



## ATLANTIC MOTORCYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 135<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Albany, NY during the STARS MC Empire State Leather Weekend on 7 April 2001. President, Al Lawrence at 1:07 PM, called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Bucks MC, COMMAND MC, Centaur MC, Defenders NY, Empire City, Enforcers RI, Excelsior MC, Highwaymen TNT, Knight Hawks of Virginia, Long Island Ravens MC, MC Faucon, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, Pocono Warriors, Potomac MC, ShipMates Club of Baltimore, Spartan MC, Stars MC, TBLC of Virginia and the Utica Tri's.

**Proxy:** SNC London to the chair and Entre Nous to Long Island Ravens MC.

**Absent:** Griffins MC, Iron Guard BC, and Reading Railmen.

**Guests:** Journeymen of Syracuse, DC Boys of Leather, USUS of Ottawa. Promethian Guard, Twilight Guard, and the Ottawa Knights

### **MINUTES**

**Motion** by Defenders MC to accept the minutes of the 134<sup>rd</sup> meeting: **Seconded** by Potomac MC; no corrections; **APPROVED**

Spartans MC asked that President Lawrence raise the volume to his usual level. (the normal loud)

### **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

President Lawrence made a special presentation to the last AMCC President, Dan Dutcher in the form of a plaque thanking him for his years of service to the Council. The group responded with a standing ovation.

#### **SECRETARY:**

-- I have received all the club certifications for 2001.

-- AMCC has received various bar flyers and club announcements. Anyone caring to see any of them please see me after the meeting.

-- Updated rosters, request for update forms, and Secretary Urbanski's business cards are available at the table. Please email any changes to him at [bestbasket@aol.com](mailto:bestbasket@aol.com) or call him at any reasonable time at (757)455-5127

#### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

-- Vice President Hein reports that he has received two requests to host the 136<sup>th</sup> AMCC meeting from the Defenders NY and the Utica Tri's. Both have neither hosted a meeting so each have infinity scores.

Therefore, since it is a tie, the Council membership will vote on it during new business.

-- A newsletter committee will also be forming. We hope for volunteers.

#### **PRESIDENT REPORT:**

--There has been considerable difficulty with the last Treasurer, Brad Lee Hall. As of last week, we got an accounting and all the funds, patches, and Treasury records will be shipped to President Lawrence this week. Some monies are long overdue and President Lawrence has lent the Council funds to operate and checks can be written today to reimburse individuals with outstanding obligations of the Council. The loaned funds will be repaid to President Lawrence when the funds are received from past Treasurer Hall. In the event they do not arrive for whatever reason, the Presidential septor may find another use.

#### **TREASURER REPORT:**

-- Treasurer Saavedra reports he will be working on a budget to be presented at the next business meeting in Rhode Island. A bank account will be set up in the AMCC's name in Baltimore, MD.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO THE 2000/2001 SANCTIONED CALENDAR:**

Defenders NY – It is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Empire City – It is the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Potomac MC – Dates are June 8-10

### **ALL COUNCIL CONFERENCE:**

--Awaiting the finalization of the agenda.

--The first meeting was hosted by the KC Pioneers of MAC and the objective was to facilitate better communication between the Conferences in the USA and down the road internationally. The second meeting will be held during the Highwaymen Run May 11-13 in Washington, DC.

-- President Lawrence asked what appropriate items the AMCC member Clubs would like to see on the agenda which have not been previously discussed. Please keep in mind that the sovereignty and autonomy of all Clubs must be considered.

-- Since AMCC will be the host for the meeting, Secretary Urbanski will act as the Secretary for this meeting. Past AMCC President Dutcher will serve as the facilitator during the meeting. The meeting should be one hour and a half to two hours long.

-- Mr. Dutcher states the goal is to exchange information, calendars, and rosters. The second meeting may be more expansive than the first with an emphasis on how to improve on communication and to explore the evolution of Clubs. Again, the intent is not to interfere with the internal affairs of any Club. One question which may be explored is why younger individuals interested in the leather community are not joining Clubs particularly in many large cities.

--All Clubs can attend the Conference whether they are members of a Council or Conference now or not. Potomac MC asked if this is inclusive with regard to including organization's which are not "traditional" backpatch Clubs (ie bear, panssexual, straight etc..) President Lawrence responds that although our focus has been on gay backpatch leather Clubs, it is up to the membership of each of the Conferences to decide on what course of action will be taken with regard to these other kinds of groups.

-- Items on the agenda include but are not limited to the following;

- a. process for selection of future host sites including a rotation system of host sites between the Conferences involved
- b. Linking of Conference websites
- c. Promotion of Club events .. contests and runs
- d. Improving foreign relations
- e. Issue of female members in traditional leather clubs
- f. Issue of bear Clubs and their role in Conferences

AMCC's position with regard to (e) and (f) is that our Articles stipulate requirements for membership. The decision as to what each member club allows is their's alone. Please forward any additional suggestion for agenda item to VP Hein at [vasailor@aol.com](mailto:vasailor@aol.com).

### **DC BOYS OF LEATHER AMCC CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

--DC Boys of Leather sponsored by ShipMates and Defenders NY has applied for AMCC membership. They came to the Executive Council prior to this meeting and stated that the number of members they have today is not sufficient to meet AMCC requirements for membership. Excelsior made a **Motion** which was seconded by the Iron Guard that the DC Boys of Leather can be voted in for membership at a future AMCC meeting provided that all Clubs receive a 30 day notice prior to a vote informing them that the requirements for membership have been satisfied. **MOTION PASSED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LOCATION OF THE 137<sup>th</sup>:**

-- Two Clubs submitted requests for hosting the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting, Defenders NY and the Utica Tri's, which were submitted according to the procedures outlined in the Articles of Agreement. VP Hein read the procedures to the Member Clubs in Attendance (Fair and Equitable Hosting of Meetings).



-- Since both of these groups have never hosted a meeting, the result is a tie in points. Therefore, according to the AMCC Articles of Agreement, a vote of the Member Clubs is required to break the tie. A vote was taken and counted by neutral observers, the Promethian Guard. The host of the 137<sup>th</sup> meeting is the Defenders NY with the meeting taking place in New York City on November 10, 2001 during Indulgence.

--The Enforcers RI in Providence, RI will host the 136<sup>th</sup> meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> during their Run Aug 03-05, 2001.

-- Requests for the 138<sup>th</sup> meeting are due to Vice President Hein (per AMCC Articles of Agreement) in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting (July 3, 2001) hosted by the Enforcers RI on August 4, 2001. The date of the 138<sup>th</sup> meeting cannot be before January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

#### **PROMETHIAN GUARD AMCC CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

-- The Philadelphians and the Iron Guard sponsor the Promethian Guard of New Jersey for membership in the Council. They attest that they meet the AMCC requirements for membership to the best of their knowledge. The vote on their potential membership will occur at the Enforcers Run on August 4, 2001

-- The Promethian Guard addressed the group and state that they started in January 1999 and were chartered in May of that year. They are based in NJ, generally the Ashbury Park area. Sal Sissino of the Promethian Guard thanks their sponsors as well.

-- After all guests were excused from the room, members of the Pocono Warriors, COMMAND, and the Bucks MC all made favorable comments about this group.

#### **AMCC BROCHURES:**

-- The Knight Hawks of VA made a **Motion**, seconded by the Highwaymen that the Council fund two sided legal color copies of the brochure for an amount not to exceed \$400. **MOTION PASSED.** The individuals charged with this task are to get as many copies as possible for the \$400 (hopefully in excess of 500) and to have them ready for distribution by 5/12 for the Conference of Conference Meeting.

#### **AMCC BANNERS:**

-- Centaur MC announces that Doug Gowan is prepared to make an AMCC banner for any AMCC member Club who wants one for a cost of approximately \$35.

#### **AMCC PATCHES:**

-- A **motion** was made by the Centaur MC and seconded by the Excelsior MC to purchase 250 AMCC patches. **MOTION PASSED**

#### **FUTURE TORRID TUBER NOMINATIONS:**

-- A **motion** was made by the Pocono Warriors and seconded by the Empire City that all nominations for the torrid tuber must be made only for Club events which have been completed. **MOTION PASSED**

#### **AMCC FUNDRAISING BAR NIGHTS:**

-- President Lawrence reminds group that the last two fundraising bar nights the Council had were done primarily to fund outreach efforts. Perhaps, we may have strayed away for using the funds entirely for that purpose. A discussion ensued in the group that it is also nice to not have assessments due to the fact the Treasury is solid after we have one of these bar nights.

-- A discussion followed about have a fundrasing bar night in Philadelphia one of the two last weeks of September since no Club has a sanctioned event at that time. Rich D'Amico from the Philadelphians will follow up with the Bike Stop and report back to Executive Council. A "fun" bar night in Harrisburg was also discussed, the date to be determined. The Pennsmen will investigate dates and report back to the Council.



## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Lawrence states that all the committees; Outreach, Motorcycle Riders, and Communications will be reformed at this meeting. He thanks all the past committee members for their efforts and welcomes all to participate in these committees for the upcoming two year term. Additionally, President Lawrence asked that prior to each AMCC meeting that each committee have a meeting to discuss issues pertinent to its function and what needs to be accomplished.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

-- The following individuals volunteered for this committee; Mel Jacobs (Centaur MC), Connie Cox (Defenders NY), Peter Lloyd (Potomac MC), JD Jarnett (COMMAND), Tom Urbanski (Knight Hawks), Doug Hein (Highwaymen) and Jim Green (LI Ravens). President Lawrence stresses the importance of having outreach extend both to prospective new members of the Council as well as those Clubs who are already Council members who may need the assistance and help of the Council. Jim Green of the LI Ravens is named the chair of this committee. A meeting of this committee will take place tomorrow afternoon after brunch.

-- The AMCC brochure was discussed with Paul Rose stating he has the zip disk of all the Club's logos and the brochure. The Utica Tri's colors will be added to the brochure, any prospective applicants to the Council will not be added until they are voted in as Council members. This item was discussed again during new business.

### **MOTORCYCLE RIDERS COMMITTEE:**

-- The following individuals volunteered for this committee; Jose Reyes (Empire City), Paul Rose (Spartan MC), Mike Newsome (Potomac MC), Bob Opperman (Bucks MC), and John Dietz (LI Ravens). President Lawrence names Jose Reyes as the chair of this committee. Secretary Urbanski states he has the Motorcycle Riders Inter Club Riding Rules booklets on hand if anyone would like some.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

-- The following individuals volunteered for this committee; Victor Skolnik (Excelsior), Jose Reyes (Empire City), Jack Goldstein (Utica Tri's), Don Hinkle (Philadelphians MC), Doug Hein (Highwaymen) and Paul Rose (Spartan MC). President Lawrence names Doug Hein and Paul Rose as co-chairs of this committee.

--This committee's primary function is to facilitate communication among both members of the AMCC as well as among other interested members of the leather/SM/bear/fetish/motorcycle communities. This committee will encompass both the website and the newsletter. The goal is to produce an electronic newsletter within the AMCC website. This will be a quicker and cheaper way to get the word out.

--The website ideally would link all the member club's website and emails to the AMCC site and visa versa. Additionally, the AMCC website will link all of the other Conferences website's with the AMCC's. This link was discussed at the last Conference of Conference meeting and is on the agenda for the upcoming one as well.

--If you have any changes to your Club information (mailing address, website, AMCC rep, or President/Captain please email them both to Secretary Urbanski ([bestbasket@aol.com](mailto:bestbasket@aol.com)) and Webmaster Rose ([paul.tom@erols.com](mailto:paul.tom@erols.com)).

-- VP Hein requests that any submissions for the next newsletter be made by June 15, 2001. Please include your club's calendar of events as well. Email to [vasailor@aol.com](mailto:vasailor@aol.com).

-- Webmaster Rose also asks that all member clubs have their webmaster add an AMCC link to each Clubs website and to email him with the webmaster name and email.

### **HISTORIAN'S REPORT:**

--No new club histories received and no report.



## **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Defenders NY Invites everyone to Indulgence to be held at the Armony at 67<sup>th</sup> and Park in NYC Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for awarding us the AMCC meeting.
- Empire City Invites bikers abd their buddies to the Bikers Picnic to be held over Memorial Day. ECMC covers the cost of all bikers.
- Excelsior MC – Welcomes everyone to attend their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary run in New Hope, PA 5/18-20 and to a bar night at the LURE 4/28 from 8Pm - midnight
- Enforcers RI: Like to invite everyone up to Providence August 3-5 for the 136<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- MC Faucon – Their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be the last week in August 2002 in Montreal
- Highwaymen TNT: May 11-13 is our 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Run, Bearfest. Also during that run the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of Conferences will be happening. Potomac MC will again host the longest ever after hours party of Saturday
- Knight Hawks of Virginia: Our run this year is July 13-15, 2001, in Virginia Beach Ocean front themed "All Hands on Dick" and we have applications. Book your room early at one of the hotels. The host hotel is filling up. VA Drummer 2001 is next week in Norfolk/VA Beach and we have the following bar nights on the schedule; Joint-Joint bar night with the LI Ravens and Philadelphians at the DC Eagle on 4/28 during ABW weekend and 6/2 at the Garage
- Long Island Ravens MC: Thanks to everyone for attending our 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Pennsmen: Also invite everyone to our 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run 22-24 February 2002 in Harrisburg.
- Philadelphians MC: Join us for State Farm event at Valinor Farms in PA Labor Day weekend 2001
- Pocono Warriors: Empire City received an award from them for all their hard work over the years.
- Potomac MC: We will be having our River Run June 8-10 and a BHT fundraiser 4/17 for the Kiss of the Spiderwoman (performance is around the corner from the DC Eagle)
- ShipMates: Keelhaul is coming up June 29 – July 1 in Ramblewood. Flyers are out on the table.
- STARS MC: We hope ya'll enjoyed the weekend and join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary 9/9-10.
- TBLC of VA: We have a bar night 4/14 at the DC Eagle and join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend on July 27-29 entitled "Adventures of Sherwood Forest"
- Promethian Guard : NJ Leather contest is 9/8-9
- DC Boys of Leather: June 15-17 is daddy's Day weekend in DC
- Journeymen : Join us 7/28-29 for our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary campout at Hillside (website [www.journeymen.ltd.com](http://www.journeymen.ltd.com))

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Excelsior thanks the outgoing AMCC officers and wishes the new Council much success
- Secretary Urbanski thanks the STARS for hosting the Council

**MOTION** to adjourn by Spartan MC; **seconded** by Empire City; **ADJOURNED**

Tom Urbanski  
Secretary AMCC

## 2001 Sanction Calendar

January	12-15	Centaur MC MAL Leather Weekend
February	10-12	Pennsmen 24 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run
March	23-25	Long Island Ravens MC 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run
April	06-08	Stars MC (135 <sup>th</sup> AMCC Meeting)
May	11-13	Highwaymen TNT 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Run (2 <sup>nd</sup> Conference of Conferences)
	18-20	Excelsior MC
June	08-10	Potomac MC Potomac River Run
	29-01	ShipMates Keel Haul 2001 at Ramblewood
July	13-15	Knight Hawks of VA 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run – All Hands on Dick
	27-29	TBLC Campout
August	03-05	Enforcers RI (136 <sup>th</sup> AMCC Meeting)
	10-12	Pocono Warriors 100 Men in the Woods '2001
	23-27	Spartan MC Marathon
September	01-03	Philadelphians MC Labor Day Weekend Run – State Fair
	14-16	Iron Guard BC 26 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run
October	05-07	Utica Tris NAL Weekend
	12-14	Reading Railmen 23 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Run (Mr & Ms Reading Leather Contest)
	19-21	Entre Nous 31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Run
November	02-04	COMMAND MC 12 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Run
	09-11	Defenders NY 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary (137 <sup>th</sup> AMCC Meeting)
	24	Bucks MC Santa Saturday
December	08	Empire City MC 38 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary X-mas party