



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



1/16/2025 Zoom Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 7:03 pm EST.

2. Roll call completed by Secretary Michael Woods,

President Spike Ostiguy: Present

Secretary Michael Woods: Present

Region 1 Dir.: Ken May: Present

Region 3 Dir.: Mark Mullen: Present

Region 5 Dir.: Lance Coit: Present

Region 7 Dir.: Tom Van Der Kley: Excused

Director Emeritus: Leo Patry: Not required

Vice President Norm Beausoleil: Present

Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present

Region 2 Dir.: Randy Smith: Present

Region 4 Dir.: Chuck Marks: Present at 8:05 pm.

Region 6 Dir.: Brian Singleton: Present

Region 8 Dir.: Andrew Young: Present

3. Welcome and Meeting Rules:

- a. All cell phones in polite mode, remain courteous and professional, raise hands to be addressed, keep sidebars down, and only speak 3x on a topic.

4. End of Year reports (EOY) discussion:

- a. Discussion was made over EOY reports and a request was made in Dec. for those reports to be sent in by Jan. 10th. This would allow for more time and an earlier release of the International Newsletter.
 - i. It was concluded that only one report was missing at this time. A SOG proposal will be brought back to SBM to amend SOG 14:02.

5. Newsletter Editor proposals discussion:

- a. Authorizing minor edits:
 - i. Discussion was made over the Newsletter Editor's proposal to make minor grammar, spelling, and punctuation edits. A discussion with the President and the Editor was conducted before this meeting.
 - ii. It was concluded that minor edits could be made using the same format as a By-law proposal. These edits are to be approved by the board member to ensure no change was made to intent or meaning before release.
 - iii. It was also concluded from discussions that committee chairs will also be asked to submit an EOY report following the same procedure as the board.
 - 1. A SOG 14:02 proposal will be brought to SBM.



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- b. Attendance for the Newsletter Editor at events
 - i. Discussion was made over the request for International to pay for the attendance of the Newsletter Editor to be present at RKMC events.
 - 1. It was concluded that paying for the attendance of a Committee Chair is based on the required need to conduct official RKMC business and is only paid for if the International Board requests their presence to conduct this business.
 - a. The Newsletter Editor will be contacted by the President.
 - ii. A sidebar discussion was made over what the criteria are to request a Committee Chair to be present.
 - 1. It was concluded that this will be tabled until SBM.
- 6. New website discussion:
 - a. Discussion was made over needing further review with the full board's attention. A review was made of the limited compiled information given and a request for all Regional Directors to evaluate their specific portions. It was also reminded that we need to start preparing to move forward with the new email server as the old one will be closing soon.
 - i. It was concluded that at least another week be given for full review by all. The secretary will continue to compile.
 - 1. The website-compiled list will be sent to the board for further review.
 - 2. An additional Zoom meeting may need to be called in a week or so.
- 7. Copyrighted music discussion:
 - a. Discussion was made over how to handle copyrighted material. An unofficial RK song was presented to the board. It was also noted that there is another song indicated in the SOG, but that song does not use our names within it.
 - i. It was concluded that further investigation into the two different songs will be looked at and how they both can be utilized as they do have different indications for their use. One is set more of a somber song better used for Heaven One Tributes, and the other song presented is more of a road or uplifting anthem. These songs will be looked at as a By-law proposal, as the membership should vote upon their official usage.
- 8. RKM memorial kiosk discussion:
 - a. Discussion was made over where the RKM memorial kiosk issues stand. Tim Hamilton and his son Marcus have been working on fabricating a new panel for



the current kiosks. His work will save the Memorial Foundation several thousands upon thousands of dollars as pricing from the current manufacturer has increased exponentially and is not the same standard as the old panels.

- b. It will also be investigated if Tim and other members are willing to help fabricate a new kiosk and base in the future.
 - i. This will be brought back to the SBM for further updates.

9. ASSIGN app discussion:

- a. Moved to Executive Session.
 - i. Motion Executive due to ASSIGN company confidentiality policy.
 1. Motion 2025-001E

10. QM Insurance discussion:

- a. Moved to Executive Session.

11. Member(s) consideration of personal nature:

- a. Moved to Executive Session.
 - i. Minnesota 4 be given an opportunity to correct the 2025 Roster and dues situation. Enabling the RKIFMC to recognize and honor Joe Patnaude of Minnesota 4 on the Heaven 1 Roster and Red Knights Memorial Park.
1. Motion 2025-002

12. Open floor

- a. Current unused email accounts and backing up emails discussion:
 - i. Discussion was made over the removal of unused accounts as the transfer to a new host is coming soon. Further discussion was made over backing up our emails before the move to a new host.
 - 1. It was concluded that the Secretary will create a QRG to assist in saving our emails to One Drive.
- b. New Chapter requested in Iowa discussion:
 - i. Discussion was made over where this new request stands as there is some outside influence at play.
 - 1. It was concluded that the President and Regional Director would reach out to the State Rep. for further information.

13. Reminders and announcements:

- a. SBM April 23rd Travel Day, 24th to 26th Meetings, and 27th Travel Day.

14. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm EST.



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3/4/2025 Zoom Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order at 6:35 pm EST.

2. Roll call completed by Secretary Michael Woods,

President Spike Ostiguy: Present

Secretary Michael Woods: Present

Region 1 Dir.: Ken May: Present

Region 3 Dir.: Mark Mullen: Present

Region 5 Dir.: Lance Coit: Present

Region 7 Dir.: Tom Van Der Kley: Excused

Director Emeritus: Leo Patry: Not required

Vice President Norm Beausoleil: Excused

Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present

Region 2 Dir.: Randy Smith: Present

Region 4 Dir.: Chuck Marks: Excused

Region 6 Dir.: Brian Singleton: Present at 7:12 pm

Region 8 Dir.: Andrew Young: Present

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4. New website discussion:

- a. Review of items from the Communication Chair on the new website.
 - i. Discussion was made over the compiled new website items that needed addressing by the Board. Each line item was reviewed, and additions or corrections were made.
 - 1. In conclusion the secretary will clean up the compiled list and send it out to the Board and Communications for further review and enactment. Each board member will review their submissions to verify they have been completed.

5. Heaven One Flag and Coin Discussion:

- a. Discussion was made over establishing an inventory list for each board member to track Heaven One flags and coins. Bringing Flags and Coins to Board meetings will cut the costs of shipping. The President requested by email how many each board member had in their possession.
 - i. In conclusion Regional Directors 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 need to send Spike their list of Heaven One flags and coins.

6. Membership items discussion:

- a. Moved to Executive Session.

7. 2027 International Convention discussion:

- a. Moved to Executive Session due to sensitive issues.



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8. Open floor
 - a. N/A
9. Reminders and announcements:
 - a. SBM item cut-off date April 13th
 - b. SBM April 23rd Travel Day, 24th to 26th Meetings, and 27th Travel Day.
10. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm EST.

