

ATLANTIC MIDWEST COORDINATING COUNCIL

The 35th meeting of the AMCC was held August 30, 1975, at Leif Erikson and was hosted by the Vikings M.C. The President called the meeting to order at 5:35 p. m. Roll call was taken by the secretary and the following clubs were present: BUCKS (Bill Yonke, Ted Heaney), CENTAURS (Bill Enright), CYCLE (Al Gaggins), DRUIDS (Buddy Schanze), EMPIRE CITY (Walter Krueger), ENTRE NOUS (Joe Kirby, Ed Riley), SPUDS (Jim Gress), LEVI CLUB (Len Martin, Dick Cloke), PRAETORIANS (Bob Hullen, John O'Donnell), SCORPIONS (Mike Kelly), SMCLA (Jon DeHart), SPARTANS (Art Espey), VANGUARDS (Joe Russo), VIKINGS (Joe Smith), WHEELS (Norman Oppenheimer), SHIPMATES (Ben Waitz). Clubs not represented: KEMO, SNC and THUNDERBOLTS.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and accepted as amended.

Treasurer's report was not given at the beginning of meeting due to late arrival of the treasurer. However, Jim later reported a balance of \$193.83. His report was accepted as read. A report on the status of AMCC patches ordered was also presented to the council. The cost of the new patches will be 62 cents each instead of 55 cents. 340 patches have been ordered and should be available within the next three or four weeks. Clubs needing patches should order them directly from the treasurer. It was decided that the patches will be sold to clubs for 75 cents each.

Kelly, chairman of AMCC '76, gave a report on the progress of the bicentennial run. His report covered the following points:

- Committee assignments have been completed and letters have been mailed to members of the various committees which includes the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the chairmen and members. Anyone wishing to serve on one of the committees should contact Kelly.
- T-shirts which were ordered to be sold as a fund-raising project for the committee have been received and will be available for the first time during the bicentennial kickoff cocktail party. The cost of the shirts will be \$5.00 each.
- Applications for bicentennial run, as well as posters, have been printed and will be distributed during the bicentennial cocktail party. Applications have provisions for paying run fee over one-year period -- \$24 deposit and balance to be paid in equal bi-monthly installments. Acknowledgements will be mailed out with first invoice on IBM cards and on due-dates thereafter. Kelly also stated that applicants will be refunded amount paid in advance if reasonable notice is given before run. The SMCLA's reminded representatives that Atlantic City license plates are also still available.
- Kelly read a letter which he has sent to Wheels magazine in response to an article appearing in the August 1975 issue. He stated that the partial quote taken out of context did not accurately reflect the actions of the committee and requested that all remarks concerning the bicentennial run be made at the committee meetings which are always open to anyone interested in attending. He stated that representatives from all the clubs have been working on the bicentennial run for over a year and a half and its success or failure depended on support from the clubs which themselves voted to undertake this event.

- In response to a question by Joe K. of Entre Nous, Kelly stated that as of yet no decision has been made by the Bicentennial Committee concerning a split-run fee. This will be a question which will be brought up and discussed at the next meeting of the committee at Octoberfest in Philadelphia. He stated, however, that he hopes as many people as possible will attend the entire run.

The motion made by the Thunderbolts to amend Section 2 of Article I of the Articles of Agreement was brought to the floor and discussed. The president reported that Article XI requires that 100 percent of the membership must be polled in order to amend the Articles of Agreement and that proxy votes have not been received from the clubs not present at meeting. He stated that a vote would be taken of the clubs present and an attempt will be made to get proxy votes from the clubs not present and voting. Roll call vote was taken by the secretary and the vote was 14 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention, with two clubs not voting. All clubs present voted yes, except Bucks M. C. and Entre Nous which voted no, and Cycle M. C. which abstained.

The president reminded representatives of the following upcoming AMCC-sanctioned runs and urged council members to give these runs their full support: Empire City, Sept. 19-21; Praetorian Anniversary, Oct. 11; Vanguard's Oktoberfest, Oct. 17-19; SMCLA's Autumn Scrambles, Nov. 7-9; the Levi Club's anniversary, Nov. 14-16. The president reminded representatives that the next meeting of the council will be held at the New York Levi Club's anniversary in New York City. He requested that representatives come to meeting prepared to ask for their one-day sanctioned event for next year.

Ted H. of the Bucks M. C. read a prepared statement to the council concerning the Bucks position on giving runs during 1976. He gave a brief history on the background of the Bucks run in order to explain why (1) the Bucks were planning to go ahead with their run in 1976. He stated that when the club was formed in 1972 the name and whole theme of run was planned with 1976 in mind. (2) Bucks are not asking council to sanction the run. He stated that he felt that the council has no authority to say club can't have run. (3) Bucks only club in Bucks County and it is not feasible to join with another club to have run. (4) Club admitted into council on premise that they would be permitted to give their own run in 1976. (5) Club's constitution does not permit club to conduct social affairs outside Bucks County. (6) Club intends to give full support to the bicentennial run. Does not feel their run will in any way be detrimental to bicentennial run.

The following are some of the comments and questions prompted by the Bucks' presentation:

Kelly stated that one of the primary purposes of having a bicentennial run was to reduce the number of runs during 1976 in order for clubs to get together for one big extravaganza. If clubs insist on having their regular runs in 1976 members will not be able to afford to attend the bicentennial run. Several representatives questioned whether or not members would stay home next year and save their money for the run. Kelly reminded representatives that the bicentennial run was not forced upon the AMCC and that the clubs had voted to have the event.

Ed R. of Entre Nous stated that he felt that the Bucks were not violating the Articles of Agreement. However, some of the members present felt otherwise.

Norman O. of Wheels M. C. stated that since the council decided to have the bicentennial run many of the clubs have elected new officers and representatives. New administrations should honor their club's commitments to the bicentennial run even though they personally may have reservations.

Sam J. stated that these questions have been discussed and voted on by respective members and the clubs themselves voted not to have regular runs next year, but to have joint runs in order to cut down on runs for this special occasion.

Bill Y. of the Bucks, in response to a question, stated that he was sure that the Bucks could give AMCC the support they need. The Bucks have already contributed toward Atlantic City and plan to fully support the bicentennial run.

Sam J. of the Vikings M. C. asked that the agenda for the next meeting include the question of appropriate action to be taken by the council under the authority of Article 2, Section 5, of the Articles of Agreement, against the Bucks M. C. He also made a motion, seconded by N. Y. Levi Club, that a letter be sent to Cycle M. C. concerning their announcement of their Fire Island run in Wheels Magazine scheduled for May 14-17, 1976, and inquiring about their intentions concerning the bicentennial run. Motion was approved by a vote of 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions.

Kelly urged members to go back to their respective clubs and have clubs decide now whether or not they intend to seriously support the bicentennial run concept in depth.

Bill Y. of the Bucks stated that now is the time for the clubs to decide what they are going to do. The question must be gotten out into the open now instead of next year. He again assured the council and bicentennial committee of the Bucks' continued support.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward L. Nesbitt
Secretary, AMCC

AMCC AGENDA - 35th Meeting

Leif Erikson

- Roll Call
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bicentennial Committee Report

OLD BUSINESS

* VOTE on change to Article I, Section 2, to add the word "calendar." The sentence would read "To limit public social events, lasting longer than one calendar day, to one per year, per member club. . ."

NEW BUSINESS

*Changes to the Articles of Agreement require that all member clubs of the Council vote, with 3/4 affirmative required for passage. If you have any doubt that your club will be present to vote, please send your written proxy to the President (Tim Tully, 1042 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md. 21202) (301) 685-6810.

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