



Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club
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Fall 2022 RKIFMC NON-Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Baltimore MD Oct. 27th thru 29th

2. Call to order at 8:02 am EDT. by President Joey Powell
3. Moment of Silence for those who have passed called by President Joey Powell
 - a. Names read of our Brothers and Sisters that have gone before us, read by Secretary Michael Woods.

i.	Lok Yung	NYCFR	9/3/2022
ii.	Kevin Evans	OK 3	9/6/2022
iii.	Pat Hillyard	PA 8	9/27/2022
iv.	Kenneth Clark	NZ 1	10/12/2022

4. Opening greeting by President Joey Powell
5. Roll Call completed by Secretary Michael Woods,

President Joey Powell: Present

Vice President Spike Ostiguy: Present

Secretary Michael Woods: Present

Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present

Rgn. 1 Dir. Eric Jock: Present

Rgn. 2 Dir. Leo Patry: Present

Rgn. 3 Dir. Trey Anderson: Present

Rgn. 4 Dir. Chuck Marks: Present

Rgn. 5 Dir. Lance Coit: Present

Rgn. 6 Dir. Allen Aurich: Present

Rgn. 7 Dir. Tom Van Der Kley: Present

Rgn. 8 Dir. Ken Mahon: Present

Guest:

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6. Rules of the meeting explained by President Joey Powell.
 - a. Remain courteous, raise hands, keep sidebars down, and only speak 3x on a topic.
 - b. Board Transparency: Scott
 - i. This was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-023 on 10/27/2022.
 - ii. See this Motion for details.

7. Adjustments or additions to Agenda

- a. 5 items added to the end of the agenda

8. Reports and guest speakers:

- a. Officer's reports

- i. President

1. Been very busy since Convention.
2. Reconfirmed the need for bringing our club back together and working as a family.
3. We need to hold ourselves and our members to the standards that have been established for us.



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- ii. Vice President
 1. Been working with Woody to help get him up to speed and moving in the right direction.
 2. We have 93 new M.A.L.s with another app just sent out.
- iii. Secretary
 1. Been working very diligently to get up to speed, with the help of Spike and Scott which is going rather well.
 2. We have 55 new TMLAs issued, 2 banners loaned out, 8 insurance requests, 8 rental agreements, and 6 new chapter applications sent out.
- iv. Treasurer
 1. Sent out the dues rosters to all chapters
 2. Represented the Board at the 2022 EUCON. If you have never been to this, it is very much worth your time to go, they are a great bunch of people!
- v. Region 1
 1. There are 92 chapters currently in Region 1.
 2. Attended Vermont, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts State meetings and the first annual State Presidents/Reps meeting.
 3. Maine with its 10 Chapters, brought in about \$55,000 this year in donations and leads the region.
 4. Maine 8 leads the charge with a \$39,000 donation to the Children's Hospital!
 5. Yankee Rally was a success with 364 members attending.
 6. The newly formed Mayday Fund sold \$8,400 to date of the Region 1 coins. If any Region would like to start this program or have questions, please contact Eric for details.
- vi. Region 2
 1. The Ontario Assoc. had 5 different rides in 5 different areas. They used these rides to help get information pushed out to the chapters.
 2. Currently working on getting chapters to utilize their chapter emails.
 3. Fixed several issues that have arisen with chapters as well.
- vii. Region 3
 1. Bootleggers was a success and will be emailing a report soon.
 2. Emails are continuing to be a problem in the region.
 3. We might be Getting a new chapter in Missouri.
- viii. Region 4
 1. Working on getting a new State Rep for Georgia and Florida at this time.
 2. The plan is to visit one event in every state each year, and attended AL 4 ride in Oct.
 3. Working on growing the communications within the region.



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- ix. Region 5
 - 1. Washington is working hard on getting the Wester Rally complete.
 - 2. Monthly Regional Zoom meetings are working and working on getting everyone on board with it.
 - 3. Minnesota Chapter is looking to make a bid on a future Convention.
- x. Region 6
 - 1. Region 6 has 26 Chapters
 - 2. Been working on maintaining our Chapters and growing.
 - 3. Possibility of a new Chapter in the Denver area.
 - 4. An GA 8 member is moving to Hawaii, possibility of creating a new Chapter there!
 - 5. Working on creating a regional rally.
- xi. Region 7
 - 1. EUCON was a success with 368 members present and 3 International Board members there, Spike, Tom, and Scott.
 - 2. They are working hard on the two up-and-coming Conventions with Austria receiving 6 TMLAs for the event so far.
 - 3. Working on creating new Chapters and growing fast.
- xii. Region 8
 - 1. New Zealand had a gathering on the South Island. All attended, with some coming down from the North Island.
 - 2. Working on the growth of memberships
 - 3. Saved Australia 20 with the help of Country Rep. Andy Young.
 - 4. Working on several gatherings in New Zealand for next year.
- b. Committees
 - i. No reports currently.
- c. Convention Reports:
 - i. 2022 Convention report was turned in to the President for review.
 - ii. 2023 Austria:
 - 1. Convention planning is coming along well. They have planned for shuttle bus runs for getting members brought from Airports to the Convention site. All information is current on the website as it stands, and working on Motorcycle rentals. Just a reminder that we all need to look into insurance coverage for ourselves while we are there and if you plan on renting a vehicle or Motorcycle.
 - iii. 2024 Germany:
 - 1. Planning has started and more information will come as it gets set.
 - iv. 2025 Illinois:
 - 1. Nothing has changed since the last report. They are planning a meeting before the end of the year to look at different items. They are very excited and looking to take the Convention back to more of what they feel a Convention should be.
 - v. 2026 Australia
 - 1. Nothing new to report.



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- d. Guest speaker:
 - i. Board went into an Executive session on 10/27/2022 from 9:20 am EDT until 12:18 am EDT.
9. Old Business carried forward
 - a. SOG 6:10 Addition: Eric
 - i. 6:10 Conflict of Interest on the International Board discussed and ratified with Motion 2022/024 on 10/27/2022. See the motion for more details.
 - b. Bylaw 2:07 Amendment: Scott
 - i. Bylaw proposal 2:07 Chapter Life Membership was discussed and approved for review by the membership by Motion 2022-025 on 10/27/2022. The motion will be sent to the Bylaws committee for their review and preparation for ABM. For more details see motion.
 - c. Communication issues: Tom and Trey
 - i. Discussion was made over communication issues. The slack app was presented to the Board members and Board members agreed to try this communication tool out.
 - d. Bylaw 2:11 Amendment: Eric
 - i. Bylaw proposal 2:11 Annual Meeting was discussed and approved for review by the membership by Motion 2022-026 on 10/27/2022. The motion will be sent to the Bylaws committee for their review and preparation for ABM. For more details see motion.
 - e. SOG 3:02 Amendment: Scott
 - i. 3:02 Lower Rockers outside the US/Canada was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-027 on 10/27/2022. See the motion for more details.
 - f. Good of the order at ABM: Chris Gadway 8/20/2022
 - i. Past International President Chris Gadway proposed the International Board set themselves a stipend for uniforms. With a voice affirmation from the body. The Board discussed this and was unanimous on not implementing any changes at this time.. No action was taken.
 - g. By-Law 3:23 Nomination Committee question: Tom
 - i. The question was whether the Board selected the committee members or the Committee Chair once selected by the Board.
 - ii. The issue discussed was concluded that other than the nomination committee, committee Chairs pick their committee members.
 - h. SOG 12:05E Amendment: Scott
 - i. 12:05E Due dates and late payment fees was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-029 on 10/27/2022. See the motion for more details.
 - i. Region 7 Bi-fold. Tom and Woody
 - i. Working on updating the Club's Trifold flyer, creating one flyer for all.



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10. New Business

- a. SOG 2:03 Amendment: Scott and Eric
 - i. 2:03 Code of Conduct Electioneering was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-028 on 10/27/2022. See the motion for more details.
- b. Was addressed in 9. h
- c. 1:05 housekeeping. Scott
 - i. The logic for the bylaw change in September of 2021 included “A unilateral change in the bylaws, adding the word ‘single’ in two areas in Section 1:05 was made without input or vote by the RKMC Membership. This change goes beyond ‘clarification’”. A letter is to be sent to the Bylaws committee to remove the word “Single”.
- d. 2022 Convention awards issues: Spike
 - i. Failure to recognize the previous two (2) year’s recipients of OCA’s, Life Memberships, and Perry Carter Awards at the 2022 Convention. This will be readdressed at the 2023 Convention and if names have been released at Regional Rallies.
- e. Life members and good standing: Scott
 - i. If a Life Member or Compassionate Honorary Member is on a chapter roster and that Chapter has been placed on restricted service for failure to pay dues, the Chapter will not be presented at the ABM for removal, instead all dues paying members will be removed from the roster. TX 2 will be reinstated due to this change.
- f. Bylaw 1:05 Rucker Issues: Eric
 - i. Per the letter sent out to the membership by President Joey Powell on 9/12/2022, the board was to discuss and bring two clear (for and against) Bylaw proposal changes to the membership as soon as possible for Chapters to review and provide feedback to their respective Regional Directors. A letter will be sent out with these proposals by President Joey Powell.
- g. ABM broadcast: Scott
 - i. We should look at a way to broadcast the annual meetings, so all members can have the opportunity to at least see what is happening without waiting for the minutes to be circulated, and to see the entire conversation.
- h. Nominations Committee: Tom
 - i. Moved to 10. i.i
- i. Committee Chairs:
 - i. Committee Chair Selection. Entered Executive section at 10:13 am EDT on 10/28/2022
 1. Motion 2022-031 Ratify Committee Chair appointments.
 - ii. Letter from the President sent out 9/30/2022 asking membership if they are interested in a committee chair or member’s position.
 - iii. Additional discussion topics from Executive Zoom meeting 10/5/2022
 1. Addressed in Executive session.
 2. Addressed in Executive session.
 3. Standardize the process for (all) committee appointments. (SOG)
 - a. Postponed until Spring Board Meeting 2023



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4. Standardize the annual letter (e-mail) that is sent to Committee Chairs.
 - a. Postponed until Spring Board Meeting 2023
- j. SOG 12:08 Amendment: Scott
 - i. 12:08 Declaration of a home chapter by a member (Junior and Social) was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-038 on 10/29/2022. See the motion for more details.
- k. Budget: Scott
 - i. Budget was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-038 on 10/29/2022.
- l. Bylaw 2:10(5) Amendment: Scott
 - i. Bylaw proposal 2:10(5) International Dues were discussed and approved for review by the membership by Motion 2022-034 on 10/28/2022. The motion will be sent to the Bylaws committee for their review and preparation for ABM. For more details see motion.
- m. Email issues: Trey
 - i. With having issues over time with emails, it was brought up about I.T. help. After discussion, the Board feels that it would be in our best interest to explore the possibility of creating a new Committee to handle future technical issues. Board will be working with the new Communications Chair to find solutions.
- n. Membership status in relation to MC endorsements or license: Scott
 - i. After a quick external investigation, it was found the endorsement type was based on the State that it is issued by or gives the ability to ride a 2-wheeled or 3-wheeled motorcycle. A possible Bylaws amendment will be looked at during the Spring Board meeting.
- o. SOG 2:03 Amendment: Eric
 - i. Was addressed in 10. a
- p. Motion review: Woody – withdrawn by Woody
- q. SOG 10:01 Amendment: Scott
 - i. 10:01 Organizational Promotions Grants was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-035 on 10/29/2022. See the motion for more details.
- r. Circulate Motions: Scott
 - i. Moved to 6. b
- s. SOG 12:08 discussion: Scott
 - i. 12:08 Declaration of a home chapter by a member was discussed about “representation” and was concluded that all members must present their home chapters for records.
- t. SOG 9:01a discussion: Scott
 - i. 9:01a Regional meeting and/or Regional Rally Expenses were discussed about a calendar year and term year. The conclusion is that permission from the Board is required and handled on a case-by-case basis.
- u. 17:01 amendment: Woody
 - i. 17:01 Responsibility and Guidelines for loaning of the banner was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-037 on 10/29/2022. See the motion for more details.



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- v. Heaven one protocol. Tom
 - i. Discussion was made about the club flag for funerals. The Board will look into a more professional quality flag for the Heaven One presentations.
- w. Wearing of the Honor our Fallen armbands: Allen
 - i. After discussion, it was concluded that wearing these items was at the discretion of the Chapter members.
- x. Intellectual Property registration current standings and future aspirations: Woody
 - i. This discussion was moved to the Executive session on 10/28/2022.
- y. New Insurance requirements for events. Woody
 - i. Items discussed on the future educational program.
- z. Reorganization MAL program: Tom withdrew by Tom 10/10/2022
- aa. SOG 12:09 Addition: Eric
 - i. 12:09 Reinstatement of a Chapter was discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-030 on 10/27/2022. See the motion for more details.
- bb. Bylaw 2:11 Amendment: Eric
 - i. Resolved in 9. d
- cc. SOG 9:01 Amendment: Eric
 - i. 9:01 Travel expenses were discussed and ratified with Motion 2022-036 on 10/29/2022. See the motion for more details.
- dd. Terms of committee chairs and members: Spike
 - i. This was discussed and found to be at the discretion of the Board. Terms for Committees would be better at a two-year time frame. SOGs will be reviewed and changed at the Spring Board meeting.
- ee. Bylaw 2:17 Amendment: Eric
 - i. Proposal postponed till Spring Board Meeting.
- ff. RKM Seasonal availability of the Red Knights memorial house: Leo
 - i. Moved to the RKM meeting agenda.
- gg. 8:01 Elections of State/Province Representatives: Chuck and Woody
 - i. The discussion was made that the qualifications of State Rep./President were not in line with the progressive level of this position. SOG will be reviewed by the Board and brought back for further review at the Spring meeting.
- hh. 15:02 Registering to Vote at Annual Business Meeting (Eric 10/4 emails)
 - i. Postponed till Spring Board Meeting.
- ii. 2:17 enforcement (Eric 10/4 emails)
 - i. Postponed until Spring Board Meeting and combined with 10. ee.
- jj. Active members only vote for active-only positions: Chuck
 - i. This has been a long-running and widespread issue within the Chapters. This would require a Bylaw change.
- kk. Phone App for the RKMC website: Chuck
 - i. Further information will be investigated and brought back at the Spring meeting.



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11. Open floor

a. Items as follows:

- i. New Jersey Letters: Eric
 1. Region 1 Director will handle the response to these letters.
- ii. NY Flags: Eric
 1. withdrawn by Eric
- iii. TX 2: Allen
 1. Covered in 10. e.
- iv. FD Assoc.: Trey
 1. Discussion on FD Associate qualifications and was simply placed as an employee (non-firefighter) that is on an official roster of an established fire department.
- v. Life membership: Spike
 1. Information on how we issue Life Membership will be brought to the Spring Board Meeting.

12. Good of the order:

- a. President Joey Powell conducted a “Round Table” exercise.

13. Adjournment at 3:28 pm EDT 10/29/2022

