

BELOW IS THE NON EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR THE FALL BOARD MEETINGS

RKIFMC FALL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 1 - 3

ALL MEETINGS BEGAN AT 0800

PRESIDENT

1. Meeting called to order – **0803 11/1/2018**
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed
3. Opening greeting from President
4. Roll Call

Chris Gadway, President

Spike Ostiguy, VP

Jack Jarvis, Secretary

Scott Ryan, Treasurer

Lance Coit, Region 5

Pierre Halleux, Region 7 – **Medical Excused**

Matt Mattera, Region 1

Leo Patry, Region 2

Tim Reinard, Region 3 - **Excused**

Joey Powell, Region 4

Allen Aurich, Region 6 - **Excused**

Jason Collins, Region 8 - **Excused**

Guest:

5. Rules of meeting – **Rules are as always, wait to speak until called upon, be courteous to speaker that has the floor.**
6. Reports – **Reports given and accepted.**
7. Convention reports – **2019 NH (1), 2020 France (7), 2021 NB (2), 2022 PA (3), 2023 MD (4)**
8. Adjustments to Agenda – **ADDED TO END OF AGENDA**

THE FOLLOWING WERE CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2018 SUMMER MEETING

1. Time to fix the confusion of Restricted Service at dues time. We need to clean up the By-Laws and SOG's to clear the confusion. **SCOTT COMPLETED**

PRESIDENT:

1. House/Memorial update, expenditures: Roof, lighting, ramps, bathroom (grab handles) **Roof** - \$7350 bid accepted. **Trees** - \$4000 bid accepted for Hall property with an amendment to be added if needed. **Lighting** - quote already accepted. **Bathroom** – grab handles to be installed in both. **Ramps** – we are going to get quotes on what it would take to make the upstairs accessible. Chris and Spike are to get specs for the room for storage of archives and will bring back. **CARRY OVER TILL SPRING**
2. Executive Board restructuring: Discussion on Pres, EXEC VP, VP, VP, Secretary, Treasurer to all three annual meetings. 10 Regional Directors to the Convention only. A lot of discussion has taken place and we are going to look forward to more discussions and possibility of moving forward with a restructuring. At 80 Chapters, a new Regional Director will be added. The additional Regional Directors will be elected the same as is now, just vote for two in the effected regions. The entire board will be in attendance of the Spring and Summer Meetings with voice and vote. The RKR, RKM, and Executive

for RKI will attend the Fall Meeting. A flow chart and blue print is being created and will be sent to the By-Law Committee to be written up and presented to the entire board at the Spring Meeting.

3. Discussion on extending the Summer Meeting week. We would need to add at least a day to the Summer Meeting if the new restructuring went through.
4. Convention being a convention vs. A big rally. Need to refocus on the Friday breakout sessions. We need the three educational sessions before lunch and the Friday town hall meeting for 1 hour before dinner. We also need to reinforce that we have no rides planned before lunch on Friday. 0830-1200 for breakouts, 1600-1700 for town hall.
5. Refocus on Friday for Member/Officer interaction and education. Friday will be voter registration, Saturday will be voter registration before ABM.
6. Working on times and days for dinners and rides at Convention. Completed with #4 & #5

VICE PRESIDENT:

7. Possible By-Law amendment for “wildland” firefighters. No amendment needed.

SECRETARY:

8. Newsletter editor – Moved to #25
9. Linking Chapter websites to the International site. (George) We will not be linking any Chapter websites, but we will be increasing all Chapter email accounts to 500MB.

TREASURER:

10. International cost for committee chairs to attend conventions: With the increased costs of France, should we look at alternatives to paying for travel or rooms or both for committee chairs. Have paid rooms for nominations chair as an ongoing practice and other chairs as needed. Committee Chairs on a case by case basis will have travel and hotel covered for as long as the Board needs them at Spring, Summer, Fall meetings, and Convention. We will have the EU President or designee handle the elections and By-Laws in Paris due to the possible language barrier.
11. Possible amendment to SOG 3:02 to permit “Danmark”. **Motion 2018-008 and Motion 2018-009** were both passed to fix SOG 3:02 and the Denmark issue.
12. Discussion on Associate Member and FD Associate and try to define both better as far as qualifications. By-Law 2:03 needs to be sent back to the By-Law Committee to be cleared up about whether you can be an Associate with or without a motorcycle license.

Recess until 0800 11/2/2018

Meeting called to order 0803 11/2/2018

REGION 1:

13. Website – Can we make it mobile friendly? Possibly a rebuild to reorganize items? We have a large portion of the Membership that do not use computers and only use mobile devices. Kitty will be notified to try and make the website mobile friendly. Contact Kitty to place a “Convention” tab and a “Downloadable files” tab. Need to increase the size of the scroll. We need a search bar also. All these will be sent to Kitty by Chris.
14. International Banner – Was the one made for the 2018 Convention for the International? Are we loaning it out? I received a request to use the International Banner from the 2019 Yankee Rally Committee. The 2018 Convention Banner paid for by the International should be with the flags. It will be located as soon as possible. The International Banners are loaned out through the Secretary Office.

REGION 2:

15. Discussion on International Newsletter mail out. Mailout had some hiccups but was meant to be a onetime letter that would give the general Member some information that they may not have been receiving otherwise.
16. Review of RKMH Rentals. It has been booked a number of times but not as busy as we would have thought. Memorial Hall has been added to the breakout sessions.
17. Articles of Incorporation for RKIFMC, RKR, and RKM. Where can these By-Laws and SOG's also be found? All articles can be found on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts website. We will continually revisit the board make-up to make sure we can keep the right people in the right places.
18. Status of the loan from RKIFMC to RKR and balance still outstanding. **Motion 2016-022** handled this issue with a deferment of payment until the end of the term at which the balance and interest will be due in full.
19. Domain name for redknightsmc.ca? The domain should be transferred to the bulk of other domains, so we can keep it and hold the cost down. It is already auto forwarded to redknightsmc.com. RKM ribbon cutting hose sections? They have been sent out to regions for auction and gifting.
20. Travel expense for Board Meeting. What is considered a reasonable time and distance to travel by car vs. flying? Reasonable is defined by the rule of common sense. We will do a case by case basis to see whether we approve a flight over driving for medical reasons if one is more expensive than the other.

REGION 3: NO ITEMS SENT

REGION 4:

21. Would like to talk about going to Florida to hold State meeting to get them back up and running. Since Jack Downs got sick the state has really drop in membership. Fire and Iron is really strong there. Would like the ok from the board and reimbursement for travel. Try to wait for first of the year and have a meeting and try to include Leo and Norm as they are down there anyway. Joey will send notification to every Member in Florida, including the MAL's. Board approved three-day travel to help solve the issues.

REGION 5: NO ITEMS SENT

REGION 6: NO ITEMS SENT

REGION 7: NO ITEMS SENT

REGION 8: NO ITEMS SENT

AGENDA ADD – ONS:

22. Scepter – transportation and storage until next KORT. Scepter will go to the Hall for display until March when it will go to Dixie, Yankee, and then back to Hall until Convention. It will then travel to KORT in Alabama or Florida after Convention.
23. Bank charges on chapters – how International funds are sent to chapters. Monies are sent by PayPal or Check. We will work to get US based checks to US Chapters versus the Canadian routing number checks.
24. 2019 Meeting Dates. Spring Meeting April 24-28, RKR and RKM on evening of April 24, Convention August 20-25, RKR and RKM on evening of August 20, Fall Meeting October 23-27, RKR and RKM on evening of October 23.
25. Committee appointments. Newsletter editor – Steve Williamson, By-Law Chair -Chuck Weikel, By-Law Committee – Mark Green, Norm Beausoliel, Communications Chair – George Colby, Grand Tour Coordinator – Emmitt Duprey, Grand Tour Assistants –

Region 7 is Tom Hoedjes, Region 8 is Roger van Kollenburg, Chaplain – Dennis Hewitt, Nominations Chair – Tom Caisse. **Motion 2018-011** Passed.

26. Flags requests Flags will be taken to the Memorial Hall to be used during the Yankee Rally.
27. Create an SOG for the investigation committee. New SOG 2:03 will be added and current SOG 2:03 will be renumbered. **Motion 2018-012** Passed.
28. New Chapter applications. New Chapter Application was reviewed and approved with improvements.
29. Trademark recertification for Red Knights with patent office. Information purpose only that we have recertified our Trademark until 2028.
30. Removal of By-Law 3:23. By-Law committee will be asked to create a proposal to remove By-Law 3:23 as it is not a needed By-Law.
31. Emergency Member suspension. The discussion was held at length on the ability for a Member of the International Board to enact an immediate administrative suspension against a Member for serious offenses.

Recess non-executive session 1339 11/2/2018

Reconvene 1616 11/2/2018

Motion 2018-013 Passed

Motion 2018-014 Passed

Adjourn 1715 11/2/2018