



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
Est. 1982 Boylston Massachusetts
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RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ABM MINUTES

August 17th, 2024

1. The meeting was called to Order at 8:12 am.

2. Roll Call:

a. International Board

President Spike Ostiguy: Present
Secretary Michael Woods: Present
Rgn. 1 Dir. Ken May: Present
Rgn. 3 Dir. Mark Mullen: Present
Rgn. 5 Dir. Lance Coit: Present
Rgn. 7 Dir. Tom Van Der Kley: Present

Vice President Norm Beausoleil:
Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present
Rgn. 2 Dir. Randy Smith: Present
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: 58
- ii. Voting delegates present: 52
- iii. International Officers present: 11
- iv. Has a Quorum been met: Yes

3. Opening remarks:

- a. Welcome
- b. Moment of Silence

4. Rules for Meeting:

- a. Sargeant at Arms:
 - i. Jan Behrends Germany Chapter 16
 - ii. Mauro Osti Switzerland Chapter 1
 - iii. Roger Gillock Germany Chapter 5
- 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. Spike to Call for Motion to accept as published.
 1. Motion by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5



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2. Second by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4
3. Vote: "Yes" 51 and "No" 0 outcome: Passed
- b. Committee Reports:
 - i. Financial Audit:
 1. See the Financial report for details.
 2. Spike Called for the Motion to be accepted as published.
 - a. Motion by Don Brandt Pennsylvania 11
 - b. Second by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1
 - c. Vote: "Yes" 51 and "No" 0 outcome: Passed
 - ii. Convention Reports:
 1. 2025- Illinois State Association presented by Mark Mullen.
 2. 2026- Australia 5 presented by Roger van Kollenburg.
 3. 2027- 2029 - TBD If no applications are presented to the Board, ABM will be held by the International Board at a place and time TBD.
- c. Membership:
 - i. Chapters:
 1. Dec. 31st, 2022: 442 Chapters
 2. Dec. 31st, 2023: 457 Chapters
 - ii. MALs:
 1. Dec. 31st, 2022: 272
 2. Dec. 31st, 2023: 232
 - iii. Members:
 1. Dec. 31st, 2022: 9887
 2. Dec. 31st, 2023: 9991

6. Memorial:

- a. 54 total names were added to the Memorial since the last Convention.

7. Memorial Fund Donations:

- a. \$14,371 in donations

8. Insurance:

- a. Event Insurance
 - i. We have insured 35 events with 4 pending so far in 2024.
- b. AD&D
 - i. We have paid out \$16,000 on 4 Claims with one pending since the last Convention.

9. Old Business:

- a. No old business carried forward.



10. New Business:

- a. Chapter recall review:
 - i. Motion to recall the following charters:
 1. AR 3, GA 24, Germany 20, IN 3, ON 18, SC 5, TN 7, TX 6, and WV 10.
 - a. Motion by Heather Drew Alabama 13
 - b. Second by Pierre Halleux Belgium 1
 - c. Yes votes 51 and No votes 0 (**Passed**)

11. Bylaw Proposals review and vote:

- a. Quick refresher on procedure and rules:
- b. 2024 Bylaw Change Proposals are printed for your review.
- c. Voting Delegate Roll call:
 - i. The president requests the Secretary to perform a roll call.
- d. By-law voting is as follows:
 - i. Proposal #1 By-Law Section 1:05 Club Back Patch.
 1. Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 2. Second by Michael Woods IN 2
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor 51
 - b. 66% to pass 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 39 (**Passed**)
 - ii. Proposal #2 By-Law Section 2:01 Active Member.
 1. Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 2. Second by Norm Beausoleil MA 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 51
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 46 (**Passed**)
 - iii. Proposal #3 By-Law Section 2:01 Active Member.
 1. Motion by Allen Aurich TX 4
 2. Second by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 51
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 17 (**Failed**)
 - iv. Proposal #4 By-Law Section 2:03 Associate Membership.
 1. Motion by Norm Beausoleil MA 1
 2. Second by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 8 (**Failed**)



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- v. Proposal #5 By-Law Section 2:03 Associate Membership.
 - 1. Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - 2. Second by Ray Oosterbaan Netherlands 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 47 (**Passed**)
- vi. Proposal #6.1 By-Law Section 2:04 Social Membership.
 - 1. Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - 2. Second by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 46 (**Passed**)
- vii. Proposal #6.2 By-Law Section 2:04 Social Membership.
 - 1. Motion by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 - 2. Second by Pierre Halleux Belgium 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 4 (**Failed**)
- viii. Proposal #7 By-Law Section 2:06 Membership-At-Large.
 - 1. Motion by Norm Beausoleil MA 1
 - 2. Second by Don Brandt Pennsylvania 11
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 48 (**Passed**)
- ix. Proposal #8 By-Law Section 2:07 Life Membership.
 - 1. Motion by Tom Hoedjes Switzerland 6
 - 2. Second by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 51
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 32 (**Failed**)
- x. Proposal #9 By-Law Section 2:07 Life Membership.
 - 1. Motion by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4
 - 2. Second by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 42 (**Passed**)
- xi. Proposal #10 By-Law Section 2:08 Junior Membership.
 - 1. Motion by Heather Drew Alabama 13
 - 2. Second by Ray Oosterbaan Netherlands 1



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- a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 50 (**Passed**)
- xii. Proposal #11 By-Law Section 2:09 Special Compassionate Honorary Member.
 1. Motion by Don Brandt Pennsylvania 11
 2. Second by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 40 (**Passed**)
- xiii. Proposal #12 By-Law Section 2:11 Annual Meeting.
 1. Motion by Mark Mullen IL 14
 2. Second by Ian Hurley MA 2
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 44 (**Passed**)
- xiv. Proposal #13 By-Law Section 3:05 Vacancy.
 1. Motion by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4
 2. Second by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 47 (**Passed**)
- xv. Proposal #14 By-Law Section 3:24 By-Laws Committee.
 1. Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 2. Second by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 52 (**Passed**)
- xvi. Proposal #15 By-Law Section 3:25 Suspension Or Removal Of Members By The International Executive Board.
 1. Motion by Heather Drew AL 13
 2. Second by Chris Tiffany NY 30
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 4 (**Failed**)
- xvii. Proposal #16 Section 4:01 State / Province/Region Associations.
 1. Motion by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 2. Second by Ray Oosterbaan Netherlands 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52



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- b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 47 (**Passed**)
- xviii. Proposal #17 By-Law Section 4:02 State/Province/Region Association Officers.
 - 1. Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - 2. Second by Don Brandt Pennsylvania 11
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 52
 - b. 66% to pass: 35
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 17 (**Failed**)
- xix. Proposal #18 By-Law Section 4:04 Association Officers Duties.
 - 1. Motion by Kenneth May NJ 19
 - 2. Second by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 46 (**Passed**)
- xx. Proposal #19 By-Law Section 5:01 Chapter Government.
 - 1. Motion by Chris Tiffany NY 30
 - 2. Second by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 49
 - b. 66% to pass: 33
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 44 (**Passed**)
- xxi. Proposal #20 By-Law Section 6:01 General.
 - 1. Motion by Pierre Halleux Belgium 1
 - 2. Second by Tom Van Der Kley Germany 31
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 50
 - b. 66% to pass: 34
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 46 (**Passed**)

12. Election of Officers:

- a. Thomas Delboi Nominations Committee member presented election results on behalf of Thomas Caisse Nominations Committee Chair.
- b. There was no contested race.
- c. Tom Delboi to cast one vote for the following slate of officers, vote accepted by International Secretary.
 - i. Vote cast for Vice President, Secretary, Region 2, Region 4, Region 6, and Region 8 Directors by Nominations Committee member Tom Delboi.
 - ii. 2024-2025 International Officers are:
 - 1. President: Richard “Spike” Ostiguy
 - 2. Vice President Norm Beausoleil



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3. Secretary Michael “Woody” Woods
4. Treasurer Scott Ryan
5. Region 1 Kenneth May
6. Region 2 Randy Smith
7. Region 3 Mark Mullen
8. Region 4 Chuck Marks
9. Region 5 Lance Coit
10. Region 6 Brian Singleton
11. Region 7 Tom Van Der Kley
12. Region 8 Andy Young

13. Good of the Order:

- a. Presentation from Ontario 1 to Host 2027 Convention.
 - i. Motion by: Michael Woods IN 2
 - ii. Second by: Scott Ryan PEI 1
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 49
 - b. 66% to pass: 33
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 39 (**Passed**)
- b. 2028 and 2029 - no applicants as of now.
- c. 2024 Committee Appointment process
 - i. We now look towards our next set of tasks and the appointment of our committee Chairs is high on the agenda. This year we will be appointing Communication, IT, Newsletter, and Grand Tour Chairs. We would like to start this process as defined in SOG 1:05 and ask that everyone interested in a position send in their Letters of intent/resumes to the International Secretary no later than October 1st, 2024.

14. Closing Remarks from President:

- a. President closing remarks.
- b. Board meeting right after Adjournment.

15. Adjourned: All in favor at 12:45 pm.

Expense	2021	2022	2023	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual
Board International Travel	2,500	2,800	-	-
Board Meetings	42,500	38,700	42,500	41,240
CLP	500	500	1,000	-
Computers	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,461
Convention Grant	9,900	9,900	9,900	9,782
Convention Reg	675	675	675	-
Donations	-	-	-	-
Electronic Vote	1,900	1,900	1,900	5,280
Events - Assoc	7,000	8,000	8,000	3,300
Fees Bank	500	500	500	68
Fees Legal	2,000	2,000	54,000	13,208
Fees Misc	-	-	-	78
Grand Tour	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,850
Grants - Promotion	1,200	1,200	1,200	200
Grants - Startup	500	500	500	500
Heaven 1 Trav	6,000	6,000	6,000	5,767
Honorarium	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
Insure Board	1,700	1,700	1,850	2,598
Insure Chap Evt	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,751
Insure Int Evt	-	-	-	-
Insure Retainer	3,000	3,000	-	-
International Sponsored Event	2,000	3,500	2,500	-
KORT	-	-	-	-
Misc Travel	6,500	6,500	6,500	4,979
Office	1,300	2,300	2,000	928
PayPal	3,000	5,000	6,500	5,776
Phone	200	-	-	-
Postage	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,117
Printing	1,000	-	-	4,663
Publicity	7,000	7,000	7,000	2,543
Rebate	-	-	-	-
Regalia Brd	1,000	1,000	600	6,235
Regalia QM	-	-	-	-
Repairs Eqpt	100	100	100	665
RK Memorial	36,325	33,525	32,575	16,813
RKR	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)	-
Webpage	1,000	3,000	3,000	3,502
TOTAL	165,000	165,000	214,000	159,801

DUES	165,000	165,000	165,000	151,258
Memorial Donations	-	-	-	14,371

Available For Reserve	0	-	(49,000)	5,827
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RK Memorial Reserve 1,379

ASSETS

Cash	233,467
Receivables	29,272
Prepays	(0)
Investments	
Cash & Investments	262,738
Property	313,360
Loan RKR	-
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Total Assets	576,098

LIABILITIES

Mortgage	109,610
Payables	1,182
Prepaid dues	104,409
Total Liabilities	<hr/> 215,201

Net Assets**360,897**

Opening Retained	355,070
Operating Income	5,827
Closing Retained	<hr/> 360,897

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