

Minutes of the A. M. C. C. meeting held at the Spartans M. C. Marathon '71 in Maryland on Saturday at 10:00 A. M., July 24, 1971.

Note: Before recording the minutes of this meeting, I would like to incorporate the meeting held at wheels W-3 "Memorial Weekend" into the records. It was during this meeting that "Entre Nous" of Boston was brought into the council by a majority vote of all members present. The executive members have ruled on making this meeting an official one.

The following A. M. C. C. Clubs were in attendance with either their President or Representatives:

Boston Bike Club	- Boston, Mass.
Wheels M. C.	- N. Y. C., N. Y.
Empire City M. C.	- N. Y. C., N. Y.
Entre Nous	- Boston, Mass.
Vikings M. C.	- Boston, Mass.
Spartans M. C.	- Baltimore, Maryland & Wash. D. C.
S. M. C. L. A.	- Washington, D. C.
Guest Clubs:	
Second City M. C.	- Chicago, Illinois
Kemo M. C.	- Montreal, Canada
Druids	- Washington, D. C.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 10:00 A. M.

- The Secretary then read the minutes of the meeting held in Boston, Mass. at BO2-2271. They were accepted as read.
- The Treasurer was unable to give any report, since all records, etc. are still in the possession of the past Council Treasurer in Chicago.
- The President was asked by the Secretary and Treasurer to write the past Treasurer of the council and request him to send us the records and checkbook belonging to the Council. The Treasurer stated that as soon as he receives this material he will have the books audited before he makes another report.

- OLD BUSINESS:

1. The A. M. C. C. calendar was brought up by the President. He explained that the reason for not finalizing the calendar was due to lack of support from the non-A. M. C. C. clubs.

The President of Wheels M. C. suggested we continue with the calendar regardless, but add a foot note at the bottom requesting all clubs (non-A. M. C. C. particularly) that they still may submit their run dates, if they so desire.

The Secretary said he would have the Calendar typed and prepared, and will send a photo-static copy to all clubs which have some form of publication. Each club will have to print these up however at their own expense for the present, as the Council lacks the necessary funds to do so.

The following clubs were suggested as possible sources to send a copy of the calendar to:

Wheels M. C.	-	"Tread"
Cycle M. C.	-	"Wheels"
Spartans M. C.	-	"Newsletter"
Entre Nous	-	"Nous Letter"
9 Plus	-	"Scimitar"
Praetorians	-	"The Praetorian"
Vikings M. C.	-	"The Longship"

2. The President then brought up the subject of the A. M. C. C. invitation to the Vanguard M. C. of Philadelphia, Penn. Since they have not responded to our letters and have not come forth with their questions regarding A. M. C. C. (since their representative said they would), the President recommended we forget about it.

3. The subject of A. M. C. C. Patches and Banners was then brought up by the President. Fernando reiterated that under the Council terms of the past Executive Committee, each A. M. C. C. club was required to purchase an A. M. C. C. banner. The President then stated that no A. M. C. C. club should be forced to buy Council banners. However, the Council should have one banner, to be used at runs and/or meetings, etc. The President of Spartans M. C. recommended that they could find a source to make up a banner. He will check on this and report to the Council at the next meeting. Fernando and his club President also mentioned that they had talents to prepare such a banner. It was suggested that an emblem no more than 3 feet in diameter on a black background, not to exceed 4 feet, would be sufficient.

4. The President asked for all clubs requiring A. M. C. C. patches, to submit their quantities needed. The following is a list of clubs requiring council patches:

Entre Nous	-	60
SMCLA	-	30
BBC	-	30
Vikings	-	25
Spartans	-	10

The Treasurer volunteered to check on all possible sources to furnish the Council with the necessary A. M. C. C. patches needed at the most reasonable cost.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The President then brought up the subject of the Council name. He commented that since Denver and Chicago had resigned from the Council, the name Atlantic Mid-West Co-Ordinating Council may be ambiguous. However, after discussion amongst the members, it was recommended that the Council retain the present name for the time being.

The only Second City M. C. member, present at the meeting, mentioned they had considered creating a Council of their own to represent the Mid-West clubs. He

volunteered information (which would be non-binding) that they (Second City M. C.) may consider rejoining the A. M. C. C. He will take his suggestion back to his club for consideration and bring it up for discussion at their next meeting.

The President of Empire City asked what requirements would be necessary to reinstate a former club. The President stated that since they had been a member in good standing in the past, that only a majority vote by the Council would be necessary.

2. The subject of A. M. C. C. Representatives was then brought up for discussion. There is no set ruling on an A. M. C. C. Representatives selection from each club. A member club may either elect a permanent Representative or he may be chosen, by the Club's President, at the particular run that an A. M. C. C. meeting will be held.

3. Suggestions were then asked all members present, for ideas to raise money for the A. M. C. C. Treasury.

A suggestion was made by the President of Empire City that perhaps each member club could have an A. M. C. C. Sponsored in-city run at a local bar in that city.

A 50/50 cash prize raffle was also suggested. This could be held at a member club's run, by an invitation from that club to do so. Theatre tickets could be used and purchased at a reasonably low cost. The President of the Vikings M. C. also suggested that a small surcharge could be added to the initial cost of the A. M. C. C. patches, and realize a small profit.

The President of the Spartan's M. C. asked if each club would discuss it's own ideas and present them to the Council at the next meeting.

The President of the Vikings M. C. was asked if the A. M. C. C. could hold a 50/50 Raffle at Leif Erikson. Carl Banks said he would discuss it with his club. The President of Empire City said he would provide the necessary tickets for a 50/50 cash prize to be held at Leif Erikson Run in September.

4. The Treasurer of the Spartans M. C. then brought up the subject of Runs and applications. He stated that it was not their policy to turn down A. M. C. C. club applications, but ample time was given to all individuals to send in for their reservations.

The President of Spartans M. C. also added that it was almost impossible to hold group reservations for an A. M. C. C. (or any) club until the last minute. His club accepted thirty (30) applications over their limit of one-hundred and fifty (150).

The Secretary of A. M. C. C. recommended, that in order to assure full club participation at a run, applications for reservations must be mailed early. Most clubs print a deadline date on their applications and full note of this should be observed by the applicant.

5. The President discussed the purpose of A. M. C. C. He put forth the following comments regarding this purpose!!

"A. The council was created as a link between clubs, members and non-members as well, to co-ordinate runs and club events, so as not to conflict with one another."

"B. To assist all member clubs in any other way possible, without interfering in their club matters or policy, thus creating and developing a fraternal feeling amongst each other. There should be a genuine interest of co-operation rather than competition. The authority of the Council is none!!"

6. Carl Banks, President of the Vikings M.C. asked Fernando for a further clarification of the A.M.C.C concerning club runs as well as non-member clubs. The Treasurer of Spartan's M.C. stated that the A.M.C.C. should and will support all club runs, but ;further stated that the Council cannot force individual members to go to an A.M.C.C. Run, only ask and recommend that they do so. Fernando substantiated this.


Carl Banks spoke on the fact that the Spearheads of Toronto Run was conflicting with the Viking's "Leif Erikson" Run in September. Fernando commented that he hoped all A.M.C.C. clubs and members would support the Vikings Run, but felt that it would be improper to interfere in the matter any further with the Spearheads as it would involve politics. , He also suggested further that a possible solution may be worked out better between the A.M.C.C. and non- A.M.C.C. club directly. The Vanguard run versas the S.M.C.L.A. run was mentioned as an example, whereby a reasonable and mutually satisfactory solution was worked out. The President of Wheels M.C. suggested that each club president stress the point to his club members that in the case of conflicting runs, merely remind his members that one of the runs is an A.M.C.C. sanctioned run and that as an A.M.C.C. member his club should support that run.

7. The President of Wheels M.C. was then reminded by the Secretary that his club has not, as yet, ratified the A.M.C.C. articles of Agreement. The Wheels President said he would discuss it with his club at their next meeting. One of the points of discussion his members had, concerning the said Article of Agreement, was the method of assessing the clubs for operating costs. The secretary stated that this would be a small nominal fee covering only postage, telephone calls, xeroxing of Council papers, etc.

8. The Secretary then brought up the subject of A.M.C.C. dues. He asked that if any council offices had any expenses incurred for council expenses to submit them at the next A.M.C.C. meeting. The amount of A.M.C.C. dues to be assessed each club will also be brought up at the next meeting.

9. The next official meeting of the A.M.C.C. will be held at the Vikings M.C.'s "Leif Erikson" run on September 4th, 1971. The time of the meeting will be announced at the run. This meeting, for the record, was chosen because the B.B.C. run was cancelled earlier in the year.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:05 A.M.


Respectfully Submitted - Skip Carter
A.M.C.C. Secretary

Comment from the Secretary:

Several A. M. C. C. Club members have asked me as well as other Council Officers, "What does A. M. C. C. stand for!!" This is followed up immediately by "What does A. M. C. C. do for us!!" When the Council was originally formed, it was to coordinate member clubs' runs only. It was to have no power, political or otherwise. With this prime function in mind, let all of us ask not "What can A. M. C. C. do for us, but what can we do for A. M. C. C. !!"