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Minutes of the 195th Meeting of the AMCC held online via Zoom on 5/22/21.

President Butch Fenton called the meeting to order at **11:05 AM**.

Roll Call

Present: Bay State Marauders, DC Bear Club, Empire City MC, Excelsior MC, Harbormasters of Portland, Maine, Knight Hawks of Virginia, Long Island Ravens, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, Twilight Guard

Proxies: None

Absent: Bucks MC, Centaur MC, C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC, Mid-Atlantic Uniform League, Pocono Warriors, Potomac MC, ShipMates of Baltimore, Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia, Three Rivers Leather Club

Guests: None

Quorum was established.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Pennsmen moved to accept the minutes of the 194th meeting. Seconded by Empire City MC. In old business, in the events list, the “TRLC” campout in July should be the “TBLC” campout. Under Good and Welfare/Club Announcements, “Knight Hawks” should be two words and their anniversary should be dated March 30. **Motion passed.**

Officer Reports

Secretary: We have not received certifications from four clubs- C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC, the Mid-Atlantic Uniform League (MAUL), the Pocono Warriors and the Three Rivers Leather Club (TRLC). President Butch Fenton and Secretary Jim Schofield both spoke to Mike Natale regarding the TRLC and MAUL. Schofield reported that Natale had informed him that he had been dealing with some personal issues and would submit the certifications, but had not done so as of this date. Fenton will speak with Jose. Paul Rose reported that the noted clubs remain members of the AMCC but have lost the ability to vote and a six month clock begins before they cease to be member clubs.

Schofield requested that everyone review the roster & contact information list when it is sent out with the

minutes and inform him if any errors remain. He further requested that anyone sending him an email include "AMCC" somewhere in the subject line.

Treasurer: Treasurer's report is appended at the end of the minutes. The Award of Excellence trophy was received by Gabriel on behalf of Excelsior MC. Proposed budget, as required by the Articles, is appended at the end of the minutes. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report & proposed budget by Empire City MC, seconded by the Long Island Ravens. Motion passed without further discussion.**

Vice-President: No report.

President: Welcome to new VP Joe Gebbie & Secretary Jim Schofield. Thanked Gebbie for being patient and getting the Zoom meeting set up. Thanked Schofield for taking on the task of revision of the Articles.

Committee Reports

Outreach: No report.

Historian: Still looking for one set of minutes from the 122nd meeting, held in Montreal, Canada in March of 1997. Three deaths within the AMCC Community since the last meeting- Rich Majewski from Excelsior MC, Dustin Shannon from the Pennsmen and Russel Sweeney from the Bay State Marauders.

Webmaster: Mike Conley reported that Sean Campbell has been doing a great job and thanked him. Conley will continue to back him up.

Article Revisions: Jim Schofield reported that the committee had met and compiled a list of recommendations. The full text will be sent in a separate file along with the minutes to the representatives and Presidents/Captains of all clubs, along with a second document detailing the reasons and rationale behind each recommended change. In brief, the committee recommended some typo corrections, with most of the remaining recommended changes focused on how the council and clubs communicate, removing the requirement for physical mail with the exception of elections, for which there was a concern about the confidentiality of ballots (with the inclusion of a provision allowing 80% of the Council to approve electronic voting in an emergency). A vote on the suggested revisions will be held at the next Council meeting.

Old Business

Banners: Butch Fenton's next door neighbor is making a banner, but doesn't think she's up to making 10 (she makes medieval reenactment clothing, Fenton trusts it will be good). Fenton is picking up the cost for the first banner; if more clubs want them there can be a lottery. Gabriel has a lead out of New York, Fenton will get cost information from him. Steven James also has a lead, his mother, that he is thinking of asking, but he is cautious. The Bay State Marauders have a member, Joe M., who also does banners. The question of whether individual clubs could own AMCC banners was raised; the answer was "yes," with clubs that do not have the wherewithal being able to potentially get one through Butch Fenton. Fenton will get measurements. Discussion followed about various fabrics. The measurements of the banner are 28 in X 28 in. There are 3 inches between the top of the fabric and the circle. There are 4.5

inches between the bottom of the fabric and the circle. The diameter of the circle is 22 in. The formula for determining the area of a circle is πr^2 . The area of the circle on the AMCC banner is 380.13 square inches.

2021 Sanction Events: Bucks MC sanction Santa Saturday on 11/27/21. Empire City MC sanction their toy drive on 12/4/21.

196th Meeting: Discussion regarding whether to hold the next meeting in person or via Zoom. Consensus was to hold the next meeting via Zoom. Sean Campbell suggested 11/20/21 as the best date to avoid conflicting with any known existing scheduled events. **Philadelphians MC moved to hold the 196th Council Meeting on Zoom on 11/20/21 at 11:00 AM. Seconded by Empire City MC. Motion passed without further discussion.**

Article Amendment: Discussion of the amendment to the articles proposed by Paul Rose at the 194th meeting to remove all references to SNC 69 from the Articles of Agreement following the club's dissolution (and renumber the articles accordingly). **The Long Island Ravens motioned to approve the amendment. Seconded by Excelsior MC. Motion passed.** Discussion followed about removing God Save the Queen from the AMCC policy document in the absence of any British clubs. **Philadelphians MC motioned to remove God Save the Queen from the AMCC Policy Document. Seconded by the Pennsmen. Motion passed.** Discussion followed about removing the Canadian national anthem in the absence of any Canadian clubs. Consensus was to retain it, since it is more likely that an event will be hosted in Canada or a Canadian club will be attending an event in the US, meaning its presence in the policy document still has some utility.

New Business

Vaccine Requirement: Discussion about possibility of proof of vaccination requirements at future in person events. Consensus was that this was up to individual clubs to decide and that the AMCC has no role to play in this matter.

Zoom Option at Council Meetings: Discussion about having the option of Zoom attendance at subsequent in person council meetings. Jim Schofield and Scott Erickson both gave examples of the difficulties they had encountered in other leather organizations attempting mixed in person/Zoom meetings with poor results. Michael Matles suggested exploring options. Schofield suggested, if an option is found, it be entirely at the discretion of the host club. Sean Campbell pointed out that this may not be needed after 2021, when we will return to meeting in person. Schofield raised a point previously raised by Mike Conley that in person attendance at the council meetings is a benefit for the host club, as it drives attendance at their event. Paul Rose reiterated that Zoom was only intended for use as a stopgap. Joe Gebbie pointed out that even if some members of the club may be uncomfortable meeting in person, there will likely be some people in the club who are going to be more comfortable. Schofield suggested a compromise of, rather than dismissing Maltes's suggestion out of hand, tabling the discussion until the next meeting to allow Matles time to research other options and present his recommendation to the council for consideration and vote. There was no objection to this suggestion.

Article VII: Jim Schofield pointed out that the articles revision committee had been unable to reach a

consensus on interpretation of Article VII with regards to hosting of Zoom meeting. Specifically, the question of whether clubs who were originally scheduled to host a meeting in 2020 or 2021 that was subsequently converted to a Zoom meeting be counted as having hosted that meeting for the purposes of calculations using the Article VII point system. Some committee members believed that since no physical meeting took place and the club could not be said to have “hosted” the meeting in any reasonable way, they should not count as having hosted a meeting for subsequent Article VII calculations. Some committee members believed that since a club requested a meeting on a particular date and that meeting was held on that date, even if the meeting was on Zoom instead of at the club's event, the club should still be counted as hosting it for the purposes of subsequent Article VII calculations. Schofield requested that the council vote to decide the issue and give a clear interpretation before discussing the sanctioned events and meetings of 2022. Discussion followed. **Philadelphians MC moved that all meetings that take place on Zoom not count as being hosted by a club for the purposes of Article VII calculations. Seconded by the Twilight Guard. Motion passed.**

2022 Events:

Pennsmen: Feb 25-27, 45th Anniversary
Long Island Ravens: Mar 18-20, 30th Anniversary
Excelsior MC: May 20-22, Fire Island
Bucks MC: Sept 9-11, 50th Anniversary
Empire City MC: Dec 3, Toy Drive

The Bucks MC, Long Island Ravens and Pennsmen had all submitted requests to host a Council meeting in 2022 corresponding with their above notes sanctioned event requests. None of these requests had been submitted to the VP with the 30 days advanced notice requested by the Articles of Agreement. Discussion followed on when to hold meetings in 2022, how many meetings to hold and whether the Council should call an additional meeting at a club event that would not otherwise get to host. No consensus was reached. Schofield pointed out that the lack of advanced submission prevented the VP from having the opportunity to do the Article VII calculations, and that it might be best to hold off on a decision until more clubs knew what they were doing in 2022, we had a better idea of the pandemic situation and the VP had time to do the necessary research and math. **The Philadelphians MC moved to table a decision about the 2022 AMCC meetings until the next meeting. Seconded by Empire City MC. Motion passed.**

Good & Welfare

Bay State Marauders: Condolences to the Pennsmen & Excelsior MC, thanked all for attendance.

DC Bear Club: Condolences to the Bay State Marauders, Excelsior MC & Pennsmen.

Empire City MC: Condolences. Had many good times with Russel Sweeney in P-Town. Thanked the Board for hosting the meeting.

Excelsior MC: Thanked the Board for hosting. Condolences to the Pennsmen & Bay State Marauders. Thanked the Council for the award, they are proud and humbled.

Harbor Masters of Portland, Maine: Deep sympathies to all three clubs. They also had a loss, David Baker, who will be remembered as a married man who always was attracted to the young single men. Butch Fenton, as President, extended his thanks for all the hard work that everyone has done as both clubs and individuals to keep us all going.

Knight Hawks of Virginia: Condolences to the clubs who lost members and best wishes to the members who may be ill or have had COVID. Three of their members had mild cases and have recovered. Resumed in person bar nights this month, and will be having one next month, including resuming in person meetings at the LGBT Life Center. Hoping for normalcy soon. Their bar, Jay's Tavern, is open and they are lucky and thankful for that.

Long Island Ravens MC: On behalf of the Ravens, Sean Campbell reported they will be hosting an anniversary pool party on July 24th in Huntington, NY.

Pennsmen: Expressed thanks for the sympathies. June 5 having a joint event with the ShipMates at the Woods for First Leather Weekend. Midnight Monday morning Pennsylvania is open for business with no restrictions outside, 75% occupancy restriction inside. Thanked the council for having the meeting. Suggested we hold our first event for a week because we won't be able to let go of each other for a while.

Philadelphians MC: Condolences to Excelsior MC, the Pennsmen and the Bay State Marauders. Thanked the council for hosting the meeting, looking forward to the next one. Have been hosting bar nights on Zoom, in discussion about how to continue, will be making an announcement before the next scheduled bar night on the second Saturday of June. Still hosting meetings on Zoom on the first and third Monday of every month, information posted on Facebook, all are welcome. Looking at how to continue that with the changing situation in Pennsylvania. The Bike Stop is open. The fundraiser went very well, currently doing table service inside and to go service.

Twilight Guard: Condolences to the three clubs who lost members. It's been a hard time for all, looking forward to coming out of the pandemic. Connecticut ahead of the curve and 50% of citizens 12+ are fully vaccinated, about 75% with at least one shot. Thanked the council for hosting the meeting, look forward to seeing everyone in the future.

Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia: On behalf of TBLC, Paul Rose reported that they are holding Tamp Out, their annual tent run, on July 23-25 in Burkeville, VA. \$80 cost for the weekend, information available from Paul Rose or the club President.

Other Business

Historian's Roll of Honor: If any clubs have lost members since the beginning of the pandemic, AMCC Historian Steven James is compiling a roll of honor. He needs the name of the individual, the name of the club and their date of death.

President Butch Fenton adourned the meeting at 12:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schofield
Secretary



AMCC TREASURER'S REPORT
MAY 22, 2021
FOR THE PERIOD 3/20/21 – 5/22/21

Beginning balance	4424.70	as of 3/20/21
	(59.89) #276	5/12/21 to Paul Rose for trophy
	(15.50) #277	5/17/21 to Paul Rose to mail
trophy		
Ending balance	4349.31	as of 5/22/21

Patches on hand 260

Pins on hand 117

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL ROSE (signed)

Treasurer, AMCC

NOTE: Trophy cited is Mel Jacobs Award for Excellence awarded to Excelsior MC at the meeting of March 20, 2021. Refer to meeting minutes.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE AMCC May 22, 2021 – March 31, 2023
as required by the Articles

POSSIBLE INCOME

\$60 from AMCC patch sales
\$30 from anniversary pin sales
\$500 from possible All Club Bar Night
TOTAL - \$590.00

ACTUAL & POSSIBLE EXPENSES

\$80 required biannual filing to DCRA to keep corporation in good standing
\$150 to purchase, engrave, & send for up to 2 Awards for Excellence
\$30 for possible postage expenses of the Secretary
\$100 for possible placement of ads in run booklets by Outreach
\$200 for unanticipated expenses
TOTAL - \$560.00

Net gain of \$30.00 possible from today through March, 2023

Current bank balance - \$4349.31 on 5/22/21

NOTES:

No assessment planned or needed

Web site hosting fee to Blue Host due 12/2023 - \$335.00? (outside budget parameters)

Domain registration courtesy of Centaur MC

COMPULSARY EXPENSES ACTUAL PROJECTED INCOME