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Minutes of the 197th Meeting of the AMCC held at Long Island on 3/19/22, hosted by the Long Island Ravens.

President Butch Fenton called the meeting to order at **12:07 PM**.

Roll Call

Present: Centaur MC, C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC, DC Bear Club, Empire City MC, Excelsior MC, Harbor Masters of Portland Maine, Long Island Ravens MC, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, Twilight Guard

Proxies: Bucks MC to the Philadelphians MC, Pocono Warriors to Excelsior MC

Absent: Bay State Marauders, Knight Hawks of Virginia, Mid-Atlantic Uniform League, Potomac MC, ShipMates Club of Baltimore, Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia, Three Rivers Leather Club

Guests: None

Quorum was established.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Twilight Guard moved to accept the minutes of the 196th meeting. Seconded by the Long Island Ravens. Motion passed without discussion.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Jim Schofield of the Philadelphians MC reported that he has not yet received the 2022 annual certifications from C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC, the Harbor Masters, the Mid-Atlantic Uniform League, the Pocono Warriors, Potomac MC, the ShipMates and the Three Rivers Leather Club. Jim asked that any clubs present provide the certification to him in writing during or after the meeting. A reminder would also go out when he sends out the minutes.

Treasurer: Full report is appended at the end of the minutes. Paul Rose of the DC Bear Club reported that the AMCC began with \$4379.31 as of the last meeting and has spent \$80.00 since then for to register our corporation in DC for another two years, resulting in a current balance of \$4299.31. There have been no changes in the inventory of patches and pins. **Butch called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. So moved by the Philadelphians MC, seconded by the Centaur MC. Motion passed without further discussion.**

The domain name is not up for renewal again until 2027. The Centaur MC paid for the domain registration. They have been sent a “thank you” note and Paul also thanked them again in the meeting.

Vice-President: Joe Gebbie of Excelsior MC reported that there had been no requests for meetings or sanctioned events since the last meeting. Clubs should email him if they have anything.

President: Butch Fenton of the Harbor Masters thanked everyone for making it. It's very, very, very nice to see everyone in person instead of as an image on a screen. He thanked everyone for the effort to make it. The Ravens are surely happy to see us here and it's very nice to be back.

Committee Reports

Outreach: Joe Gebbie had no report. Mike Conley of the Long Island Ravens reported that there are tentative plans for the summer between the Ravens and Empire City MC to potentially do a ride (with non-riders able to attend by car). The newest Ravens pledge has a home in Southampton where he is willing to host participants for a barbecue and for some to stay over. This is still tentative, but they hope to nail down details within the next month.

Historian: Steven James-Kliwer of the Pennsmen reported that the recent minutes that he thought had been saved to his computer are now missing- specifically everything from January 2013 to the present. He asked that anyone who has digital copies of minutes from this time period to send them to him. Jim and Paul both committed to send Steven copies of the minutes in their files.

Webmaster: Sandy Steever of the Twilight Guard reported that Sean Campbell has been doing the website, but has not been able to focus as well lately given his current medical condition. Sandy suggested that it would be prudent for the Council to have someone else on this task. Mike Conley volunteered to take this back on. Paul expressed a willingness to help with the Articles update. Jim reported that he had already been working with Sean on updating the Articles on the website in late December/early January and that they were mostly complete with only a few updates still needed. Jim committed to email the details to Mike Conley.

Old Business

Banners: Steven reported no news initially, but brought his banner with him to share. Butch also brought a banner that had been completed by his next door neighbor. Both banners were visually similar, though Butch's was of a heavier cloth. Butch offered it for free to any club that wanted it. Butch reported that Scott Erickson of the Bay State Marauders has more news on the banner that he will bring to the meeting at Fire Island. Gabriel Rivas of Excelsior MC asked for the dimensions of the banner. No tools were available to provide a precise measurement, but the consensus was that the banners were about 2.5 feet by 2.5 feet, but not quite square. Steven's banner was bigger, but Butch's had more girth. The predictable size and girth jokes ensued. Gabriel reported that he had received a note from Scott- based on 12 pieces, he quoted a price of \$21.95 per patch for a total of \$263.40. The banners had a four inch space all around, probably, about 2 feet by 2 feet on red twill. This would require 9 yards of fabric at \$10 per yard for high end twill, resulting in another \$90 to the total price. He also priced plastic cases for the banners at \$15 each for a total of \$180. Altogether this would result in a total of \$534, or about \$45 per club. The banners would allow for hemming and a loop at the top. Scott has experience with the banners

from the Boston Eagle. The Centaur MC banner was the least damaged by time, and was on a backing of sturdy blue twill. Jay Menick of the Bay State Marauders would do the sewing. Lannoye would have a cheaper price per patch, but would require the purchase of 30 patches.

Butch requested a motion to continue discussion. So moved by the DC Bear Club, seconded by the Philadelphians MC. Discussion resumed. Paul expressed that on pages 3 and 4 of the minutes from the prior meeting, the discussion on the banners was recorded and “very definite decisions were made,” including that we would be going with Lannoye to make patches. Gabriel pointed out that at the previous meeting the decision was made for the matter to be discussed by the committee and that there would be no point to having a committee if all decisions had already been made. Joe referenced the previous minutes, pointing out that the matter was referred to a committee of Scott, Gabriel and Mike with instructions to report at this meeting, and expressing that this clearly indicated that the matter had not been decided. Jim clarified from the minutes that it had been Joe's suggestion at the previous meeting not to make a decision or motion on the matter until a report was returned with exact prices, and that the specific remit of the committee included that the banner should have a red background, should be of a standard size, should have no other design individualization and that the material of the banner should be at the discretion of the individual clubs as long as it conformed to all other requirements. No further decisions were made at the prior meeting.

Jo Ann Wadsworth of the Philadelphians MC pointed out that we can get a digitally printed banner, which would be far cheaper than having a patch made. Butch asked how such a banner would wear over time. Mike stated that it will last as long as the other style of banner if taken care of and not left in the sun. Jo Ann explained that the ink is bound to the nylon and also stated that these would last as long as the patch banners. Gabriel asked about the price. Jo Ann offered to check with her source. Gabriel pointed out that we would be making these in very small numbers, which could impact pricing. Jo Ann replied that this wouldn't matter since they are being printed digitally. Gabriel suggested that she get a quote. Jo Ann explained that she would need to send a digital image of the patch. Mike committed to send such an image to her. Jo Ann will report at the next Council meeting along with Steven and Scott. Gabriel pointed out that we have to consider how many clubs would want or need banners. There are currently 19 clubs in the AMCC- 2 or 3 have banners already, and Excelsior have their own. He opined that this decision shouldn't be a year long project.

New Business

Upcoming AMCC Meetings: The 198th Meeting will be at the Excelsior MC Fire Island Run on Saturday May 21, 2022. The theme of the run is “Return to Uranus,” following up on the prior theme in the recent past of “Mars needs woman, but Uranus needs men.”

The 199th meeting will be at the Bucks MC 50th Anniversary Run. Jim delivered a message from the Bucks MC indicating that the run is being relocated away from Rehoboth Beach. Discussion about the new location is still ongoing and all will be informed by the Bucks MC when a final decision has been reached.

The 200th meeting will be at the Pennsmen anniversary run. Steven reported that they are still working on a date, but that the desired weekend is the last weekend of February 2023. They are working with a

couple of hotels. They used to do their run at the Radisson Penn Harris. The new general manager of that hotel is a leatherman and a personal friend of Steven. He asked Steven and the Pennsmen to ignore the current web comments about the hotel, as it is currently being remodeled, which hopefully will be done in time. Steven and the Pennsmen will get word to everyone as soon as a date is confirmed, but in any case it will be in late February or early March of 2023.

2022 Sanctioned Events:

May: Excelsior MC Fire Island Run, May 20-22

September: Bucks MC 50th Anniversary Run, September 9-11, Location TBD

November: C.O.M.M.A.N.D was uncertain of the date for the Mr. Maryland Leather contest and will check back.

December: Empire City MC Toy Drive, December 3

2022 Unsanctioned Events: TBLC is planning a campout for July 29-31. The Bucks MC will be hosting Santa Saturday on 11/26. Excelsior MC will be holding Trim-a-Tree on Friday 12/2.

Upcoming Council Obligations: Butch asked if the web server would need to be renewed in 2023, based on information he had from Sean. Paul replied that he thought it was 2024, but would check. Paul confirmed that the next corporate filing wasn't due until 2024.

Ad Hoc Committee to Co-Ordinate the Celebration of the 200th Meeting: Butch confirmed that he, Joe, Paul, Jim and Steven are currently on the committee. He asked for additional volunteers to join. No additional volunteers presented themselves. Steven was appointed as chair. Butch has asked him to make a list of the historical member clubs and all AMCC Presidents. Steven reported that the President list was easier. They were all on a sheet through 1995, and he had his own records indicating all of them from 1997 onwards, so he only needed info from 1995-1997. Going through historical boxes, he found historical membership documents through 1995 and will update that with info from subsequent minutes. The AMCC has had 24 Presidents and a decent amount of member clubs. Steven asked everyone to look out for any info he is missing. Butch will also ask Scott to join, and asked Steven to look for colors for all historical AMCC clubs. Jim asked Steven to send him the info he has currently, so it can be included with the minutes when they are being sent out to all clubs. Jim will ask all clubs to review the information and provide any additional details they can to Steven.

Additional Banners Discussion: Gabriel reported that he received a message from Scott. His source for patches is Maggie. The 12 inch patches would be \$21.95 each. Jo Ann confirmed that she will get quotes for the digitally printed banners. Butch suggested that a report be made at the next meeting. Paul suggested that three proposals be made at the next meeting, including Lannoye, and that a decision be made at that time. Gabriel has Lannoye's information, but pointed out that any order from them would require a purchase of 25 or more and would be impractical. Jo Ann asked how many banners she should get a quote for. Consensus was to get a quote for 12.

Good & Welfare

Bucks MC: Jim relayed the message that they are moving the location of their 50th Anniversary Run in September and that they will update us when they have more details. They also sent regrets that they were unable to attend this meeting.

Centaur MC: Thanked the Ravens for hosting at a difficult time. They did MAL this year, it was a difficult decision to make but the thousands of people who attended, almost to a person, thanked them profusely. They did not have a single case of COVID among the attendees or staff, which was great. Still a difficult event to pull off with a substantially reduced crowd, but despite that presented the AMCC with a \$500 donation for the treasury.

DC Bear Club: Thanked the Ravens for the weekend, and suggested that Empire City MC's rep introduce himself as their new President.

Empire City MC: Eric Ross introduced himself as the new President of ECMC. He thanked the Ravens for making the event wonderful, and opined that the two clubs should do more together, as they are so close.

Excelsior MC: Thanked the Ravens for hosting and congratulated them on their 30th Anniversary. Congratulated the Centaurs for their gumption in holding MAL. Invited everyone to come to Fire Island. Currently the Grove Hotel is the only hotel not filled up. Using the code "leather 22" will get a significant discount. Excelsior MC's former President Victor Skolnik is unwell. He has had a stroke; he is out of the hospital but is in hospice care.

Harbor Masters of Portland, Maine: Echoed thanks for the Long Island Ravens and the Centaurs for their bravery in hosting events and thanked them a lot, missed everyone so much.

Long Island Ravens MC: Thanked the Centaurs and noted that the Ravens had been watching the Centaurs event prior to holding their own, and were glad it wasn't a super-spreader. Thanked the attendees for coming and are glad to be back to normal. We have a nice dinner and night ahead.

Pennsmen: Congratulated the Ravens on their 30th Anniversary and thanked them for hosting. It is nice to see everyone face to face.

Philadelphians MC: Thanked the Ravens for hosting the event. Also grateful to see everyone face to face again. They are still continuing to do their meetings on the first and third Monday of every month on Zoom; information is on Facebook, anyone who would like to join is always welcome. Looking to start up in person bar nights in April at the Bike Stop, on the second Saturday of every month. Tentatively working with Michael Jeavons of Excelsior MC regarding a broader attendance at the April bar night, so an announcement on that would be forthcoming. Tentatively looking at doing an event in the summer of 2023, with more details available at the Fire Island council meeting. Tentatively looking at bringing back Tri-Cen over New Year's of 2023-2024 for the Philadelphians MC 50th Anniversary. Still very tentative, but looking at requesting to host the AMCC meeting for that event. Hopefully will have more details at

the next meeting and looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Pocono Warriors: Gabriel relayed from them six foot hugs because James is getting over COVID and doesn't want to spread it around.

Twilight Guard: Congratulated the Long Island Ravens on their anniversary and thanked them for hosting the meeting. Thanked all who expressed concern about their member Sean, who would love to hear from everyone, but can't in person.

DCBC moved to adjourn. President Butch Fenton adjourned the meeting at 1:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schofield
Secretary

**AMCC TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 19, 2022
FOR THE PERIOD 11/21/21 – 3/19/22**

Beginning balance	4379.31	as of 11/21/21
	(80.00)	#278 for biannual report to
DC		
Ending balance	4299.31	as of 3/19/22

Patches on hand	250
Pins on hand	117

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL ROSE (signed)

Treasurer, AMCC