

**BELOW IS THE NON-EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR THE SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**RKIFMC SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 25-28, 2019**

**ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 0800**

**RKM TO HAVE IT'S MEETING AFTER DINNER ON WEDNESDAY.**

**NOMINATIONS CHAIR TO PRESENT HIS PROGRAM AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY.**

- Blue Point Media had a presentation for a new website and hosting. 1100-1200.
- Current sever host Roger to present 1300-1400.

**PRESIDENT**

1. Meeting called to order
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

Matt Mattera, Region 1  
Leo Patry, Region 2  
Tim Reinard, Region 3  
Joey Powell, Region 4  
Allen Aurich, Region 6  
Jason Collins, Region 8

Guest: Roger Nelan 4/26/2019, Tom caisse 4/26/2019, Chuck Weikel 4/27/2019

5. Rules of meeting- Rules are as always, wait to speak until called upon, be courteous to speaker that has the floor.
6. Reports – All completed
7. Convention reports – 2019 NH, 2020 France, 2021 NB, 2022 PA, 2023 MD (proposal)
8. Adjustments to Agenda – Additions and subtractions completed

**THE FOLLOWING WERE CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2018 FALL MEETING**

1. House/Memorial update, expenditures: Roof, lighting, ramps, bathroom (grab handles).  
Roof not complete yet, lighting waiting on getting items completed, need bids for ramp, grab handles not installed yet, trees were successfully removed around the house and Memorial.

**PRESIDENT :**

2. Convention Host application enforcement. Chris is to edit document and draft a letter to the Membership. This has been a requirement for years and not been properly enforced. We will be using this going forth.
3. Should we treat new Chapter formation like MAL leaving a Chapter? Add a step to the Treasurer to send out the completed new chapter application to the Regional Director to help with approval of a new Chapter.
4. Proclamation to swap land. Drafted and signed by the board.
5. Rally challenge: We have a grand tour program to promote recruitment. What are thoughts about a similar challenge on how many rallies attended. This would promote camaraderie. Chris to bring a proposal.
6. By-Laws Section 3 Motion 2019-001 and 002 made and passed to be proposed by the International Board at the 2019 Convention. It was decided that no new committees need to be placed in the By-Laws as committees are fluid groups that may need to change roles.

**VICE PRESIDENT :**

7. I would like to re-visit the "Wildland Firefighter," By-Laws amendment (optics, potential members perusing website). Motion 2019-003 passed and will be proposed by the International Board at the 2019 Convention.

8. An increase of M.A.L. applicants from chapters... Due to chapters establishing mandatory meetings, rides and functions criteria. **Our International By-Laws are “permissive” not “restrictive” per Robert’s Rules of Order. Permission is given to do things, therefore, if it is not written, it cannot be enforced or created.**
9. Food for thought item. Future computer purchases... Solid State Hard Drives (SSD) vs. the standard hard drive... Longevity v. Cost. **Informational purposes only.**
10. Mailing (snail mail) constraints and excessive costs to Mexico. **One more attempt certified and send him the tracking information.**

**SECRETARY :**

11. Insurance from outside sources. Do we reimburse for policies we do not sell? **We do offer monies for overseas due to the fact we cannot sell insurance outside of North America. Once it is confirmed that the policy is equal to or better than our policy by visual inspection of the Certificate of Insurance, the International will reimburse a Chapter, not to exceed, the cost of the RKIFMC insurance.**
12. ROSTER UPDATES! WHERE DO WE FINALLY DRAW THE LINE IN STONE? **SOG 12:06A has been amended. Motion 2019-004 Passed**
13. By-Law 2:11 fix needed in rewrite. **It was an erroneous cut and paste issue and the fix will be completed as soon as possible.**
14. By-Law 5:01 still states that Chapter can write their own Chapter By-Laws. This has been wrong since 2009! **The intent was changed with a lack of punctuation. It has been corrected to revert the intent back to original as per the Membership vote at the 2018 ABM.**
15. Time frame for investigation committee. We need to place some timelines so they cannot drag on forever with an investigation. We also need to create a generic “verdict form” so the email they send us with a decision is not vague or incomplete. **Moved to Executive Session.**
16. SOG 12:03 need to remove asking the Secretary for artwork. **SOG to be kept as is and we will send RKMC logo.**
17. TMLA application time frame. **We will keep the TMLA’s as a tracking purpose.**

**TREASURER :**

18. 2019 Budget review. **Completed with necessary changes.**
19. We need to make sure a Member is a permanent resident of a country before adding it. We lost Brazil because of Italian residents. **We need to better vet a country resident before we add a new country.**
20. SOG 12:05D rewrite. **Motion 2019-008 Motion Passed**
21. Chenille has gone to China and nobody in US is doing it anymore. Nothing comes back matching from one order to the next and we are getting a lot of returns. The cost is also going up. May be time to have QM pose question to the membership to stop chenille. **The RKR cannot supply quality chenille and will discontinue producing new orders and will only sell out current stock. Once existing supply is gone, there will not be any more ordered. We will not offer chenille to any new Chapter as of 4/27/2019. RKR will no longer source any chenille and the Chapters could have their own bottom rockers produced. Motion 2019-009 passed.**
22. Bylaw 2:09. Even though the bylaw proposal had it underlined not strikethrough I should have caught this. The definition of Compassionate Honorary Member used to include the line “This will allow the Special Compassionate Honorary Member to continue to be active in the family of the Chapter without placing a burden on the Member or Chapter.” **Motion 2019-010 for a By-Law proposal and passed.**

**REGION 1 :**

23. Convention Manual **Chris has worked on fixing the document and will present the cleaned up version as soon as it is completed.**
24. We need to create some sort of a work flow or old business part of our agenda. There have been entirely too many times that we say we will do something at our meetings, then never follow through. I’m guilty of this as well. We need to hold each other accountable. **Added to action items for myself and the entire board to come up with a better work flow and better accountability.**
25. Fire Alarm Operator (fire dispatcher in a firehouse) be considered an Active Member. Request from a Member. **We have created a position FD Associate for this exact position. This is actually a mute point as there is a By-Law proposal already made.**

26. Web base and TMLA discussion TMLA's are not issued for Social media sites because they are public domains. Any Chapter with a Chapter Business can use the Red Knights name and logo only for paper and electronic means needed to run the Chapter.

**REGION 2 : NO ITEMS**

**REGION 3 :**

27. Convention - Should it be more learning format; the hospitality room is for All? Adult? Problems with officers serving the membership vs running the show - management of a volunteer organization? Falls under the presentation of the new Convention rewrite.
28. Memorial Flag draped over 9/11 steel. Action item for Spike added to make sure we could transport it back and forth easily.

**REGION 4 : NO ITEMS**

**REGION 5 : NO ITEMS**

**REGION 6 :**

29. MAL being able to get the 50/50 funding for promoting the Red Knights and trying to get Members for a Chapter. This is not possible because it is spelled out in the SOG's. The advertising budget may be used to assist.
30. Change bottom rockers to "Stations" and away from "Chapters". NO, we as the board cannot agree to this at all. We are Chapters and have been for over 30 years.

**REGION 7 :**

31. Section 2:01 Active Membership Question was asked and decided all issues with this By-Law are Chapter issues.
32. Section 3:30 Removal or Suspension of a Member by a Chapter. Completed
33. 2020 Convention issues for the board. The International Board will have to arrive on Sunday vs. Wednesday to have our meeting on Monday vs. the usual Wednesday due to the events that have to take place on the only time frame available. We may need to stay in Laon on Sunday due to event location having another event and may not be ready by Sunday.
34. Chapter dissolution discussion No action can be taken at this time with this specific issue.

**ADDITIONS:**

35. Directors liability risk For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive meeting, Treasurer Scott Ryan has expressed concerns of liability risk to the organization and it's officers for allowing legally allowed fire arm type raffles by segments of the organization. The International Board by a majority concensus choose to not restrict the segments of the organization to hold said legally allowed fire arm type raffles.
36. Presentation of web servers by guest-Roger Completed
37. Web content manager Blue Tone Media presented. Chris has been given permission to go forward once we find out they can handle the web site during the change over.
38. European Rally attendance by the board. This will be readdressed on May 28 by electronic means.
39. Flag and coins presentation for funerals. We will word smith a new presentation and all flags have now been flown above the Memorial that will be given to the families.
40. Committee attendance in Paris. Will be a case by case basis, but we have other options in place already.

**REGION 8 : NO ITEMS**

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

1. Recap of 2018 elections Completed
2. Status of 2019 elections process Completed, all information is on the International website.
3. Other topics at the request of the Board of Directors Completed

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE:**

1. Proposals Completed