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These are the Minutes of the 178th AMCC meeting held in Cherry Grove, Fire Island, New York at the Belvedere Men's Guest House on Saturday, March 16, 2015, during the joint run celebrating Twilight Guard's 20th anniversary and Excelsior MC's 40th anniversary. In the absence of a Secretary, Sandy Steever of Twilight Guard agreed to take Minutes of meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

President Victor Skolnik called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bay State Marauders, Bucks MC, Centaur MC, DC Bear Club, Empire City MC, Excelsior MC, Harbor Masters, Iron Guard BC, Long Island Ravens MC, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, ShipMates Club of Baltimore, Twilight Guard.

Proxy: SNC London (AMCC President), COMMAND MC (proxy to Centaur), Pocono Warriors (proxy to Excelsior).

Absent: DC Boys of Leather, Highwaymen TNT, Knight Hawks of Virginia, NE Pennsylvania Leathermen, Potomac MC, Reading Railmen, TBLC of VA, Three Rivers Leather Club.

Quorum was achieved. It was noted that each club could carry only one proxy per meeting.

Guests: Mid-Atlantic Kennel Korps.

MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the 176th meeting had been tabled during the 177th meeting due to clerical error. A proposal to accept the Minutes of the 176th meeting was moved by Twilight Guard and seconded by DC Bear Club. The motion passed.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the 177th meeting was approved with the correction that the meeting was held at the William Way Center in Philadelphia. Moved by Pennsmen, seconded by Twilight Guard.

NOMINATION OF SECRETARY

Pennsmen nominated Sandy Steever of Twilight Guard to be Secretary of AMCC. Motion seconded by DC Bear Club. Nominations were closed; Secretary elected by acclamation.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Secretary's report: The newly elected Secretary asked that member clubs notify Council of changes to President/Captain, AMCC Representative and club contact information as soon as they occur. Outgoing officers please alert incoming officers of need for timely updates. We work better together when we can get in touch with each other.

Eight clubs had not yet returned letters of certification for 2015, as required by the Articles. One club delivered its letter during the meeting.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer indicated that as of May 15, 2015, Council had a cash balance of \$2,459.83. Expenses of \$274.00 had been paid for the AMCC two-year corporate filing fee, \$130.00 reinstatement fee and \$64.00 post office box. Income of \$63.00 was deposited from the sale of AMCC patches. AMCC patches remain available at \$3.00 apiece.

Vice President's report: None.

President's report: The President welcomed AMCC clubs and guests. Discussed some procedures for submitting requests to host AMCC meetings, and asked clubs to consider hosting meetings after the 179th meeting in Ogunquit, Maine in October 2015.

The President proposed that Council focus on what AMCC can do for clubs and what clubs can do for AMCC, particularly in the areas of strengthening membership in clubs and attracting new clubs. Please support your brother clubs, not just at AMCC meetings, but throughout the year. Check out the sanctioned and non-sanctioned calendars. Let's have fun the next two years!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair appointed Sean Campbell (Twilight Guard) as Web Master, Steve James (Pennsmen) as Historian. Jo Ann Wadsworth (Pennsmen) remains chair of Outreach.

Outreach Committee: Chair reported on the topic of potential sale of AMCC tee-shirts to raise funds for Council, proposed at an earlier Meeting. After sending out requests for comments from member clubs, only four responses had been received. Chair stressed importance of discussing this potential fund-raising activity with members of clubs.

Discussion ensued with participation from Chair and representatives from Centaur, DC Bear Club and Twilight Guard taking part. Chair asked for greater member participation and will table the matter pending further input and a meeting of the full Outreach Committee.

During the discussion, Steve Ranger (Centaur MC) announced a donation to Council of \$1,000.00 from Centaur MC. The donation was received with Council's gratitude and directed to the Treasurer.

Historian's Committee: The historian is missing minutes from the following AMCC meetings: 121-22 (1997), 135 (2001), 139 (2002) and 158 (2008). These five aside, Council has Minutes for all remaining meetings. Secretary said he would search personal archives for what he had.

Historian asked clubs to update their histories so we can all preserve our individual and collective leather histories. Our records are separate from the Leather Archives' records in Chicago.

Web Committee: The Web Master indicated that Council's website was up to date. Please make sure club web addresses and links are up to date.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendments and Additions to the sanction calendar

No amendments to the calendar.

AMCC 179th Meeting

AMCC 179th Meeting to be held October 17, 2015 at Harbor Masters' run in Ogunquit, Maine from October 16 to 18. Members planning to attend need to register for the run before they can register at the host hotel.

Resolution of some outstanding issues

Some outstanding problems surrounding Council's corporate filings and post box, noted at a previous meeting, have been resolved. Please refer to the contact sheet for address changes. Thanks to Paul Rose (DC Bear Club) and Butch Fenton (Harbor Masters) for their efforts.

To avoid similar problems in future, the Executive Board will oversee the filings, PO box, etc. The President has overall oversight, the Treasurer will be responsible to see that the PO box is updated and paid for.

Presentation of Mel Jacobs Award for Excellence

After a slight delay, the 2013 Mel Jacobs Award of Excellence was presented to the Harbor Masters of Maine; the 2014 Mel Jacobs Award of Excellence was presented to Empire City, MC.

2015-17 Budget

Treasurer submitted budget proposal for 2015-17. Expenses of \$1,162.00 are projected including corporate filings with District of Columbia (\$175x2) Payment to USPS for PO Box (\$136x2); Payment for Council's website for two years (\$200); Secretary budget for two years (\$240); and Award for Excellence trophies (\$50x2). Budget projects income of \$550 from proceeds from possible club bar nights (\$500) and sale of AMCC patches (\$50).

The budget projected a loss of \$612 for the period, but did not take into account the generous donation of \$1,000.00 from Centaur MC. (Note 2 in Treasurer's Budget Report presciently noted that, "There may be unforeseen contributions.")

A motion was made to accept the 2015-17 budget. Twilight Guard moved the proposal, Empire City seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Location of the 180th and subsequent meetings

Council asked member clubs to consider submitting proposals to host meetings after the 179th Meeting scheduled for October 2015.

Introduction of new club for membership in AMCC

The Mid-Atlantic Kennel Korps, from the Washington, DC area, was introduced to Council by its sponsors (Long Island Ravens and The Philadelphians MC). A number of Korps members attended the meeting as guests. However, due to a pre-existing scheduling conflict, the Korps is unable to attend the 179th meeting in Maine. Further action will be taken on the application no later than the 180th meeting.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bucks MC thanked Excelsior and Twilight Guard for hosting the meeting; congratulated them on their joint run. Thanked clubs for their support of Bucks' annual Santa Saturday fund-raiser which raised about \$20,000, \$19,000+ of which went to AIDS-related charities.

Centaur MC thanked hosts Twilight Guard and Excelsior. Asked members to remember John Bonage in their thought. Centaur will hold a memorial the first Friday of June 2015. A check for \$1,000 is being presented to Council.

DC Bear Club congratulated the joint hosts on their respective 20th and 40th anniversaries.

Empire City MC thanked Excelsior and Twilight Guard for hosting, and invited member clubs to attend their motorcycle blessing in New York City on June 19, 2015. The following Sunday, the club will be taking part in Folsom Street East.

Excelsior MC thanked the Twilight Guard for co-hosting. Thanks to members who took part in the Master & slave auction the previous night at the Island Breeze. It helped raised approximately \$600 for the club's charity fund..

The Harbor Masters congratulated co-hosts Twilight Guard and Excelsior on their anniversaries and invited member clubs to Sail Away in October where the 179th meeting will be held.

Iron Guard BC thanked Excelsior and Twilight Guard for hosting.

Long Island Ravens offered their congratulations to the co-hosting clubs. Thanks for attending our 23rd anniversary in Ronkonkoma.

Pennsmen thanked the Excelsior and Twilight Guard for hosting the meeting. Join us at our Trailer Trash 5 run and 38th anniversary.

ShipMates commended host clubs for overcoming challenges to putting on run. We are putting on a white water rafting event August 15, 2015.

Twilight Guard thanked Excelsior MC for co-hosting the run. Congratulations to our much, much, much older sister club. Thanks to Centaur MC for the light machine at our cocktail party.

GOOD & WELFARE

DC Bear Club observed that The DC Eagle is open in a new location under new management (way to go, Peter). The Pennsmen noted that the Baltimore Eagle is trying to re-open and asked all to sign a petition to re-open it. Twilight Guard congratulated Empire City MC for the positive profile the club presented in the February 2015 issue of "Out" Magazine, a print and online publication for gay news and information.

The Mid-Atlantic Kennel Korps is holding its first bar night at the DC Eagle, and will hold the first pup & Handler contest over the August 28-30 weekend in Washington, DC.

ADJOURNMENT

Excelsior motioned to adjourn meeting; seconded by Long Island Ravens. The motion passed. The meeting closed at 1:12 pm.

AMCC SANCTIONED CALENDAR (Approved as of 02/14/2015)

JANUARY 2015
15-19

Centaur MC—Mid-Atlantic Leather

FEBRUARY 2015
14

Philadelphians MC—Mr & Ms Philadelphia Leather

(Host of 177th AMCC Meeting)

MARCH 2015
20-22

Long Island Ravens MC—23rd Anniversary
(Murder Mystery Weekend)

APRIL 2015
18

NE Pennsylvania Leathermen—17th Anniversary

MAY 2015
15-17

Excelsior MC (40)/Twilight Guard (20)—Cherry Grove 2040
(Host of the 178th AMCC Meeting)

29-31

Pennsmen—Trailer Trash and Skool Daze

JULY 2015
24-26

Teddy Bear Leather Club

SEPTEMBER 2015
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Iron Guard BC 40th Anniversary in NYC

18-20

Three Rivers Leather Club—Pittsburgh Leather Pride

OCTOBER 2015
16-18

Harbor Masters—33rd Anniversary
(Host, 179th AMCC Meeting)

NOVEMBER 2015
6-8
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COMMAND Mr MD Leather Contest
Bucks MC—Santa Saturday in Asbury Park, NJ

DECEMBER 2015
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Empire City—Tor Drive