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**Minutes of the 199<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AMCC held at Baltimore, MD on 9/10/22, hosted by the Bucks MC.**

**Vice-President Joe Gebbie** called the meeting to order at **12:05 PM**.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Bucks MC, C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC, DC Bear Club, Excelsior MC, Knight Hawks of Virginia, Pennsmen, Philadelphians MC, Pocono Warriors, Potomac MC, ShipMates Club of Baltimore, Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia, Three Rivers Leather Club

**Proxies:** Bay State Marauders proxy to the Pennsmen; Centaur MC proxy to the ShipMates; Empire City MC proxy to the DC Bear Club; Long Island Ravens proxy to the Philadelphians MC

**Absent:** Harbor Masters of Portland Maine, Mid-Atlantic Uniform League, Twilight Guard

**Guests:** Adam Baran (Guest of DCBC)

**Quorum was established.**

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Potomac MC moved to accept the minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Three Rivers Leather Club. Motion passed.**

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary:** Jim Schofield reported that, with the attendance for today's meeting taken into account, all clubs have attended at least one meeting in the current biennial cycle, meaning no one is losing voting status. We have also received the annual certifications from all clubs. All clubs are in good standing.

**Treasurer:** Paul Rose handed out copies of the Treasurer's report [full report appended at the end of the minutes]. Current balance is \$4835.31 after a \$30.00 purchase from the Knight Hawks of Virginia of 10 patches. There are 239 patches and 116 pins on hand. Philadelphians MC motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by C.O.M.M.A.N.D. Motion passed. Paul also took the opportunity to distribute an informational flier on monkey pox, noted that vaccinations were now being given subcutaneously.

**Vice-President:** Joe Gebbie had no report for the Vice-Presidency. On behalf of Butch Fenton-Snell, Joe expressed Butch's apologies for being unable to attend, as he had something personal to do. He sends his love to everybody and hopes to see them soon.

### **Committee Reports**

**Outreach:** Joe Gebbie reported that nothing is going on.

**Historian:** Steven James-Kliewer reported on the recent passing of Larry Baumgartner of the ShipMates on August 26 in Florida.

Steven is working with Scott Erickson of the Bay State Marauders and will have a further report under new business.

Anyone who has copies of old minutes are asked to send them to Steven, he will sort through them to determine which he has and doesn't.

**Webmaster:** Jim Schofield reported on behalf of Mike Conley that the amendments to the Articles of Agreement that were approved in previous meetings have been added to the website, so the version of the Articles on the website's documents page is now fully up-to-date.

### **Old Business**

**200<sup>th</sup> Meeting Planning Committee:** Steven brought a printout to display. He expressed a need for a more expansive history from Potomac MC, MAUL and the Long Island Ravens in particular. On a side note, he pointed out that he has been working for years to reestablish the Pennsmen Archives. At one time they had a nice trophy case in their home bar, which they lost when the bar was remodeled. Two years ago he got back all of the artifacts from that case, which had been sitting in storage. A week and a half ago he met over lunch with the owner of their prior home bar and retrieved several sets of colors that had been hanging in that bar, including the original Pennsmen colors, colors for the ShipMates, the Satyrmen and the Steel Barons. Steven and Scott believe these may be the only extant set of colors for the Steel Barons, a club from Pittsburgh in the early '80s. They will all be donated to the Leather Archive. The history for the 200<sup>th</sup> meeting includes all AMCC officers for the last quarter-century. They came across a complete report from the Spartan MC on the bicentennial run, which is a very good read. Digital and paper copies will be made available for all clubs and for the Leather Archives. This has been a big undertaking, but it has been very enjoyable.

**Banners:** Jo Ann Wadsworth of the Philadelphians MC has the banners. They still have the tabs on top, but they look nice, and they took away the purple. The assembled members made eggplant jokes, then said "oooooh" and "aaaaah" as Jo Ann presented one of the banners. There were twelve. Jo Ann personally donated the banners to the AMCC to do with as they wish. The assembled members thanked Jo Ann and applauded. Jo Ann replied that she was happy to do it. Potomac MC called dibs. Paul noted that funds had been set aside in the previous meeting to pay for them, and that the motion at that time had been for the Treasurer to hold the banners and to sell them to member clubs at cost, which required clarification now that Jo Ann had donated them. Jo Ann noted that the actual cost of each banner was \$30.00, though she could not remember the cost of shipping. **The Philadelphians MC motioned that**

**the Treasurer retain the banners and sell them to member clubs at \$30.00 apiece. Seconded by the Bucks MC. Motion passed.** Paul asked that anyone looking to buy one wait until after the meeting. **DCBC moved to thank Jo Ann extremely for her donation to the Council. Seconded by the Pennsmen.** There was another round of applause for Jo Ann. **Motion carried by acclamation.**

### New Business

#### **Sanctioned Events 2022-2023**

**November 2022:** C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC Maryland Leather Weekend, Nov 4-6, Baltimore, MD

**December 2022:** Rodney Burger of the ShipMates made note that we don't usually sanction events.

**February 2023:** Pennsmen Keystone Capital Run 2023 45+1, Feb 24-26, Harrisburg, PA, Hosting 200<sup>th</sup> AMCC Meeting

**May 2023:** Excelsior MC Fire Island Run, May 19-21, Fire Island, NY

**August 2023:** Three Rivers Leather Club Roseland Run, Aug 11-13, Proctor, WV

**November 2023:** Bucks MC Santa Saturday, Nov 25, Asbury Park, NJ

**December 2023:** Empire City MC Toy Drive, Dec 2, New York, NY

Philadelphians MC, Dec 29-Jan 1, Philadelphia, PA

### Nominations

**President:** DC Bear Club nominated **Joe Gebbie of Excelsior MC.** Joe accepted. There were no further nominations.

**Vice President:** Pennsmen nominated **Michael Kliever of the Pennsmen.** Michael accepted. There were no further nominations.

**Secretary:** Potomac MC nominated **Justin Sawyers of Potomac MC.** Justin accepted. There were no further nominations.

**Treasurer:** Pennsmen nominated **Paul Rose of DCBC and TBLC of Virginia.** Paul accepted. There were no further nominations.

Jim noted that we were returning to physical mail ballots for this election and asked that everyone review the roster and make sure their club addresses were up to date.

**DCBC moved to closed nominations. Seconded by Three Rivers Leather Club. Motion passed.**

### Award For Excellence

Paul Rose explained the history of the award. **The ShpiMates nominated the Centaurs MC** for the seemingly impossible task of zigging, zagging and jumping through hoops and putting on MAL 2022, which turned out to be a scaled down but fabulous event and not a super-spreader, which almost had to be an impossible task, to put on a major leather event during the times we have all been living through during the past two years. **The Philadelphians MC nominated Excelsior MC** for their run. Jo Ann noted that she didn't have to say anything else. **Vote taken by secret ballot. Excelsior MC received 10 votes, the Centaurs MC received 6 votes. Excelsior MC was granted the Award For Excellence for 2022.** Paul will bring the trophy for them to Harrisburg.

### **Torrid Tuber**

Paul explained the history of the award. There were no nominations.

### **Guest- Adam Baran**

Adam introduced himself as a filmmaker and documentarian interested in telling stories about gay history and sexuality. He has produced a documentary on Netflix called "Circus of Books" which was about the famous gay porn store in Los Angeles, which did well for Netflix. He also made a short film two years ago called "Trade Center" which was about the cruising scene at the World Trade Center. He is not a formal leather practitioner, but he is a kinky person and throws queer sex parties in Brooklyn, so he is not necessarily an outsider to this world. He is fascinated by the many communities that form the greater community of the gay motorcycle club and gay western club scene. He noted that when he says "gay" in this context he means "queer" because clubs are becoming more inclusive. The project he is working on started as a documentary on the 9+ Club, but while talking to elders he found they were more enthusiastic when talking about their own clubs, many of which they were still involved with, so he has expanded the project to trace the history of the MC and Leather Club scene through the years. Looking to highlight the history and also show what the scene looks like today. Interested in talking to any and all of us, and anyone from our clubs who may have an interesting story. Interested in talking to younger members and examining the way new blood may be changing or expanding the focus of the clubs. Also interested in examining archival material the clubs and AMCC may have. Almost all of the material from the 9+ club is in the hands of three awful straight men who want to be paid for access to it. The Leather Archive has been very cooperative. There is no film or book that fully documents the history of the MC and leather western club scene. If the film has a big platform to be seen, it can raise interest and drive membership, reinvigorating interest in the community. He thanked the council for welcoming him to the meeting. The floor was opened to questions. Alyssa Durnien of the Bucks MC asked about the protection of the privacy of participants. Adam explained that the plan for events is to set up a clearly delineated filming area for those who consent to be filmed. They can also have a coordinator who handles privacy concerns, including the signing of appropriate releases. Sunny Haynes of the Knight Hawks of Virginia noted that she is familiar with his other work and vouched for his respect for privacy. Three Rivers Leather Club asked about the timetable of the project. Adam replied that they basically want to film and edit for another year. They are looking to go to events including Fire Island and CLAW. This will probably be a two-year window. He noted that documentaries take a long time to make, and that the better ones take longer. Jo Ann asked if they are interested in individual perspectives from people who are not currently in clubs. Adam replied that he definitely is interested, noting that he has interviewed Peter Fisk, a leather elder living in Palm Springs who was part of the Koalas and other clubs that no longer exist, speaking with him about his memories of the New York scene. He also noted that, while he doesn't want to focus

on any controversies, he would also like to speak to people for whom the leather scene or clubs didn't work out. The tone of the film is meant to be celebratory about chosen family, camaraderie and brother/sisterhood. Excelsior MC and C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC both vouched for his Brooklyn parties.

Adam Baran's phone number is (917) 855-6338 and his email address is [adambaran1@gmail.com](mailto:adambaran1@gmail.com).

### **2023 Meetings**

In addition to the 200<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Pennsmen run in February, anyone requesting a meeting in 2023 should email Joe. Excelsior MC requested that their Fire Island run be host to an AMCC meeting. The Philadelphians MC requested that they host a meeting on December 30, 2023.

### **Good & Welfare**

**Bucks MC:** Thanked everyone for coming to their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, to applause. The Bucks MC want to make known that they have added Alyssa Durnien and two other women to their ranks. Their by-laws changed over the last year to welcome them, noting that this change was being pushed for about 5 years. Woods Leather Weekend is next weekend, September 16-18, and the Bucks are hosting something there. Santa Saturday will be at the end of November. There are 23 hotel rooms left.

**Centaur MC:** On behalf of the Centaurs, the ShipMates reported that Steve Ranger regretted that he was unable to be there. The Centaurs recently celebrated 52 years and congratulated their younger brothers and sisters celebrating 50 years by congratulating the Bucks on their anniversary.

**C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC:** Congratulated the Bucks on getting to 50 years, noting that it is quite an accomplishment. Maryland Leather Weekend will be the first weekend in November. Before COVID, the club had voted that the Maryland leather title would no longer be gendered. It was "Mister" for many years. They are very excited about the change. They are currently redoing the stole. They had initially talked about adding a "Miss" title, but decided to drop gender from the title entirely. The event will be at the Lord Baltimore Hotel and rooms are still available. They are still getting the event together, noting that they're a little rusty after COVID. Run passes and rooms are available on the club's website.

**DC Bear Club:** Congratulated the Bucks on their anniversary and putting on a very fine event. Paul noted that he has been around the Bucks for longer than most members (Alyssa noted that they had done the calculations and confirmed this). The first run the Bucks did was a tent run in the back of the parking lot of the Cartwheel bar in New Hope. Then they grew up and decided to do tent runs in the Poconos, changing the name to "Pow-Wow." That was a lot of fun, including the fights. Paul remembered hearing explosions in the kitchen indicating people were throwing things at each other just before dinner, going back to stick his head in the door carefully and check how many were left, then ducking his head out of the way as a pot flew at him. The Bucks then shifted to doing runs at Valinor Farms. He noted that the main event they have been doing consistently for almost the entire 50 years has been Santa Saturday. It started in New Hope at the Prelude, then moved when that closed down (and became a bank) to the Cartwheel for years. Before the Cartwheel burned down, there were enough people on the back deck that it settled, with him back there slinging hash on the grill. He had done that for them for many years, but last year he found himself having to be helped back to his room because he wasn't functioning; he took that as a sign that he needed to stop. Alyssa noted that she would find a new job for him where he could

sit down. After the Cartwheel the event went to the Raven for several years, then everything shut down for them in New Hope. The city government went out of its way to try to find another place for the Bucks, even suggesting the tour train, which the Bucks wisely turned down. This is why the Bucks have been in Asbury Park for well over ten years on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The event is a lot of fun.

**Empire City MC:** On behalf of Empire City MC, DCBC congratulated the Bucks on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a great deal of affection. They could not attend because of 9/11 observances that they have traditionally been a part of in New York City. They are holding their annual holiday party and toy drive on Saturday December 3 at the Stonewall in New York City. Bring an unwrapped toy appropriate for a child. There is a small charge to attend and it's best to pay in advance as there is some limitation on space.

**Excelsior MC:** Congratulated the Bucks for a great weekend. Joe apologized for being the only person there, noting that 9/11 is a problem in the city for them. He was supposed to be at something too, but would rather be here. Trim-a-Tree will be December 2 in person at the New York Eagle. The Eagle recently did an expansion of the downstairs and renovations. Excelsior has events like go-go bears and entertainment. They might have an online live-stream for those who can't attend in person.

**Knight Hawks of Virginia:** Congratulated the bucks on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and also on embracing the fact that they have become more inclusive of all genders, noting that the Knight Hawks have been for the last 29 years. They will be celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and will be sending out more information on that next year, as they are still working on the event.

**Long Island Ravens MC:** On behalf of the Long Island Ravens, the Philadelphians MC expressed their apologies for being unable to attend and their congratulations to the Bucks on their anniversary. They are holding their charity toy drive on the first Sunday in December, the day after the Empire City and Excelsior events. More details will be posted to their website, their Facebook page and that of the AMCC as those details solidify.

**Pennsmen:** Would like to congratulate their older brothers from Pennsylvania on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, even though for unforeseen circumstances they have had to move to New Jersey for their events. That trade-off they are thankful for but will not accept, as Dr. Oz will not be a senator in Pennsylvania. They noted that the Bucks have supported the Pennsmen over the years and many of them have gone to Santa Saturday over the years, and event he loves and misses and hopes to go back to one day. Invited everyone to their 45+1 anniversary the last weekend of February, their first run in 6 years. They are trying to plan interesting events. They do not want to overload everyone with cocktail parties, noting that most are used to starting to drink at 8:00 PM on Friday evening and not stopping until Saturday morning. Their hopes are to have some educational demos and various kink demonstrations. Hopefully at that point they have a Shapiro administration to welcome everyone to the capitol.

**Philadelphians MC:** Congratulated the Bucks on their anniversary and thanked them for hosting the meeting. Announced that they are doing monthly bar nights at the Bike Stop on the second Saturday of every month (except this month, when it is next Saturday). Everyone is always welcome; a number of clubs have been coming from out of town to visit, noting that ECMC is coming next week. Regular

meetings are still being held via Zoom on the first and third Saturday of every month (except in September because of Labor Day, when they are being pushed back a week). All are welcome, and the links are put out on the AMCC and Philadelphians Facebook groups.

**Pocono Warriors:** Congratulated all of the Bucks, past and present, on fifty years. Great to see everyone.

**Potomac MC:** Echoed the sentiments of brother clubs by congratulating the Bucks MC on 50 years. They also noticed in the minutes that their generous brothers, the Centaurs, had donated \$500 to the AMCC, so Potomac would like to donate \$501. They will mail the check. On behalf of the council Joe thanked them for their generous donation.

**ShipMates Club of Baltimore:** Congratulated the Bucks on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, noting that the ShipMates are slightly behind them and will be holding their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April of 2024. Daddy Christmas will be the first Saturday of December, a benefit for Baltimore Safe Haven, and will be held at the Baltimore Eagle.

**Teddy Bear Leather Club of Virginia:** Congratulated the Bucks on 50 years and noted that TBLC is coming up on 35. They will be holding their event as always on the last full weekend of July, which will be July 28-30, 2023, south of Burkeville, VA. At their last run, much to Paul;s surprise, they presented him with colors and made him a full member. Paul reminded the Council that the AMCC has no rule about an individual having full membership in multiple clubs.

**Three Rivers Leather Club:** Congratulated the Bucks for 50 years of continuous participation, and hope they have another 50 years to go.

#### **Other Business**

**Adam Baran's Project:** Paul noted that Adam is planning to attend the Pennsmen run and that much of the AMCC history is being compiled for display at that meeting. He asked if we would allow him to view those materials. **So moved by the Philadelphians MC, seconded by the Three Rivers Leather Club. Motion passed.**

**Vice-President Joe Gebbie called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Potomac MC, seconded by the Knight Hawks of Virginia. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schofield  
Secretary



**AMCC TREASURER'S REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2022  
FOR THE PERIOD 5/22/22-**

**9/10/22**

<b>Beginning balance</b>	<b>4805.31</b>	<b>as of 5/21/22</b>
	<b>30.00</b>	<b>for 10 patches from Knight Hawks</b>
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>4835.31</b>	<b>as of 9/10/22</b>

<b>Patches on hand</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>Pins on hand</b>	<b>116</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**

**PAUL ROSE** (signed)

**Treasurer, AMCC**