

# Mason Dixon Conference - Winter 2011

## Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2011 10:00 am – 11:35 am

The meeting was called to order by John Bull (MDC Chairman).

<b>Executive Board Roll-Call</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present at Meeting</b>
Chairman	John Bull (MD-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chairman	Mike Pollinger (DE-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Keith Chase (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Richard Clark (NC-XVI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International Rep	Dan Moeser (TN-VI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>State Representatives and Other Appointed Positions Roll-Call</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present at Meeting</b>
Delaware State Rep	Bert Littleton (DE-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky State Rep	Ruben Gardner (KY-II)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maryland State Rep	Steve Smith (MD-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina State Rep	JJ Lightner (NC-XVII)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tennessee State Rep	T.C. Hicks (TN-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Virginia State Rep	Mike Hart (VA-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia State Rep	Carl Pace (WV-II)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chaplin	Mike Williams (MD-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quartermaster	Pat Moeser (TN-VI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safety Officer	D.W. Conners (VA-V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Paul Domingoes (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **Agenda Items**

1. Housekeeping Items:
  - a. By-Laws booklets. The MDC purchased copies of the By-Law booklets for each Chapter. Chapters in attendance were issued theirs. The Secretary will mail copies to those Chapters that were not present at the meeting.
  - b. Introduction of Sheriff Ed McMahon (Hanover County North Carolina). Sheriff McMahon thanked the Conference participants for choosing Wilmington, NC as the host site for the Conference meeting and hoped everyone enjoyed the City and the weather.
2. Welcome – Moment of Silence.
3. Opening Prayer – Mike Williams (MDC Chaplin).

4. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.
5. Reading of Blue Knights Pledge – Chairman Bull.
6. Chapter Roll-Call and Report – Keith Chase (MDC Secretary). Roll-Call was conducted and the below listed Chapters were represented at the meeting:

Delaware-I	Maryland-I <sup>1</sup>	Maryland-III	North Carolina-II
North Carolina-IV	North Carolina-V	North Carolina-VII	North Carolina-VIII
North Carolina-XIII	North Carolina-XIV	North Carolina-XVI	North Carolina-XVII
North Carolina-XVIII	North Carolina-XX	North Carolina-XXI	North Carolina-XXIV
Tennessee-III	Tennessee-VI <sup>2</sup>	Virginia-I	Virginia-II
Virginia-III	Virginia-V <sup>3</sup>	Virginia-XVII <sup>4</sup>	West Virginia-II

There are 77 Chapters in the conference and 24 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 31% in attendance. There were 75 members, spouses and guests in attendance at the meeting.

7. Chairman Bull recognized the VIP’s in attendance:
  - a. Bob Flanagan (Newly elected Blue Knights International President) – Remarks
    - i. Thanked North Carolina-XVII for putting on a great event.
    - ii. He brought “greetings” from the office staff (Bessie Small and Jana Clark) and indicated that they are about half way through working on the renewal packets and should start sending out some cards soon (which have yet to be delivered to International).
    - iii. Dark-Blue vests have been on back-order but should be shipping soon.
    - iv. Sales Permits: Will be sent to Chapters in April and are due back to International on 1 June.
    - v. Membership – As of 31 Dec 2010, there are 20786 members in 640 Chapters and 29 Countries with the MDC being the largest.
    - vi. Recruitment and retention monies are available.
    - vii. Newly elected International Vice President (DJ Alvarez) will be setting up booths at the FOP and IPA conventions.
  - b. Bob Seeley (BOG Chairman) – Remarks:
    - i. Indicated that this was his first Mason Dixon Conference attendance.
    - ii. 2013 Convention has no bids yet.
    - iii. On the BOG agenda this year is an item regarding updating the By-Laws for elections.
    - iv. Submit meritorious service awards.
  - c. Lon Strayer (BOG Vice Chairman) and Jimmy Schneider (BOG Secretary).
  - d. Past International Presidents – Connie Flanagan and Ronnie Young.
  - e. Tri-State Conference – Cal Ennals (Chairman) and Gus Faella (Vice Chairman).
8. Dennis Gan (President, NC-XVII) was recognized to provide “Host Chapter Remarks”. Dennis Gan thanked all for attending and hoped that everyone had a great time at their first attempt to host a Conference event.

<sup>1</sup> Grady Covington produced a voting authorization letter from Eric Mines - Chapter President

<sup>2</sup> Dan Moeser produced a voting authorization letter from Bob Moeser - Chapter President

<sup>3</sup> Bobby Arrington produced a voting authorization letter from Wes Wassum - Chapter President

<sup>4</sup> Mitchell Harris produced a voting authorization letter from John Merrill - Chapter President

9. Chairman’s Remarks: Chairman Bull thanked the host Chapter for putting on a great event and looks forward to returning in the future. *See the newsletter for more information.*
10. Secretary’s Report (Keith Chase): The meeting minutes and newsletter from the Fall Conference were completed and sent out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The Chapter Presidents receive the minutes and newsletter via email and I hope that they do get forwarded out to the Chapter members. The Webmaster will keep the most recent three newsletters on the MDC web. Motion to accept the minutes from the Fall 2010 meeting was made from the floor, seconded and voted unanimously.
11. Treasurer’s Report (Rick Clark): Financial Report – As of 02/18/2011 – Checking Account Balance = \$10,481.26

- Deposits

- Dues deposit – \$1325.00
- QM sales deposit – \$356.54
- Int’l Check for Members \$171.00

- Debits

- Miscellaneous Expenses – (\$33.40)
- Postage – (\$6.70)
- Newsletter printing and Expenses – (\$448.10)
- MDC Executive Officer’s Conference Registrations – (\$350.00)
- MDC Awards – (\$500.00)
- Treasurer Expenses – (\$180.95)

*A detailed copy of the Treasurer’s report has been posted to the Secretary’s Book.*

A motion to accept the financial report, as provided, was made from the floor, seconded and voted unanimously.

*Note: We have 67 of 77 Chapters that have paid their dues...that gives us 87 % paid!*

12. Vice Chairman’s Remarks: (Mike Pollinger):

- a. The MDC has 77 Chapters and 3051 members.
- b. State Break Down: Delaware (1 Chapter); Kentucky (15 Chapters); Maryland (8 Chapters); North Carolina (23 Chapters); Tennessee (9 Chapters); Virginia (16 Chapters); West Virginia (5 Chapters).
- c. Recruiting and retention - Contact for any needs.
- d. Planning to reach out to the Chapter Vice Presidents to see what can be done to assist with recruiting and get the name of the “Blue Knights” out.
- e. There are no pending Starter kits out.

## Representatives Reports

*This will be a summary of topics presented by each reporting member...more elaborate details may appear in Newsletter, if reported.*

1. International Representative – Dan Moeser.

- Pat and I travelled to Bangor, ME the weekend of Jan 7-9 for the International Election of Officers. Pat was one of the 23 teams that ‘counted the ballots’ while I attended the International Board of Directors meeting. Both lasted about 6 hours. Below are highlights since the MDC Fall 2010 meeting:
  - The actual minutes from the July 2010, Sep 2010, and Nov 2010 International meetings are now posted online in the Members Only area. Please refer to them for details on the below updates.
  - Safety Officer Clint Cagle has resigned and has recommended our own DW Connor to be the

next Intl Safety Officer. President Flanagan will make final decision.

- Motion made/passed that only the International President or his/her designee can contact the BK Lawyer.
- Motion made/passed to donate \$1,000 to COPS-UK.
- Motion made/passed to donate \$1,000 to COPSRUN – US.
- Motion made/passed to donate \$2,000 of the approved \$10,000 to National Law Enforcement Memorial.
- Motion made/passed to waive 2011 dues for all Reserve military personnel called to Active duty in 2011.
- Motion made/passed to replace all portraits and name tags for Past International Presidents to their original location in the Bangor, ME office.
- Motion made and passed: Minutes (final drafts) from July 2010, September 23, 2010 and November 19, 2010 meetings will be sent to Int'l Board members by 20 Feb for approval and any requested changes required by 1 Mar. All minutes to be published along with Jan 2011 meeting minutes by Mar 15th 2011 International Board meeting.
- Motion made and passed: All records stored at International HQ's will be scanned/saved and stored at an off-site location.
- Motion made and passed to pay Attorney bill in the amount of \$466. (This was for phone calls made by Peter D and Wayne La Bree...see below).
- Motion made and passed to send a bill to Past International Secretary Peter Domiziano (\$281.75) and Past International President Wayne La Bree (\$184.25) for their phone calls with BK attorney. It has been past policy that only the President or his/her designee is authorized to contact the BK attorney for official BK business.

- Below are the membership totals, as of 31 December 2010

<i>Conference</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Chapters</i>
Mason Dixon (MDC)	3051	77 <sup>5</sup>
Tri-State (TSC)	2972	62
Great Lakes Region (GLRC)	2787	94
Southern Regional (SRC)	2575	78
European (EU)	2172	85
Rio Grande (RGC)	1640	47
West Coast (WCC)	1609	48
Northeast (NEC)	1463	57
Midwest Regional (MWC)	969	42
Southwest (SWC)	853	27
United Kingdom and Ireland (UK&I)	695	21

<sup>5</sup> (MDC has had the most new members for year 2010 – 153)

• FINAL 2011 ELECTION TOTALS:

President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Flanagan 2577*</li> <li>• Peter Domiziano 1928</li> <li>• Dave Mulford 2495</li> </ul>
Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DJ Alverez 4257*</li> <li>• Pat Fox 2749</li> </ul>
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jack Kaylor 6643* (Unopposed)</li> </ul>
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russ Harper 3375</li> <li>• Jerry Bryan* 3618*</li> </ul>

- The MDC is now the largest conference overtaking Tri-State by more than 100 members.
2. Delaware State Representative – Albert Littleton (DE-I): Delaware has 1 Chapter.
    - DE-I celebrated their 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 22 August 2010.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  3. Kentucky State Representative – Vice Chairman Pollinger reported for Ruben Gardner (KY-II):
    - Kentucky has 15 Chapters.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  4. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I):
    - Maryland has 8 Chapters.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  5. North Carolina State Representative – JJ Lightner (NC-XVII):
    - North Carolina has 23 Chapters.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  6. Tennessee State Representative – TC Hicks (TN-III):
    - Tennessee has 9 Chapters.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  7. Virginia State Representative – Mike Hart (VA-III):
    - Virginia has 16 Chapters.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  8. West Virginia State Representative – Vice Chairman Pollinger reported for Carl Pace (WV-II)
    - West Virginia has 5 Chapters.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information.*
  9. Conference Chaplin – Mike Williams (MD-I): Please contact Mike for all issues regarding members or family members that you wish to involve him with.
  10. Conference Safety Officer – DW Conners (VA-V):
    - Contact D.W. for any desired training.
    - *Note: See the newsletter for more information regarding safety!*
  11. Conference Quartermaster – Pat Moeser (TN-VI): See article published in the Newsletter.
  12. Conference Webmaster – Stefan Hellersperk (NC-XVIII): *See the newsletter for more information.*

### Old Business

1. Scholarships. This year's essay is "In your opinion, to what extent should universities/Colleges be held liable for the conduct of students who commit acts of violence on campus"? The scholarship application and essay must be postmarked by 15 April 2011. The scholarship is available to MDC member's sons/daughters/grandchildren/step-children.
2. Spring Conference Update: NC-XXI updated the Conference on the Spring Conference Meeting. The Conference weekend is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend (27-29 May) in Rocky Mount, NC. The host hotel is the Country Inn & Suites with the back-up being the Candlewood Suites. The Chapter is excited in hosting its first event and is using the theme of "COP HOP" to set the tone for a great weekend. The Chapter's website is [www.bkncxxi.org](http://www.bkncxxi.org) where all of the information can be found and reservations can be made. *See the attachments to the minutes and newsletter for the registration form.*
3. International Convention: Ronnie Young (VA-V) updated the Conference on the International Convention. The Convention is scheduled for 17-22 July in Chesapeake. Information can be obtained at [www.blueknights2011convention.org](http://www.blueknights2011convention.org) or *see the attachments to the minutes and newsletter for more info.*
4. Chapter Changes...Ensure that you advise the Secretary of any changes to Chapter's websites, officers information and addresses.

### New Business

1. Safety Training Cones: A motion was made by the Vice Chairman, seconded on the floor and voted unanimously to spend \$100.00, plus shipping and handling, to purchase safety cones for Blue Knights training, by the Safety Officer.
2. Scholarships: A motion was made by the International Rep, seconded on the floor and voted unanimously to allocate an additional \$1000.00, this year, thereby presenting two \$1000.00 scholarships verse two \$500.00 scholarships. This is being done as the Conference is doing well financially...it is not a permanent change.
3. MDC Conference Ride List. In the interest of saving time, each Chapter is requested to send their primary scheduled rides and events directly to the Secretary for a master list compilation. The events should be sent by 18 March 2011.
  - Email: [keith.a.chase@comcast.net](mailto:keith.a.chase@comcast.net)
  - Fax: 571-748-4240
4. MDC Dues: A motion was made by the Treasurer, seconded on the floor and voted unanimously to set the payment date of 31 January of each year for Chapters to pay their Conference dues (currently \$25.00).
5. MDC Coins: After some discussion, Ronnie Young made a motion to appropriate \$1800.00 to purchase 300 coins for the Conference to sell for \$10.00 each. The motion was seconded on the floor and voted unanimously to purchase the coins.

### Announcement of Mason Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Spring Conference Meeting - 2011:
  - Hosted By: North Carolina-XXI
  - Dates: 27-29 May 2011
  - Location: Rocky Mount, NC
  - Information: <http://www.bkncxxi.org/page.php?9>

2. Fall Conference Meeting - 2011:

- Hosted By: Virginia-II
- Location: Culpeper, VA
- Dates: 2-5 September 2011
- Information: [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)

3. Winter Conference Meeting - 2012: The bidding process was open for Chapters to host this Conference. The only bid came from VA-III

- Hosted By: Virginia-III
- Location: Richmond, VA
- Dates: 17-19 February 2012
- Information: Pending

**Announcement of International Conventions**

1. 2011 Convention:

- Hosted By: Virginia-V
- Location: Chesapeake, VA
- Dates: 17-22 July 2011
- Info: <http://www.blueknights2011convention.org/>

**Good of the Order**

1. Ronnie Young presented a flyer regarding “The Western Caribbean Cruise” in which VA-V is selling 250 raffle tickets to assist in off-setting the cost of the convention and support a dialysis patient. The drawing will be at the Spring Conference. A motion was made by the Treasurer, seconded on the floor and voted unanimously for the Conference to purchase a ticket and, if won, raffle it off again at the Spring Conference. A copy of the flyer is attached to the minutes and newsletter.
2. Gus Faella (Tri-State Vice Chairman) reported that the Tri-State Spring Meeting is 7 May and being hosted by NY-XIV in Newberg, NY. Tri-State’s Fall Convention will be 7-10 October hosted by NY-XVIII in Nanuet, NY. Both events are located from links on Tri-State’s website at <http://www.tsc-conference.org/>
3. Jeff Tripp (NC-XVII) wanted to thank all of the fellow Blue Knights for their assistance, cards and letters and prayers after his accident.
4. John Weinstein (President VA-II) wanted to remind everyone of the MDC Fall Conference in Culpeper, VA over Labor Day Weekend. The online registration is open at [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org) This will be the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Rally and the theme will be “Disco Knights”. Additionally, Law Ride is May 8<sup>th</sup>. VA-II hosts an escorted ride out of Fairfax to DC. Contact John for more info or see the Chapter website, listed above.
5. NC-XVI Officer Down Ride: March 19<sup>th</sup> in Pineville, NC. See the information listed on their website at <http://www.bknc16.org/>
6. NC-XVIII Officer Down Ride: April 16<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington, NC. See the information listed at [www.officerdownride.org](http://www.officerdownride.org)

Adjournment – 11:35 am. Next meeting 10:00 am / 29 May 2011 at the 2011 Spring Conference

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