

ATLANTIC MIDWEST COORDINATING COUNCIL

The 37th meeting of the AMCC was held in Boston, Massachusetts, on March 6, 1976, during "Boston Massacre" hosted by the Entre Nous and Vikings M.C. The president called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the secretary and the following clubs were present: Bucks (Bill Y., Dick Mc.), Centaurs (Bill E.), Cycle (Al G.), Druids (Buddy S., Jerry J.), Empire City (Walter K., Keith B.), Entre Nous (Joe K.), Spuds (George S., Paul O.), Levi Club (Dick C., Jim G., Joe J.), Scorpions (Larry H., John Y.), SMCLAs (Jon De), Spartans (Robbie R. Don B.), Thunderbolts (Stan S.), Vanguard (Jack B., Roger P.), Vikings (Bill G., Jim T.), Wheels (Norman O., Bob W.), Shipmates (Chuck M., Danny M.). Clubs not represented: Kemo, Praetorians and SNMC.

Minutes of meeting held November 15, 1975, read by secretary. Minutes were accepted as read and amended.

Tim announced that he had received a letter from Kemo announcing their new officers. He also announced that the Thunderbolts' new address is P.O. Box 307, Windsor, Conn., 06095. He also announced that the secretary's new address is: Edward L. Nesbitt, 2302 N. 11th Street, Apt. 101, Arlington, Va. 22201. Clubs and individuals having new addresses were requested to furnish this information to the secretary as soon as possible.

The treasurer gave a report as follows: Previous balance \$228.65, as indicated on financial report sent to clubs. Inventory of patches on hand: 120. Since January 1, treasurer has received \$18.75 for 25 patches from SMCLAs and \$37.50 from Entre Nous for 50 patches, for a new total of \$284.90. Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

The president inquired about the status of the AMCC trophy to be awarded for best participation. The secretary reported that only a couple of clubs have forwarded this information. Due to apparent lack of interest, the president suggested that this award be discontinued. Motion was made by Walter K. (Cycle) and seconded by Bill E. (Centaurs) that we do away with this trophy. Motion carried without dissent.

Bicentennial report was given by JD, chairman of AMCC '76. JD reported that he has revised the format for the bicentennial run. His proposals have been compiled in booklet form and presented to the clubs. The price range for persons desiring to attend the run for 4 days is \$116-\$137 (which includes \$10.00 surcharge). The price range for the entire 9-day run is \$199-\$241. Single rates, which are available in hotel section only, for 4 days is \$160.00 and for 9 days, \$275.00. Prices depend upon number of occupants in each room and type of accommodations. JD presented the bicentennial committee's motion that AMCC give their go-ahead for proposed action, but the president requested that this be presented later under new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim informed council that he had received correspondence from several clubs regarding their run plans for 1976. He stated that he received a letter in late November from the Sixty Nine Club in London requesting that May 15 be approved as their sanctioned date in order for them to join in with Cycle to host Fire Island.

Tim then read a letter dated December 14, 1975, he had written to the Vanguard M.C. in response to an article appearing in Wheels Magazine stating that the Vanguard intended to hold their regular run in 1976. In his letter, Tim asked the Vanguard to explain their position in view of the fact that a motion was before the council to ask clubs in violation



of the guidelines established at Marathon to leave the council. The letter from the Vikings dated January 26, 1976, in response to Tim's letter, was then read. The letter, signed by Jack Brooks, co-captain, stated that the membership of the Vikings had discussed this matter at "great length" and had decided to hold Oktoberfest on October 22-24, 1976. Jack outlined the following points in his letter: (1) Although the AMCC agreed to have no sanctioned runs in 1976, the bicentennial committee did not request the expulsion of clubs which decided to have unsanctioned runs. (2) The Vikings wish to remain members of the AMCC.

The president then read the letter from Bucks M. C. dated December 18, 1975, stating their position on their upcoming run, 1776 IV. The Bucks stated that "a venture with other member clubs has not materialized" and they had voted to conduct 1776 IV as originally planned. The Bucks also expressed their continued support for AMCC.

Tim then read the letter he received from Norman O., president of Wheels M. C., dated February 25, 1976, informing Tim of action taken by the membership of Wheels to hold their annual Memorial Day run May 28-30 in New York City. Some of the points brought out in the letter are as follows: (1) The decision was reached after weeks of attempting to comply with AMCC guidelines which only accommodate non-AMCC clubs. (2) The sanctioning and non-sanctioning of runs by the AMCC has damaged both the bicentennial run and the council and accomplish no worthwhile purpose. (3) Wheels has been unable to give a joint run with another AMCC club in New York because the clubs are waiting to see what others will do in respect to guidelines. (4) Wheel's concern that the AMCC would "become a super-club dictating to member clubs." (5) Expelling member clubs from council "will be of no value." (6) Regardless of action taken, Wheels expressed their intentions "to continue to offer fraternity and a measure of cooperation to all clubs."

After reading these letters, the president stated that each club would be given an opportunity to state their position concerning this issue before voting on whether these clubs would be asked to leave the council. He also reminded representatives that this was only one club's suggested action and if motion failed any other motion as to action, if any, to be taken would be in order.

At this point Tim read a letter dated January 20, 1976, from the Vikings M. C. publicly stating their position concerning the AMCC and AMCC '76. The Vikings reaffirmed their support for both the AMCC and AMCC '76 and stated that they were soliciting the support of other member clubs for their position. The Vikings stated that they had complied with the AMCC guidelines for 1976 and expected "all other member clubs" to "comply in turn" or else "resign their membership."

Tim also read a letter from the Scorpion M. C. concerning the sanctioning of runs and questioning the value of throwing clubs out of the AMCC.

The secretary then went down the membership list and each club was given an opportunity to state their position relative to the motion by the Vikings to ask clubs not in compliance with guidelines established at Marathon to leave the AMCC. Each club was then given an opportunity to comment on the various views expressed prior to the vote on the motion.

The president then re-read the motion on the floor and explained the voting procedures outlined in the Articles of Agreement, Article IV, Section 3, which states that "The vote for removal must be by a 3/4 majority of the member clubs and the vote will be by secret ballot." (Before vote was taken, Bill Y., president of the Bucks M. C. expressed



the willingness of his club to resign from AMCC if failure of motion resulted in the resignation of either the Vikings or Entre Nous.)

Motion to expel clubs in violation of guidelines established at Marathon failed to carry by a vote of 5-yes, 14-no. (Vote was by secret ballot.)

Jim G. (Levi Club) made a motion, seconded by Druid M.C. and Shipmates, that the AMCC urge member clubs to attend, and give priority support, to the bicentennial run and sanctioned events in 1976 and not urge or encourage their members to attend non-sanctioned events and non-AMCC club runs this year. Motion carried by a vote of 10-yes, 0-no, and 7-abstentions.

The next item of business under old business was the <sup>of the total membership</sup> council membership vote on admittance of Iron Guard Brotherhood Club. Tim explained that Articles of Agreement, Article VIII, Section 3, required a 3/4 affirmative vote in order for a new club to be accepted. Results of secret ballot vote was 13-yes, 2-no, and 3 abstentions. With 19 member clubs, a total of 15 affirmative votes would have been required, so motion failed to carry. Tim discussed the effects of casting an abstention and asked if there was any objection to having a re-vote. There were no objections expressed and another vote was taken with the following results: 13-yes, 3-no, 2-abstentions. Motion again defeated.

Buddy S. (Druids MC) then nominated the Iron Guard Brotherhood Club for membership in the AMCC to be voted on at next meeting. Nomination was seconded by Vanguard and Spartans. Bill E. (Centaur) nominated the Links for AMCC membership. The president stated that he had talked with the president of the Links M.C. and he had stated that the club had not reached a decision concerning AMCC membership and inquired if this had been cleared through the Links. Billy stated that he had not consulted with the Links and withdrew his motion.

### NEW BUSINESS

The first item on the agenda under New Business was a request from the Shipmates for a change of sanction date from April 4 to March 28. Request was granted with no objections.

JD then presented the revised plans and format of the bicentennial run in the form of a motion and requested that the council give the run committee permission to go ahead with these proposals. Motion was seconded by Larry H. (Scorpions) and Jim G. (Levi Club). Motion carried by vote of 14-yes, 0-no, with 3 abstentions.

Tim announced that the next meeting of the AMCC would be during Cycle's run on Fire Island in New York May ~~27-30~~, 1976. <sub>14-17</sub> ←

Tim reminded representatives that JD was available to answer any questions concerning the bicentennial run. Also JD's address will be the official address for the run committee. JD's address is: Jon DeHart, 2201 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Maryland, Phone (301) 366-8674.

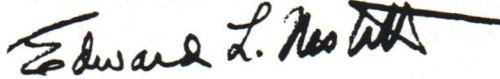
Larry H. (Scorpions) made motions that (1) The AMCC recognize Roberts' Rules of Order as the final decision-maker in debates, and (2) Create the position of Parliamentarian to interpret Roberts' Rules of Order.

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Tim explained that these motions would require a change in the Articles of Agreement and would have to be brought to the attention of all the member clubs and voted on at the next meeting of the AMCC at Fire Island.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p. m. without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward L. Nesbitt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward L. Nesbitt  
Secretary, AMCC



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AGENDA FOR 37TH AMCC MEETING

Roll Call

Minutes of Last Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Bicentennial Committee Report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Correspondence regarding some clubs' run plans for 1976
2. Voting on motion by Vikings at New York Levi Meeting (Nov. 15, 1975)

"that clubs ruled to be in violation of the Articles of Agreement be given until January 1, 1976, to conform to guidelines established by council at Marathon for the giving of runs in 1976, and if the clubs refused to work within the framework of council that action be taken and they be asked to leave the council."

3. Council membership vote on admittance of Iron Guard Brotherhood club.

NEW BUSINESS

-- Request for Sanction Day Change by Shipmates