



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club  
Est. 1982 Boylston Massachusetts  
"Loyal To Our Duty"



## RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

September 9th, 2023

**1. Meeting called to Order at 8:30 am**

**2. Roll Call:**

a. International Board

President Joey Powell: Present

Secretary Michael Woods: Present

Rgn. 1 Dir. Ken May: Present

Rgn. 3 Dir.: N/A

Rgn. 5 Dir. Lance Coit: Present

Rgn. 7 Dir. Tom Van Der Kley: Present

Vice President Spike Ostiguy: Present

Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present

Rgn. 2 Dir. Leo Patry: Excused

Rgn. 4 Dir. Chuck Marks: Present

Rgn. 6 Dir. Allen Aurich: Present

Rgn. 8 Dir. Ken Mahon: Present

b. Chapter

i. Chapters registered for Convention: 90

ii. Voting delegates present: 57

iii. International Officers present: 10

iv. Has a Quorum been met: Yes

**3. Opening remarks:**

a. Moment of Silence

b. Welcome

**4. Rules for Meeting:**

a. Sargeant at Arms

i. Roger Gillock Germany 5

ii. Jan Flueg Germany 2

b. Must check in/out with Sergeant at Arms.

c. 2 minutes speaking on the issue.

d. Voting, raising hand with the wristband.

**5. Officers Reports:**

a. Motion to accept International Officer's reports:

i. Joey to Call for Motion to accept as published.

1. Motioned by: Julie Mattera New Jersey 31

2. Seconded by: Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4

3. Vote: "Yes" 57 and "No" 0 outcome: Passed



## Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club



- b. Committee Reports:
    - i. Audit
      - 1. See the Financial report for details.
      - 2. Joey to Call for Motion to accept as published.
        - a. Motioned by: Larry Kell PA 41
        - b. Seconded by: Joel Nelson MN 4
        - c. Vote: “Yes” 57 and “No” 0 outcome: Passed
    - ii. Convention Reports,
      - 1. 2024- Germany 18 presented by President Matthias
        - a. August 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> in Leipzig Germany
      - 2. 2025- Illinois State Association presented by Michael “Woody” Woods
        - a. August 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> in Peoria Illinois
      - 3. 2026- Australia 5 presented by Ken Mahon
        - a. Dates TBD in Melbourne Australia.
  - c. Membership
    - i. Chapters
      - 1. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>,2022: 442 Chapters
    - ii. MALs
      - 1. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022: 272 MALs
    - iii. Members
      - 1. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022: 9,887 Chapter Members
- 6. Memorial**
- a. 47 total names were added to the Memorial since the last Convention.
- 7. Memorial Fund Donations**
- a. \$9,317 in donations
- 8. Insurance**
- a. We have insured 42 events so far in 2023.
- 9. Old Business:**
- a. Chris Gadway proposed a uniform allowance.
    - i. The Board respectfully declined.
- 10. New Business:**
- a. Motion to recall the following charters:
    - i. AL 7, Belgium 5, FL 8, ME 6, MA 5, MA 7, NJ 21, NS 2, TX 11, and VA 11.
      - 1. Motioned by: Scott Ryan PEI 1
      - 2. Seconded by: Julie Mattera NJ 31
      - 3. Vote: “Yes” 57 and “No” 0 outcome: Passed



## 11. By-Law Proposals review and vote:

- a. Quick refresher on procedure and rules
  - i. The motion will be read aloud, and visuals will be on the monitor.
  - ii. The chair will open the floor for discussion.
  - iii. The Chair will open the voting.
  - iv. The Chair will accept and move to the next Proposal and so forth.
- b. 2023 By-Law Change Proposals are printed for your review.
- c. The number of voting chapters was called after each break.
  - i. Number of delegates 57.
  - ii. 2/3<sup>rd</sup> required to pass 38.
- d. By-law voting is as follows.
  1. Proposal #1
    - a. Motion called for by President.
      - i. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
        1. Motion Failed
  2. Proposal #2
    - a. Motion called for by President.
      - i. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
        1. Motion Failed
  3. Proposal #3
    - a. Motion called for by President.
      - i. Motioned by Julie Mattera NJ 31 and seconded by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1
      - ii. Yes votes cast: 56 Passed.
  4. Proposal #4
    - a. Motion ruled out of order on the assembly floor.
  5. Proposal #5
    - a. Bylaw committee insertion with no proposal attached.
  6. Proposal #6
    - a. Motion called for by President.
      - i. Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Joel Nelson MN 4.
      - ii. Yes votes cast: 41 Passed.
  7. Proposal #7
    - a. Motion withdrawn by Author on the assembly floor.



## Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club



8. Proposal #8
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
    - ii. Motion Failed
9. Proposal #9
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
    - ii. Motion Failed
10. Proposal #10
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Reed Rutkowski PA 11 and seconded by Julie Mattera NY 31.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 10 Failed.
11. Proposal #11
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Eldon Mickel PA 22 and seconded by Roger Van Kollenburg Australia 5.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 47 passed.
12. Proposal #12
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Julie Mattera NY 31.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 26 Failed.
13. Proposal #13
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4 and seconded by Allen Aurich TX 4.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 26 Failed.
14. Proposal #14
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Jurgen Ihl Germany 31 and seconded by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 56 Passed.
15. Proposal #15
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Joel Nelson MN 4 and seconded by Eldon Mickel PA 22.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 56 Passed.



## Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club



16. Proposal #16
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Reed Rutkowski PA 11 and seconded by Julie Mattera NJ 31.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 55 Passed.
17. A break was given and upon returning completed a chapter delegate roll call.
  - a. 55 voting delegates returned.
  - b. 2/3rd required to pass 37.
18. Proposal #17
  - a. Withdrawn by Chapter.
19. Proposal #18
  - a. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
    - i. Motion Failed
20. Proposal #19
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1 and seconded by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 11 Failed
21. Proposal #19a
  - a. Motion was withdrawn due to proposal #1 failing.
22. Proposal #20
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
    - ii. Motion Failed
23. Proposal #21
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. No Motion to move was presented by the membership.
    - ii. Motion Failed
24. Proposal #22
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Julie Mattera NJ 31 and seconded by Kenith May NJ 19.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 55 Passed
25. Proposal #23
  - a. Motion called for by President.
    - i. Motioned by Scott Gregory NC 12 and seconded by Marcel Roth Switzerland 3.
    - ii. Yes votes cast: 41 Passed.



## Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club



### 26. Proposal #24

- a. Motion called for by President.
  - i. Motioned by Roger Van Kollenburg Australia 5 and seconded by Rick Oliver MA 2.
  - ii. Yes votes cast: 17 Failed.

### 27. Proposal #25

- a. Motion was withdrawn due to proposal #23 passing.

### 28. Proposal #26

- a. Motion called for by President.
  - i. Motioned by Jean-Charles Marcher France 7 and seconded by Michael Pfoertner Germany 2.
  - ii. Yes votes cast: 7 Failed.

### 29. Proposal #27

- a. Motion called for by President.
  - i. Motioned by Joel Nelson MN 4 and seconded by Julie Mattera NJ 31.
  - ii. Yes votes cast: 49 Passed.

## 12. Election of Officers:

- a. Thomas Delboi Nominations Committee member presented election results on behalf of Thomas Caisse Nominations Committee Chair.
- b. One vote for the following slate of officers, vote accepted by the International Secretary.
  - i. President, Treasurer, Region 1, Region 5, and Region 7 Directors.
- c. There was one contested race for Region 3 Director.
  - i. Region 3 Director is – Mark Mullen IL 14.

## 13. Good of the Order:

- a. Region 2 Leo Patry submitted his resignation due to declining health.
  - i. Reading of the Letter and video presented.
  - ii. The Board accepts the resignation.
- b. Voting to Host 2027 and 2028 Convention – no applicants as of now.

## 14. Closing Remarks from President:

- a. Outgoing President closing remarks.
- b. Incoming President Remarks.

## 15. Adjourned:

- a. Motion by: Jullie Mattera NJ 31
- b. Seconded by: Mike Hickam VA 8
  - i. Time: 1:28 pm