

# ATLANTIC MOTORCYCLE COORDINATING COUNCIL c/o 6101 Edsall Road, #508 Alexandria, VA 22304 Email: amcc.main@gmail.com Website: www.amcc76.org

# Minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AMCC held at Fire Island on 5/21/22, hosted by Excelsior MC.

President Butch Fenton-Snell called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

## <u>Roll Call</u>

**Present:** Bay State Marauders, 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, Mid-Atlantic Uniform League, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, Twilight Guard

**Proxies:** Bucks MC to the Philadelphians MC, Pocono Warriors to Excelsior MC, Shipmates Club of Baltimore to Centaur MC

Absent: Knight Hawks of Virginia, Potomac MC, Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia, Three Rivers Leather Club

Guests: John Douglas (Pledge of the Long Island Ravens)

Quorum was established.

## **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Centaur MC moved to accept the minutes of the 197<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Twilight Guard. Motion passed.

## **Officer Reports**

**Secretary:** Jim Schofield of the Philadelphians MC reported that we have received the 2022 certifications from all clubs. He will be reaching out to certain clubs between now and the next meeting who have not attended a meeting in person during the current two year cycle since the last biennial election of officers to notify them that they are at risk of losing voting status as specified in Article VI, Section F of the Articles of Agreement including the Pocono Warriors, Potomac MC, TBLC of Virginia and the Three Rivers Leather Club.

**Treasurer:** Full report is appended at the end of the minutes. Paul Rose of the DC Bear Club reported that we began with \$4299.31 as of the last meeting. There was a \$500.00 donation from the Centaur MC at the last meeting, for which Paul offered thanks, and there were \$6.00 in sales of one pin and one patch. This results in a new total of \$4805.31. Patch and pin inventories have been reduced by one each since

the last meeting. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by the Philadelphians MC, seconded by the Harbor Masters. Motion passed without further discussion.

**Vice-President:** Joe Gebbie of Excelsior MC reported that he had received no emails for new events. Anyone who wishes to get new events on the calendar should email the VP.

**President:** Butch Fenton-Snell of the Harbor Masters thanked all for their hard work and continued support of all the different events and for braving long treks, bus, ferry and train rides to get here.

# **Committee Reports**

Outreach: No Report

**Historian:** Steven James-Kliewer of the Pennsmen reported that his electronic copies of all minutes for the last seven years have disappeared. Scott Erickson of the Bay State Marauders has electronic copies of all AMCC minutes since the Bay State Marauders joined the Council and will send them to Steven. Steven is also missing the minutes of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.

**Webmaster:** Jim noted that most of the by-law changes passed last year have been updated on the website, but not all. He has communicated the ones that still need to be updated to Michael Conley of the Long Island Ravens so hopefully they will be up there soon. Specifically, SNC 69 in London no longer exists and annual certifications no longer have to be sent in specifically by the club President or Captain-they can be delegated to another responsible club member.

## Old Business

AMCC Banner: Steven had nothing new to report. Gabriel Rivas of Excelsior MC noted that he had no additions to the report he gave at the last meeting. Scott reported that the banner he had previously presented has been created- the Bay State Marauders had one made for themselves. Scott proceeded to resign from the Banner Committee. Jo Ann Wadsworth of the Philadelphians MC presented a sample of a digitally printed banner. The version of the banner that she presented had three tabs, which she noted could be replaced with a solid sleeve, which she recommended. She also noted that it had a purple border, which could be omitted from subsequent versions, which she also recommended. Discussion followed on whether the border was in fact purple, or if it was more of a burgundy. No conclusion was reached on that question. Jo Ann reported that a dozen of these banners could be purchased at a cost of \$30 each, with lower prices if more were printed. Butch asked Scott for the pricing on his version of the banner. Scott replied that the pricing would have been \$45 each with a holder or \$35 each without a holder, but noted that the point was now moot as the time to order those banners would have been at the last meeting. Philadelphians MC moved to order twelve digitally printed banners from Jo Ann's supplier. Seconded by Twilight Guard. Discussion followed. Jim noted that we should follow Jo Ann's suggestion to remove the three tabs in favor of a solid sleeve and the "purple" border. There were no objections to this change and no other changes were offered. Motion passed. Butch thanked god. Jo Ann will order the banners and Paul will cut her a check from the Council to reimburse her. Butch thanked Jo Ann for her efforts.

#### <u>New Business</u> Sanctioned Events 2022-2023:

September: Bucks MC 50th Anniversary Run, September 9-11, Clifton Pleasure Club, Baltimore, MD

- **December**: Empire City MC Toy Drive, December 2, Stonewall Inn, New York City, NY Excelsior MC Trim-a-Tree, December 3, NY Eagle, New York City, NY
- **February**: Pennsmen 45+1 Anniversary Run, February 24-26, Crown Plaza, Harrisburg, PA Bay State Marauders 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, February 25, Provincetown, MA

C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC noted that they are having venue issues for their Mr. Maryland Leather event, and that the dates have not been specified yet.

**200<sup>th</sup> Meeting Committee:** Scott is working to come up with histories of all clubs that have ever been a part of the AMCC (a total of 60 member clubs over its existence). Some are good from their websites. More is needed for the DCBC and MAUL, including a higher resolution copy of MAUL's club colors. He has nothing for Potomac MC. Has figured out fonts for the AMCC patch. They are still deciding how this will be presented, whether in a physical book or electronically. They are also compiling histories of meeting dates and hosts. They have a history of the Torrid Tuber and the 1976 Bicentennial AMCC run. They are still compiling and the book will be with Scott if anyone wants to review it. Steven has also been working with Scott to fill in the gaps. They would like to do a virtual meeting with the committee within the next month. Butch hopes that the book can be digitized and projected as a presentation. Scott replied that this is possible, but noted that he is unsure what the setup will be for the meeting itself.

#### **Other Business**

Boston Eagle Closure: Scott reported that the Boston Eagle had closed, but that he was able to retrieve all the banners from the bar. Two clubs, the Philadelphians MC and the Centaur MC, wanted their colors returned; Scott returned them at this time. He also retrieved all meeting minutes and correspondence from former AMCC President Joe Lang. Scott has compiled a history of all the banners that had been there. Banners that were not being returned to their clubs had been sent to the Leather Archives, the Boston Historical Project and the Carter-Johnson Leather Library. Excelsior MC, the Philadelphians MC, the Centaur MC and the Harbor Masters were presented with histories of their banners. Scott also has such histories for the banners of the Vikings and Entre-Nous. AMCC files and histories of the Leather Davids and posters were all provided to Steven. Additionally, the Northeast Leather Alliance has closed and they have a ridiculous amount of product left; Scott handed out leather pride flags to all in attendance. Scott noted that Joe Lang is wheelchair bound since November 2019 and lives above what had been the Boston Eagle. Butch asked what Scott will now do in his spare time. Scott replied that he has more to do than he has time for. NELA was 30 years old, one of the longest running pansexual organizations in the country. They put on the Fetish Fair Flea Market, which had about 3000 attendees annually, with a second event of around 800-1000 attendees. NELA ran 24/7/365. The annual NELA email dump was between 4000-5000 emails, with a lawyer retainer on speed dial (he noted that the Centaurs know how this feels). They got the job done. Scott will be quite busy for another year and a half compiling the relevant histories, plus helping out with the 200<sup>th</sup> meeting committee and restoring his home.

**Outreach- Harness Albany:** Sandy Steever of the Twilight Guard reported on Harness Albany, a group of people who were attending the event and doing club-like things, maybe moving in that direction. Sandy has spoken with them and they are trying to get organized; he suggested that the Outreach Committee may want to contact them. Scott noted that he has been in communication with them for years and has offered to help them formalize as a club. Sandy noted that we don't want to interfere in their natural development. Michael Kliewer of C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC added that we shouldn't cross the Prime Directive. Butch asked if they had a home bar; Sandy replied that they were having bar nights but didn't seem to have a home bar. Butch asked if there were any former S.T.A.R.S. or Orangemen in their organization. Consensus was that there were not. Scott was unfamiliar with the Orangemen, and Paul noted that they were never an AMCC club, while Butch noted that the AMCC once kidnapped one of them.

**TBLC Campout Run:** Paul reported that TBLC of Virginia would be doing their campout run as a nonsanctioned event. It is an old-fashioned tent run from July 29-31 2022. TBLC currently has very low membership. He noted that if anyone has ideas for recruitment in Central Virginia, they should let TBLC know. He also noted that they had discontinued their website in favor of a Facebook group.

#### Good & Welfare

Bay State Marauders: Thanked Excelsior MC for hosting.

**Bucks MC:** On behalf of the Bucks MC, the Philadelphians MC reported that they will be hosting the next AMCC meeting at their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting at the Clifton Pleasure Club in Baltimore. Tentative schedule includes a meet & greet and cash bar on Friday, eye openers and various kink classes Saturday morning, a banquet and awards on Saturday evening and farewells on Sunday. They do not have hotel information yet but will be providing it shortly, at which point they will be sending formal letters and fliers to every club. Address for the club is 2803 Grindon Ave, Baltimore, MD 21214. They will still be doing Santa Saturday in addition to this run.

**Centaur MC:** Thanked Excelsior MC for hosting and noted that it is nice to see people in person. Centaur MC has not yet voted on holding MAL, which is why they have not asked for it to be sanctioned; hopefully they will have some news soon.

**C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC:** Thanked Excelsior MC for hosting and asked them to hold off on the rain next time. Paul noted that it doesn't rain on Fire Island, it is heavy dew. It was also suggested that it was just a dense fog, or a watersports scene that some just didn't get.

DC Bear Club: Congratulated and thanked Excelsior MC for a marvelous weekend as always.

**Empire City MC:** "We love you guys." Thanked Excelsior, noted that ECMC love being invited to their events and love them coming to ECMC events.

**Excelsior MC:** Thanked the AMCC for choosing them as hosts. Thanked all clubs, members and friends, noting that Excelsior MC couldn't do it without them. They noted that rain is part of the club

tradition. Next year the run will be May 19-21, 2023, always the weekend before Memorial Day weekend. This will be their 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, same place, less clothing (they noted that this was a request, NOT the official theme of next year's run).

**Harbor Masters of Portland, Maine:** Thanked Excelsior MC for hosting. Noted that they are having a nice weekend and are glad to be back to Uranus.

**Long Island Ravens MC:** Thanked Excelsior for a wonderful event. Their Hillside Run is coming up the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of August. They are planning a pool party on July 19<sup>th</sup> in Southampton, potentially including a ride through the Hamptons if anyone wants to join.

**Mid-Atlantic Uniform League:** They are happy to be here and thanked Excelsior for hosting. They noted that is it nice to be back to normal. They are hosting their Roseland event the second weekend in August in West Virginia and all are very welcome to join.

**Pennsmen:** Thanked Excelsior for a lovely weekend, noting that it's nice to be back at Fire Island. They are quickly moving forward with plans for their run next year. The venue has nice rooms for educational demos. Noted that some are used to a Pennsman run including being drunk from 10 AM to midnight; there might not be so much drinking this time. Looking forward to hosting Empire City MC this coming Thursday and Monday as they travel through Harrisburg to Pittsburgh and back.

**Philadelphians MC:** Thanked Excelsior for hosting this wonderful event. One the first weekend of June, which is Pride in the city of Philadelphia, on the night of Saturday June 4 they will be hosting a gear and dance party at the Bike Stop with a theme of "Kink at Pride," 9 PM to 2 AM. They will also be marching with the Pride March the following day. They are hosting monthly bar nights on the second Saturday of every month at the Bike Stop 8 PM to Midnight, everyone is always welcome. Currently doing meetings on Zoom on the first and third Monday of every month; open session starts at 8 PM, with Zoom information posted on Facebook (or they can be reached directly for the link) and everyone is always welcome to join. Most importantly they are bringing back Tri-Cen for the New Years Weekend 2023-2024, 12/29/23-1/1/24. It's a little early to put in for a sanction, but they are hoping to host the Council meeting at that time. They're very excited to bring back Tri-Cen as a traditional New Years Run.

**Pocono Warriors:** On behalf of the Pocono Warriors, Excelsior MC wished Excelsior MC a successful run. Jim asked if the Pocono Warriors said that; Gabriel clarified that they meant it, or at least thought about it, then admitted that he was reading into what they sent.

**ShipMates Club of Baltimore:** On behalf of the ShipMates, Centaur MC reported that Rodney sent along his congratulations and apologies that they couldn't attend.

**Twilight Guard:** Congratulated Excelsior on its 47<sup>th</sup> year and thanked them for a splendid run and for hosting the meeting.

# **Other Business**

**Personal Visitation:** Jo Ann stated that she would stopping to see Sean Campbell of the Twilight Guard on her way back home from the run and asked that if anyone had messages to pass on that they give them to her.

# President Butch Fenton-Snell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schofield Secretary



# AMCC TREASURER'S REPORT MAY 21, 2022 FOR THE PERIOD 3/20/22-

5/21/22

Beginning balance	4299.31	as of 3/20/22
	500.00	contribution from Centaur MC
3/21		
	6.00	sales 4/13
Ending balance	4805.31	as of 5/21/22
Patches on hand 249		
Pins on hand 116		
Respectfully submitted,		

PAUL ROSE (signed)

Treasurer, AMCC