

**BELOW IS THE NON EXECUTIVE MINUTES FOR THE SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**RKIFMC SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 2-4 2018**

**ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 0800**

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

**NOMINATIONS TO VISIT THURSDAY AND BY-LAWS FRIDAY MORNING.**

**PRESIDENT**

1. Meeting called to order-0756
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed
3. Opening greeting from President
4. Roll Call- **all present**

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:

5. Rules of meeting- **rules given by Chris**
6. Reports-**Board reports given and accepted**
7. Convention reports-2018 PA, 2019 NH, 2020 France, 2021 NB, 2022 PA
8. Adjustments to Agenda-**additions and subtractions listed in minutes.**

**THE FOLLOWING WERE CARRIED OVER FROM THE 2017 FALL MEETING**

1. Conventions setting up events during the ABM. **TIM**  
**No events are to be set up during the ABM. 2018 is good this year and it is passed on to next hosts.**
2. Social Media Policy. **JACK AND JASON**  
**Policy amended and accepted by Motion 2018-002 with a vote of 11-0 in favor.**
3. Recruitment initiatives. **SPIKE**  
**Stick with current advertisements and we are also looking into a YouTube channel.**
4. Trademark authority to RKR.  
**After a little discussion it was decided that nothing was needed. Rep Kings Movement is also a company asking for a coexistence agreement. They applied and were denied a Trademark because of our name. After discussion it was decided to deny this agreement.**

**PRESIDENT :**

1. Visitors scheduled for Friday morning : By-Law Chair, Nomination Chair, European Association President  
**Nomination Chair was invited by Chris to go over the 2018 elections on Thursday morning. By-Law Chair was invited by Chris to go over the progress of the By-Law clean up on Friday morning. European Association President was invited by Region 7 to discuss the 2020 Convention.**

**VICE PRESIDENT :**

1. State of the MAL program.  
**Covered under board reports.**
2. RKM information/updates pertinent to RKI.  
**RKI is paying for the new Memorial and Hall plaques.**

3. MAL SOG as it relates to distance/mileage from already established chapters.  
After discussion it was noted that there was no need to write any new SOG because the VP has the authority to run the MAL program as he was elected to do. Please let the record reflect, at discussions end... It was mutually agreed upon that if an M.A.L. applicant resides within 25 miles of an already existing chapter; That Chapter's President will be notified in respects to chapter placement options of said applicant.

#### SECRETARY :

1. Suggestion made by a member (Heideman) to have a little description of why the award was given at Convention (Perry Carter, OCA, Life)  
OCA and Perry Carter award winner information will be collected, reviewed and something will be posted on the website.
2. New Business card order.  
Lance Coit-Region 5 was the only cards ordered. Rest will look at again after ABM.

#### TREASURER :

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.  
**TABLED TILL SUMMER**
2. Should we get DL and confirmation of FD affiliation sent with Charter applications?  
Application will be ammended to include these items.
3. Whereas our mission statement indicates we are club created:  
To promote motorcycle safety.  
To project a positive image of motorcycling.  
To enjoy the Community of Firefighters.  
To engage exclusively in social, charitable and educational activities directed at increasing the general understanding of, enjoyment of, competency, sportsmanship and participation in the sport of Motorcycling.  
Whereas giving away assault rifles does not seem to be an obvious connection to our mission. And whereas IF we ever give an assault rifle to someone and IF that assault rifle is used in an event like the recent Parkland, Florida shooting it could greatly jeopardize the image of motorcyclists, firefighters, and our club. I would like to ask chapters to consider fundraising opportunities that do not involve raffles of assault rifles.  
After much discussion from all of the board with regards to liability and varying regional cultures, it was decided that this is a hot button topic right now and there are very passionate members on both sides. The board will remain neutral and not take a stance on either side officially, at this time. Chapters and regions will continue as is.

#### REGION 1 :

1. Eliminate Membership cards. I think we should encourage Chapters to create their own cards.  
This can be seen as us taking something away. Let's use up what we have and come up with a redesign before they are gone so we can change the way they look.
2. New Chapter applications must be accompanied by some form of documentation from a fire department/company saying that the 7 required Active applicants are/were firefighters.  
Covered under Treasurer #2
3. We had a discussion about Association email addresses at the Summer Meeting. I thought we decided to reissue them as « [njassoc@redknightsmc.com](mailto:njassoc@redknightsmc.com) » or such. Did we make a decision ? If not, we should. If so, what did we decide and are we doing it ?  
Chris is to make contact with George and have all the Association email addresses changed to reflect their location and not a random number.
4. Need to revisit By-Law changes for 3 :26 & 3 :27. We proposed these last year and they failed. We reworked them in the Fall Meeting and need to actually propose them this meeting.  
Approved by the board to send to the By-Law committee.

## **REGION 2 :**

1. The issue of allowing Quebec Chapters to continue having the option of their bottom rocker having French or English for the word « Chapter ».  
**Board staying with previous decision that all « Chapter » designation would be in English. SOG 3 :02 was ammended and clarified with Motion 2018-003. Passed 11-0**

## **REGION 3 :**

1. Need to know if we can purchase more containers for flags as bins are pretty full.  
**Keep as is until after the 2018 Convention to see what we may need to do.**
2. Would like clarification from the board if possible on the reasoning for closing the meetings.  
**This question came from the PA State Association and will be answered directly by Chris that we are following the opinion of our club attorney in Massachusetts.**

## **REGION 4 :**

1. We have a spot in the Memorial for LODD but what about a Member that passes while doing RKIFMC business ?  
**Joey is to write a protocol on how we are to honor those killed while in an official Red Knight capacity and bring it to the Summer Meeting.**

## **REGION 5 :**

## **REGION 6 :**

1. Discussion about the awards that are supposed to be going to the Perry Carter award winners. I was advised that at least the last 2 winners did not receive the things spelled out in the By-laws. This needs to be corrected.  
**Apparently not all the items have been given to the award winner. This is to be corrected immediately.**

## **REGION 7 :**

1. Industrial Firefighter : what is the definition ?  
**The definition was given of any person that works as a firefighter in the industrial work force as their primary job description.**
2. MAL program : What are the tags ?  
**The Mal program is changed slightly with the growth of the organization. We have the VP to keep an eye on things with the help of all the Regional Directors.**
3. MAL roster : Lost time and up to date.  
**The MAL roster is getting more up to date and anyone behind on dues are kept on the roster for 2 years as are the Chapters at this point.**

## **REGION 8 :**

1. Roster update acknowledgement.  
**The Treasurer will send a received reply with roster updates from now on. A new category of LIMITED SERVICE has been added to the SOG's in section 12 per Motion 2018-004 and Motion 2018-005.**

## **ADJOURNED 5/2**

## **CALLED 5/3 TO ORDER AT 0801-ALL PRESENT AT ROLL CALL**

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: 0900-1015 on Thursday Tom Caisse**

1. Recap of 2017 elections  
**Slide show to be published on website**
2. Status of 2018 elections process  
**Status review. No contests as of yet**
3. Propose change in nomination process for incumbents stating intent and nominations-January 1st  
**Change to be proposed by Tom. Board agrees.**
4. Clarification on International Life Member on good standing with respects to the Chapter  
**Life Member Clarification made for Tom.**
5. Other topics at the request of the Board of Directors  
**Nothing discussed.**

## **EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT : 1025-1104 on Thursday Sparks Hoedjes**

**2020 Convention information.**

- They want to know when they can open the information site on the web.

- Wants to know if they can ask to have a sign up table at next 2 conventions due to time needed to plan trips.
- Mont Rouge is the host hotel for board and the location of all activities.
- Want everything in euro vs. Dollar because of the cost of bank exchanges.
- Need the board meeting moved to Monday due to the activities. That would be a full week from Sunday to Sunday for all board members.

**ADJOURNED 5/3 FOR WORK DETAIL**

**CALLED 5/4 TO ORDER AT 0801-ALL PRESENT AT ROLL CALL**

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE : 0801-0925 on Friday Chuck Weikel**

- By-Law clean up is going well. May be ready to present to the Membership for review at the 2018 Convention.
- Per the chair : 5 on the committee may be too many. 3 seems to be the number we can get together at any one time.
- Board to continue review for 2 weeks and send any errors or omissions to the committee for review.

**ADJOURNED SPRING BOARD MEETING ON 5/4 FOR ROUND TABLE AND WORK DETAIL.**