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Minutes of the 196th Meeting of the AMCC held via Zoom on 11/20/21.

President Butch Fenton called the meeting to order at **11:02 AM**.

Roll Call

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

Proxies: Pocono Warriors Proxied to Bucks MC

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

Guests: None

Quorum was established.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Long Island Ravens moved to accept the minutes of the 195th meeting. Seconded by Bucks MC. Motion passed without discussion.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Jim Schofield reported that we have not received certifications from C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC, MAUL and the Three Rivers Leather Club. Pursuant to Article III Section F of the Articles of Agreement, all three clubs will be considered to have resigned from the AMCC if the certifications are not received within two days (11/22/21 being six months from the second council meeting of the calendar year, as specified in the aforementioned article). Jim asked any members who have contacts in any of those clubs to reach out to try to avert this. Twilight Guard asked if the impacted clubs had been notified of the situation- the council officers confirmed that the clubs had all been notified by several means.

Jose of the Bucks MC complimented the secretary on the minutes from the previous meeting.

Treasurer: Full report is appended at the end of the minutes. The AMCC has a bank balance of \$4379.31, 250 patches and 117 pins in stock. The Pennsmen have paid for their patch order.

Paul Rose reported that the AMCC has to file a biannual report in DC as a corporation between January 2 and April 15 of 2022 at a cost of \$80. Paul will do this as promptly as possible in January.

The website fee was paid last year to Blue Host. It is next due in 2023. Paul thanked Sean for everything he did to help facilitate this last year.

The amount of \$184.95 is due to Network Solutions by 1/20/22 for five years for the council's internet domain. Paul reported that, in past years, the Centaur MC have been paying that fee for the AMCC. Steve of the Centaur MC indicated that he had spoken with their President and Treasurer and is “99.9% sure” that the Centaurs will vote to continue doing so. Jim S asked if a motion was needed to authorize the Treasurer to make the payment on for the AMCC in case the Centaur MC decided otherwise. Butch confirmed that this was unnecessary and that, if needed, Paul could make the payment on his own authority.

Vice-President: Joe Gebbie reported that he had received three requests to host AMCC meetings in 2022 from the Long Island Ravens, Excelsior MC and the Bucks MC. The Pennsmen had withdrawn their previous request. All requests are at least 60 days apart.

Joe thanked Mike Conley of the Long Island Ravens for not only emailing his request, but also sending it via certified mail to two locations. Mike affirmed that there would be “no more cocktail napkins.”

President: Butch Fenton thanked Joe for setting up the Zoom meeting. He offered condolences to Steven James-Kliwer and to anyone else who has lost someone.

Committee Reports

Outreach: No report.

Historian: Steven James-Kliwer reported that his husband, Michael Kliwer, said hello, and that he is feeling “somewhat human” after a rough 6 weeks with COVID leaving him with lingering heart problems. Steven also reported that MAUL had provided their certification to him via email and that he would forward it to the Secretary.

In his capacity as Historian, Steven is compiling a roll of honor of club members and loved ones lost during the pandemic. Anyone club or individual with such information should reach out to him.

Webmaster: No report.

Article Revisions: Jim reported on the proposed revisions from the committee that had been reviewed at the last meeting and sent via email to each club. **Philadelphians MC motioned to approve the revisions to the Articles of Agreement suggested by the committee. Seconded by the DCBC.** Discussion followed. Butch asked if there were any parts of the proposed revisions that should be voted on separately. Jim opined that the proposals were all non-controversial. Paul affirmed that they are all technical adjustments and bring the Articles in line with current practices. **Motion passed.** Jim thanked

the members of the committee (Paul of the DCBC, Sandy of Twilight Guard and Jose of the Bucks MC) for their service. Butch pointed out that the website would need to be updated and asked that an updated copy of the Articles be distributed after this was done. Jim and Sean will discuss this after the meeting.

Old Business

Banners: Gabriel Rivas of Excelsior MC reached out to a friend (who had previously been stranded out of the country due to the pandemic) who is interested in making banners, but has a lot of work already and won't be able to get to it within the next month. The question arose of how many were needed. Gabriel polled those present to determine which clubs were interested in purchasing a banner. The Harbormasters already have one. DCBC reported that they would check and get back. The Philadelphians MC will check at the next meeting, but would like to know cost first. The Bucks MC are interested, cost permitting. ECMC were unsure. The Bay State Marauders were interested. Twilight Guard already has one. The Pennsmen already have one. The Centaurs already have one. The Long Island Ravens want one, cost dependent. The Knight Hawks will ask their club. Excelsior is interested but may do theirs in leather.

Gabriel went on to point out that the cost will depend on material. His friend cannot work in leather. He suggested an option would be to order a number of patches from Lannoye of the appropriate size (he used the Excelsior MC backpatch as an example), then the patch could be sewed onto another material backing to create a banner. Joe expressed approval for this idea because individual clubs could do whatever they feel like in terms of the banner, but the council must make it known that the patches were not to be put on vests. Sandy of the Twilight Guard specified "no glitter."

Butch reported that his neighbor, who he had been working with as a possible source for banners previously, fell through.

Scott Erickson had a similar idea regarding using patches to make banners and had reached out to the person who makes the Bay State Marauders source and was quoted a price of \$21.95 per patch for 75% embroidered or \$28.95 per patch for fully embroidered at a quantity of 12. The 75% embroidered would have a twill background and 12x12 would be the largest size that she can do. Bay State Marauder Jay M works for TJX and has a sewing machine. He made their banner and says it would not be much to get some twill and make banners and send them off. Gabriel and Joe reported that Excelsior MC backpatches from Lannoye cost \$18 when they order 25-30. Joe suggested holding off on making a motion on the matter until everyone could report back with exact prices. Jim suggested sticking with Lannoye as we already have an established relationship with them. Mark of Empire City MC reported that ECMC is potentially presenting colors to three different bars (Stonewall, Ty's and the New York Eagle) on leather and creating a portable version for parades of colors.

Sandy asked if we want to create a standard size for AMCC banners. Butch asked if size matters. General consensus was that size does matter for *some* things. Sean suggested that we should establish a size standard. Jim disagreed and opined that individual clubs should decide what they want their AMCC banners to look like. Paul raised an objection to the AMCC buying the patches for resale to the clubs, saying that the treasury could be used as a conduit, but that interested clubs should buy send the money to the AMCC first. When asked why, Paul explained his view that this is not an AMCC issue and that the

council should not be responsible for the individual clubs having banners. Scott agreed with Sean and Sandy that the patches should be consistent, pointing out that all banners created so far have been on red backgrounds. He also asked if banners should be returned to the council if a club leaves the AMCC. Sean pointed out that, in such a case, the club would have already paid for the banner. Jose suggested that the matter of banners be referred to a committee. Referencing the possible requirement to return banners after leaving the AMCC, Mark explained the ECMC policy that all members pay for their patches, then when they leave the club they return the patches and get their money back. Jim agreed with Jose's suggestion of a committee, but pointed out that we do not have a consensus on certain issues and requested that the President poll the members present to determine the committee's remit. Butch did so. By general consensus of the clubs present, the banner should have a red background, should be of a standard size, should have no other design individualization, but the material of the banner should be at the discretion of the individual clubs as long as it conformed to all other requirements. Additionally, consensus (following affirmative recommendations from Jim, Jose, Joe and Sean) was that the AMCC should purchase the patches and that clubs should subsequently purchase them from the council, in the same manner that patches are handled currently. However, Butch affirmed that clubs should make a commitment when doing so.

The Banner Committee shall consist of Scott Erickson of the Bay State Marauders, Gabriel Rivas of Excelsior MC and Mike Conley of the Long Island Ravens. Their report is due at the next council meeting.

2021 Events: The events remaining in 2021 are:

Santa Saturday by the Bucks MC on Saturday, 11/27/21 in Asbury Park, NJ

Trim-a-Tree by Excelsior MC on Friday 12/3/21 at the New York Eagle

Toys for Tot's Toy Drive by Empire City MC on Saturday 12/4/21 the Stonewall Inn

Daddy Christmas by the ShipMates of Baltimore on Saturday 12/4/21 at the Baltimore Eagle

Santa Saturday, Trim-a-Tree and the ECMC Toy Drive would all require proof of vaccination. Daddy Christmas will not require proof of vaccination, but there will be a temperature check at the door and masks will be mandatory.

New Business

2022 Council Meetings: The 2022 meetings of the AMCC will be:

197th Meeting: Long Island Ravens Anniversary Run, March 18-20

198th Meeting: Excelsior MC Fire Island Run, May 21-23

199th Meeting: Bucks MC 50th Anniversary Run, September 9-11

2022 Sanctioned Events: The sanctioned events for 2022 will be:

Centaur MC: MAL, January 14-17

Long Island Ravens: Anniversary Run, March 18-20

Excelsior MC: Fire Island Run, May 21-23

Bucks MC: 50th Anniversary Run, September 9-11 (Held in Rehoboth Beach, DE at the Sands Hotel)
Empire City MC: Holiday Party, December 3
ShipMates of Baltimore: Holiday Party, December 3

Additionally, Paul reported that TBLC will be holding their annual campout on July 29-31. The Bucks MC clarified that they are still holding Santa Saturday on 11/26/22, but that they are using their sanction for 2022 for their 50th Anniversary Run.

Additional Meeting in 2022: Butch raised the question of whether we want to schedule another meeting in December 2022 since the 199th meeting is in September and this may be too early, given that the last meeting of the year is also for election nominations and sanctions. Discussion followed. Issues raised included that the individuals and clubs would have adequate time to prepare for nominations and sanctions since they know the schedule of council meetings almost a year ahead of time and that the 200th meeting should be something special with time to prepare. The Pennsmen expressed particular interest in hosting the 200th meeting in 2023, as they will be requesting a meeting for their 46th anniversary run early that year after withdrawing their request for 2022. General consensus was not to call an additional meeting in 2022.

Good & Welfare

Bay State Marauders: Thanked everyone for coming, gave a shoutout to the Centaur MC for their generosity and offered condolences to Steven on the passing of his father.

Bucks MC: Santa Saturday is next Saturday. Also welcomes everyone to come to Rehoboth for their run in 2022; they haven't hosted an AMCC meeting since the early '90s. It will be held at the LGBT Center.

Centaur MC: Good to see everyone. Condolences to Steve. Hopes to see some people at MAL.

DC Bear Club: The club has no announcements. They probably won't be holding their Bears on Ice event in February. Paul took the opportunity to ask the Long Island Ravens and Excelsior MC about how registration would be up for their runs. The Ravens will put it online and will also mail it out to clubs as usual. Excelsior MC will put it online via their website and will also notify people via email, phone and passenger pigeon.

Empire City MC: Having their Toys for Tots Holiday Party on Saturday 12/4, after Excelsior's event on 12/3. The price has been reduced to \$10, and if people can't bring a gift they can donate an additional \$10. Tickets will be sold at the door to try to be accommodating in case last minute changes with the COVID situation require a change. There will be a surprise drag queen co-host of the silent auction. It's going to be a nice time in a historic place. Hopes to see as many people as possible. NYC bars have a vaccine requirement. Paul asked about capacity control. There is a limit for the bar as a whole, but not specifically for the upstairs. Masks are optional. There are phone apps that allow people from any state to enter their information and which are acceptable in NYC, including Excelsior Pass, for any who do not want to carry the physical card.

Excelsior MC: Thanked the Board for hosting the meeting. Offered condolences for any who have lost loved ones, Steven in particular. Friday December 3 is the annual Trim-a-Tree event at the NY Eagle. Proof of vaccination will be required at the doors. \$10 charge to enter, an additional \$10 to participate in the raffle. The event will be simulcast via Zoom. Special acts & guests will be showing up.

Harbor Masters of Portland, Maine: Wishes everyone a safer time in the upcoming holiday season. Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible during upcoming events. Thanked everyone for keeping their clubs together and strong.

Long Island Ravens MC: Great to see all the faces and hear all the laughter in this time of grim realities. Associate George Santos has been taking care of Steve Brief who some may know from leather club & biking histories; he is in hospice and on his last legs, asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts. Looking forward to hosting the first in person run of 2022. Will have all information out as soon as possible.

Pennsmen: Thanked everyone for the condolences, still very hurt. December 4 the Pennsmen are having their annual Christmas party at the Brownstone. They are providing food and it is open to everyone. Steven also said that he had reached out to all the clubs who had not sent in their certifications and that they should be in Jim's email now (Jim confirmed that this was so). Looking forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events, including MAL. Additionally, Steven James-Kliwer is getting his social security card with his changed name today.

Philadelphians MC: Echoed condolences to Steven. Thanked the council for hosting the meeting, looking forward to getting back to in person meetings. Philadelphians regular business meetings are the first and third Mondays of every month on Zoom. Details are available through their Facebook group or by reaching out to Jim directly. In person bar nights are at the Bike Stop on the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 PM. Working on events for 2022, 2023 & 2024, and will keep the council updated with information. Looking forward to seeing everyone at their events and at Philadelphians events.

ShipMates Club of Baltimore: Thanked the AMCC Board for hosting the meeting. Hearts go out to anyone who has lost someone in the last 2 years. Daddy Christmas is on Saturday December 4 at 9:00 PM at the Baltimore Eagle. Meetings are in person at Leon's and on Zoom every second Sunday at 5:00 PM.

Twilight Guard: Thanked the board for setting up the meeting. Condolences to those who have lost club brothers, club sisters and family during the past year.

Other Business

Documentary: Scott was contacted by the Leather Archives and put in touch with documentary filmmaker Adam Baran, who is doing a documentary on former AMCC club 9+. Looking for anyone with memories of 9+ to help. He has done a documentary of cruising spots of the World Trade Center which was very good. He is considering doing his next documentary on leather clubs in general. Scott will send his info out to the council when it is available. Mark reported that Baran came to the EMMC Anniversary Dinner and subsequently spent ten hours interviewing Mark himself as a former officer of 9+. Baran also

has a film on Netflix, "Circus of Books," in which he interviewed a straight couple about their pornographic book store in San Francisco.

Victor Skolnik: Victor Skolnik had not been doing well due to diabetes, but it doing better now. He is still in the hospital and can be reached by mail at:

Alaris Health @ Kearny
206 Bergen Ave
Kearney, NJ 07032
c/o Victor Skolnik
Room 434B

President Butch Fenton adourned the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schofield
Secretary

**AMCC TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 20, 2021
FOR THE PERIOD 5/23/21 – 11/20/21**

Beginning balance	4349.31	as of 5/23/21	
Deposit	30.00	Pennsmen for 10 patches	7/7/21
Ending balance	4379.31	as of 11/20/21	

Patches on hand 250
Pins on hand 117

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL ROSE (signed)

Treasurer, AMCC