

**BELOW IS THE NON-EXECUTIVE MINUTES FOR THE 2020 FALL BOARD MEETING**

**RKIFMC FALL BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4-7, 2020**

**PRESIDENT**

1. Meeting called to order – 0801 11/5/2020
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed
3. Opening greeting from President
4. Roll Call

Joey Powell, President - **Present**  
Spike Ostiguy, VP - **Present**  
Jack Jarvis, Secretary - **Present**  
Scott Ryan, Treasurer - **Zoom**  
Lance Coit, Region 5 - **Zoom**  
Pierre Halleux, Region 7 - **Zoom**

Matt Mattera, Region 1 - **Present**  
Leo Patry, Region 2 - **Zoom**  
Trey Anderson, Region 3 - **Present**  
Steve Guillot, Region 4 - **Present**  
Allen Aurich, Region 6 - **Present**  
Ken Mahon, Region 8 - **Zoom**

Guest: There were no guests present at the Meeting.

5. Rules of meeting- Reports – **The use of raising hands is imperative due to the Members of the Board on Zoom. Please limit speaking just to say you agree with the former speaker.**
6. Convention reports – **2021 NB – Leo stated that NB is ready and have everything waiting for a large Red Knight gathering. Meeting have been done by Zoom since the boarders are still closed. 2022 PA – Trey has met with PA and they are almost completely ready. Working out small details but all the major hurdles have been cleared. 2023 MD – Steve has had some conversations with the host Chapter and they are moving right along. Location and main hotels are already to go and just working through details on events and food. 2024 – Still to be voted on at 2021 Convention.**
7. Adjustments to Agenda – **Adjustments completed.**

**THE FOLLOWING ARE ACTION ITEMS.**

1. House/Memorial update, expenditures: Roof, lighting, ramps, bathroom (grab handles).  
**With the house being closed down for months due to COVID, no action items have been completed. The House Committee is meeting this week to start completing these projects.**

**NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Discuss a way for each state's MAL's to vote for Regional Board Members. **Much effort and discussion has gone into trying to make it possible for the MAL's to vote for their Regional Directors. A By-Law change would have to happen for it to move any further than discussion. If a change were to be approved, the RKIFMC Board would have to find a way to make it happen. Votenet is our current vendor for elections and have kept the price competitive and the security of the elections is second to none.**
2. 2021 Budget. **During the discussion of funding for International Events, MOTION 2020-013 was passed to make the Bootlegger (Region 3 Rally) an official International funded event. 2021 RKIFMC budget was approved after much discussion by MOTION 2020-014.**
3. Discussion on Convention Hosting added to the SOG's. **Moved and combined with item #14.**
4. Discuss on how to ensure Members are entered onto Heaven One correctly with the two-letter postal code in North America and the three-letter Olympic abbreviation for everyone outside of North America. **SOG 16:09 was added to make it clear to everyone what would be placed on the Memorial plaque.**

5. Electioneering – what is permitted by the Board and the Membership. Once discussion has a conclusion we need to add an SOG. Section was added to SOG 2:03 to clarify what electioneering is and what the RKIFMC Board Members are allowed to do. **MOTION 2020-015**
6. By-Law 5:02 – Chapter Officers. Are QM and Sgt. At Arms Chapter Officers or not? All Chapters have the ability to add officers that are not listed on the By-Laws as long as the mandatory officers are covered by the correct type of Membership classification.
7. We need a clear definition of Home Chapter and have it entered into SOG’s. I feel that we need to add wording to the effect that a member must have his primary residence in the State, Province, or Country in which his home chapter is declared . After much discussion, it was determined that Chapters and their Membership should be able to determine the “HOME” Chapter of a Member. It does need to be stressed that you can ONLY be an officer in your “HOME” Chapter. Scott sees this the most dealing with the rosters and will notify the Regional Director if he sees an issue so the Chapters can be notified and correct the issue.
8. Heaven One – are we going to strictly go with if dues are not paid by Dec 31 the member doesn’t qualify, or we do we allow the grace period of till Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. How to deal with multiple Chapter Memberships. Also who qualifies it has been mentioned or suggested that only Active Members should receive International Board representation, a coin, and Flag. We are working within the By-Laws at this time but there is a By-Law proposal that will be voted on at the 2021 Convention to remove the February 15 date completely. This date has caused confusion for years and has cost Members to be put into Restricted Service when attempting to run for office because the Chapter did not know when to pay the dues. Unfortunately, we are going to have to hardline a timeframe due to Chapters trying to use loopholes for Heaven One protocol. Members who belong to multiple Chapters will have to have the family or the Chapters decide which goes on the Memorial plaque. We will not put multiple Chapters on the plaque. All qualified Members are to be represented on the Memorial. It has never been limited to only Active Membership.
9. Full report on the state of the mortgage on the RKMH current balance, what has been donated over and above what has been collected with the \$4.00 dues increase. This information is available on the website and Scott will make sure it remains updated.
10. Review of the policy on attendance of the Fall Board Meetings. Review of By-Law 3:06 – after a lot of discussion and due to the fact that we have not had any in person meeting until this one, we reviewed the effectiveness of 3:06. It is determined that we are going to give it at least through 2021 before we revisit making any proposals to change the By-Law. We can add a day to the Summer Meeting if needed, after we meet in the spring. This year has been hard on all of the Membership and it is up to us to hold it all together.
11. What used to be in the R&R, in regards to felony “convictions” as it pertains to R.K. membership. If known, why and when was this removed? The records before 2004 are not readily available digitally. The term “felony” has not been included in any RKIFMC official document from at least 2004 till today. It is up to the individual Chapters to properly choose their Members using the guidelines in place.
12. Discussion about taking a look at maybe lowering the chapter start up number from 7 to 5. The general consensus of the board is to keep the number at seven (7). We have had a record number of new Chapters start this year and any changes to the starting number should come from the Membership and not the board.
13. Convention Hosting Manual update. Addition to SOG 1:03 was made having the CLP update the hosting manual after their Convention and send it to the next CLP within 30 days. **MOTION 2020-016**
14. Grand Tour program. Info from Chair attached. Grand Tour Chair sent in information wanting to make some improvements to the Grand Tour program. It was discussed and decided that Joey was to make contact with the chair and let them know to make the improvements as they deem necessary as long as it falls within the guidelines of the program.
15. Updating the website. The board is making an honest effort to go through the entire website and come up with a prioritized list of improvements and fixes to the Communications Chair. The list will then be looked at by the chair to see what can be handled by him versus what will need to be sent to the vendor to handle.

16. Need to cancel the Americade email address. This is a housekeeping issue due to the fact that Americade was fased out of the International funding in 2019 and Joey is to notify the Communications Chair to have it removed.
17. Discuss whether to send QM to 2021 Convention. **This item has been made an action item for the Spring 2021 Meeting.**
18. Discussion of nominating MAL for International Board. **Moved to Executive Session.**
19. Discussion on Social Membership status once the Active Member has left the Chapter/Club. Qualifications of Social Membership are in the By-Laws. If the sponsor leaves or the qualifications change in any way, the Social Member must leave the Chapter. The Chapters must learn to properly run themselves as the International Board will answer these questions using the By-Laws we have in place. These notifications are usually noticed by Scott as he does the rosters and he will send out notifications to the Chapters of the change in Membership that needs to take place.
20. President from MS 2 Info on a Program of Firefighter Helping Firefighters to have RKIFMC Board Discuss this idea. He feels this might give us good PR. And maybe increase the Membership. **MS 2 needs to keep moving forward with their program. All programs of this nature are encouraged from Chapters but it is up to the Chapter to run it. The RKIFMC may be able to assist in the advertising as we have programs available.**
21. MAL notification of passing – who do they go to? Regional Director or VP? It all depends on if the survivor of the MAL knows who to contact. Unfortunately, sometimes an individual MAL may not have anyone to notify us at all. Spike will have an article on the importance of this in the upcoming newsletter.
22. Zoom account. The cost of adding a second host is \$150 per year. To save the Membership money, we can have the Secretary manage the account we already have and will schedule and set up the meetings for all the board Members. This will allow everyone to host their own meetings and will also give everyone a calendar of when it is available for use. Directors are to email requests to the Secretary for scheduling.
23. Spring Meeting schedule. Spring Meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD from April 14-18, 2021.
24. Grand Tour coins. Due to the COVID issues, the Grand Tour program is going better than ever. Unfortunately, we were not prepared for the large amount of coins that were to be sent out so a new order must be made. It was decided to order 100 more coins for the Grand Tour program.
25. Clarification on whether Associate Members need a valid motorcycle license (endorsement). It is the opinion of the board that this is already implied in the By-Laws but a proposal to clarify the By-Law was written and will be voted on at the 2021 Convention. **MOTION 2020-017.**

Meeting adjourned – 1730 11/6/2020