was reached. Perhaps the treasury buy a nice plaque with room for 10 names (one member club name per year for ten years). First year be handed as a plaque, then additions can be made to the plaque.
- President: Any weight limits? Was told to be adventurous!
- MOTION** to accept the plaque idea by Knight Hawks; **seconded** by Highwayman seconded the motion. **APPROVED.**
- History of Torrid Tuber has been prepared.
- Secretary to keep a running list of which club won and for what reason.
- Question from the floor: How much will the new Torrid Tuber cost? The committee will check and come back with this material at the next meeting.

FUNDRAISING:

- MOTION** to accept the committee's offering of 27 February 1999 at The Lure, from 8 pm to midnight as the next fundraising night; **seconded** by Excelsior MC. **APPROVED**
- This is an annual event per previous vote. It does not conflict with this date. Proposed is a 50-50 raffle. Discussion noted that there would be an overlap with Bike Week in Daytona. Dates considered were 06 February, 27 February, and 17 April.
- Philadelphians MC volunteered to take care of flyers
- Much discussion ensued, summarized as follows:
 - Purpose is social *and* fundraising.
 - May advertise to increase possible revenues, including piggybacking with member club mailings.
- MOTION** to accept the 27 February 1999 date for the fundraiser/social by COMMAND MC; **seconded** by Highwaymen; **APPROVED.**

MOTORCYCLE OUTREACH:

- Empire City MC: committee reviewed the rules currently used by the clubs. Copies were printed, and distributed (3 copies per club) at this meeting. Most clubs use these or slight variations. Will discuss with bikers and bike clubs about future rides/events and to exchange ideas.
- MOTION:** To reimburse Empire City MC \$66.88 for the printing of the rule books distributed at this meeting (by Potomac MC); **seconded** by Philadelphians MC; **APPROVED.**
- Request for 200 additional copies of riding rules book; submit bill for reimbursement at future meeting.

Short break was called by the Chair.

New arrival: Conrad, President of MC Faucon.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1998 Sanction calendar: No changes were requested.
- Reminder that events and dates for events are to be sent to the Vice President no less than 30 days prior to meeting.
- Outreach Committee reformed; Member clubs volunteering to be on committee: Spartan MC (Paul R.); Empire City MC (José R.); COMMAND MC (Kerry R.); Excelsior MC (Victor S.); Philadelphians MC (John L.). Chairing the committee will be Excelsior (Victor S.). The Vice President will be the conduit to the Executive Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 127th meeting: Two requests were received, but one was withdrawn. ShipMates have remaining request and were awarded the meeting. Will be held during their 25th Anniversary, 26 – 28 March in Baltimore.

- 1999 Sanction Calendar:

January

Centaur MC 15 – 18 JAN Washington DC Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend

February

Pennsmen 12 – 14 FEB Harrisburg PA

March

LI Ravens 12 – 14 MAR Ronkonkoma NY

ShipMates 26 – 28 MAR Baltimore MD 25th Anniversary

April

SNC London ann. 23 – 25 APR London UK St. George & Founders; 34th & 25th

May

Highwaymen 07 – 09 MAY Washington DC Bearfest and Anniversary

Excelsior 14 – 16 MAY New York NY

June

Potomac MC 11 – 13 JUN Washington DC Potomac River Run

Knight Hawks 18 – 20 JUN Norfolk VA 6th Anniversary

July

None

August

Enforcers RI 06 – 08 AUG Providence RI 5th Annual Leather Weekend

TBLC 06 – 08 AUG Nottoway VA Campout

Pocono War. 13 – 15 AUG Valinor Farms, PA

September

MC Faucon 03 – 06 SEP Montreal, QUE

October

Reading Railmen 01 – 03 OCT Valinor Farms 21st Anniversary

Empire City 08 – 10 OCT New York NY 35th Anniversary

Entre Nous 22 – 24 OCT Provincetown Provincetown Pilgrimage

November

COMMAND MC 05 – 07 NOV Baltimore MD Bootcamp 11

Bucks MC 27 NOV New Hope PA Santa Saturday

December

Philadelphians 31 DEC – 02 JAN Philadelphia PA Tricen 14

- Reading Railmen may request the weekend before or after that requested by Empire City MC.
- MOTION:** Spartan MC made motion to accept the sanction calendar; **seconded** by COMMAND MC; **APPROVED.**
- Secretary to contact clubs without dates (Entre Nous, Reading Railmen)
- SNC London announces their event, St. George and the Founders to be held in London UK on 23 – 25 April, 1999. It will be their 34th anniversary as well as the 25th anniversary of the European Council (ECMC).
- MOTION:** Spartan MC moved to add the SNC dates to the AMCC Sanction Calendar; **seconded** by Vice President; **APPROVED.**
- New President for the Pocono Warriors: Robert J. Bremencamp
- Nomination of Officers:
 - Term: 01 April 1999 through 31 March 2001
 - Nominations:
 - Treasurer:**
 - LI Ravens nominate Brad Lee Hall (Entre Nous); accepted
 - Enforcers RI nominate L.J. Bassetti; accepted
 - Secretary:**
 - Centaur MC nominate Ed Imwalle (COMMAND MC); accepted
 - Highwaymen nominate Doug Hein (Highwaymen); accepted
 - Empire City MC nominate Victor Skolnik (Excelsior); accepted
 - Vice President:**
 - Centaur MC nominate Al Lawrence (LI Ravens); accepted
 - President:**
 - Philadelphians MC nominate Dan Dutcher (Centaur MC); accepted
- Vote to be revealed at the 126th meeting; the Secretary will send ballots to all member clubs; All ballots must be returned by the start of the next meeting. The ballots will be brought to the meeting unopened. The Secretary requested that all ballots be mailed to arrive in the self addressed, stamped envelope (provided with ballot) by 01 December 1998. There will be a tracking method to ensure that all clubs return ballots (the Secretary will contact all member clubs who have not returned ballots by 15 December).
- COMMAND MC requested an electronic copy of the Articles of Agreement; the President said to send a copy to each person/club with email addresses on file.
- Nominations for the 1998 Torrid Tuber award for the period from the COMMAND MC run (November 1997) through this meeting.
 - Nominations:
 - Knight Hawks nominate Centaur MC for the awards presentation et al during Olympia;
 - Centaur MC nominate Highwaymen for the contest judge in drag;
 - Centaur MC nominate Potomac MC for multiple loading and unloading without tour directors;
 - Secretary nominates COMMAND MC for the cozy seating the banquet.
 - Ballots were distributed, collected, and passed to our guest for counting.
 - Tie announced between Highwaymen and Centaur MC; new vote called.
 - Another tie vote announced; another vote called.
 - Centaur MC were FINALLY announced as the recipients for the 1999 Torrid Tuber award.
- COMMAND MC requested copies of the club meeting dates; these will be included in the newsletter.
- Certifications of Membership will be mailed shortly; these need to be returned to the Secretary by 15 December 1998 (self addressed envelope will be provided). Failure to return will jeopardize the member club's ability to vote.
- AMCC 30th Anniversary
 - Consider a commemorative friendship pin; purchased by member clubs for distribution. A request was made for screw back pins.
 - MOTION:** Centaurs moved that we purchase 500 pins; **seconded** by the ShipMates;
 - What artwork will be used?

- Empire City MC suggested that the vote on the pins be tabled until the rest of the 30th anniversary package has been heard.
- Griffins recommended that a tentative design be ready for the January meeting.
- Spartan MC noted that the actual anniversary date is 05 April.
- Call for vote on anniversary pin motion: **APPROVED.**
- Vice President suggested that an inexpensive label be produced to be affixed to correspondence to non-member clubs, etc.; if produced, these would be provided to all member clubs. **MOTION:** Highwaymen moved that labels be produced and distributed to all member clubs; **seconded** by Empire City MC; **APPROVED.**
- It was recommended that all run applications have a 30th anniversary sticker.
- Empire City MC reminded attendees that the last coordinated anniversary was a disaster, and reminded all to be aware of schedules (for conflicts).
- Much discussion ensued.
- Bike Week in Daytona
 - Steve Kenny from Centaur MC spoke about the type of events and accommodations available. Also addressed how the Centaurs travel to and from the event. Typical cost per person for a week is approximately \$1,000.00. Gay bars become either straight or mixed during the week.
 - Empire City MC recommended that the President put together a quick action committee to have proposals ready for the next meeting. Committee members include Dave (Highwaymen), Al Lawrence (LI Ravens), JoAnn Wadsworth (Philadelphians MC), Kerry Richard (COMMAND MC), and George Seidel (Centaur MC). Chairing the committee will be Kerry Richard.
- President reminded all that this is a big anniversary for the European Council; They will give us a break on the run fee (80 £) since we have the trans-Atlantic trip to include; this fee includes two nights in the hotel, the cruise, etc. More information will be distributed via email when it becomes available.
- COMMAND MC indicated that there is a round trip air fare of \$326.00 to Dublin through London.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Empire City MC: 35th Anniversary this year, and will be celebrating all year long. Tour in the Adirondacks and Finger Lakes in July, and a Columbus Day run and cruise.
- Philadelphians MC: Run applications for Tricen 13 are available; those needing housing should send their applications NOW!
- Enforcers RI: They will distribute their charity monies to AIDS Organizations on 15 January 1999 during their anniversary celebration; come visit.
- Reading Railmen: Thanked all for attending the 20th anniversary. They invited all to their annual AIDS fundraiser on Saturday, 05 December at the Red Star; come visit. Also, congratulations to Spartan MC on their 30th anniversary.
- Excelsior MC: Bar night scheduled next Saturday, 17 October 1998 at The Lure as a benefit for the Human Rights Campaign. Also congratulated Spartan MC for their anniversary.
- LI Ravens: Will celebrate their 7th anniversary in March 12 & 13; plans are coming together, flyers are ready and being passed around. Mr. Long Island Leather contest on the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving, to be held at the Long Island Eagle.
- ShipMates: All to DC with Highwaymen for Leather Sebbat during Halloween. Also on 04 December, Daddy Christmas preview night at The Unicorn in Baltimore; it's a food party; on 05 December, it is Daddy Christmas in Baltimore. Lastly, run to celebrate their anniversary in March. Have you received your invitations?
- Philadelphians MC: Bar night on Sunday, 11 October at the Bike Stop. 24th anniversary dinner scheduled for 18 October. Also, Liberty Bears will be celebrating 2 years in April; There will be a bus trip to Toronto; cost will be \$280 to include bus fare and hotel room (at Hotel Selby); trip limited to 44 unless there is sufficient demand for a second bus.
- Pocono Warriors: Bar night at The Spike on 14 October 1998. Date of 21st anniversary not yet set, and may conflict with AMCC bar night; Also another bar night in June (last Saturday) at The Spike during Gay Pride.

- Centaur MC: Bar night at The Bike Stop (Philadelphia) on 17 October 1998. Mid-Atlantic Leather applications available, but the first hotel has filled; rooms are available at the Holiday Inn.
- COMMAND MC: Celebrating 10 years during the November run; can use a few more cocktail parties, prizes, contestants for Mr. Maryland Leather; applications for contest available. Also congratulated Spartan MC on their 30th anniversary.
- Pittsburgh MC: Announcing the Mr. Pittsburgh Leather contest on 14 November 1998. Also operating "Teddy Bears Do Care" fundraiser from 15 November through 15 December.
- Bucks MC: Santa Saturday in New Hope PA over Thanksgiving.
- Spartan MC: Registration for the 30th anniversary weekend continuing upstairs. Also thanked all for coming.
- MC Faucon: Black and Blue event in Montreal this weekend; MC Faucon were invited to coordinate the BIG event. Also, King's dinner scheduled for 09 January 1999.
- TBLC: Bar night at the DC Eagle on 14 December.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- President thanked the Spartan MC for hosting the meeting, and congratulated them on 30 years.
- ShipMates announced that they lost two past presidents this year; Harry Utts passed on in June 1998 due to kidney failure; Bob Whitson passed on July 18 from lung disease. They will be dedicating their AIDS benefit, Daddy Christmas to their memories.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting by Empire City MC; **seconded** by Philadelphians MC; **APPROVED**.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.

James H. Vaigneur, Jr.
Secretary, AMCC