

Mason Dixon Conference - Fall 2012

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2012 10:00 am – 11:55 am

The meeting was called to order by John Bull (MDC Chairman). The meeting was taped and for brevity purposes, these minutes represent the highlights of the meetingⁱ.

Executive Board Roll-Call		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
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	Eric Mines (MD-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

State Representatives and Other Appointed Positions Roll-Call		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
Delaware State Rep	Bert Littleton (DE-I)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky State Rep	Ruben Gardner (KY-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maryland State Rep	Steve Smith (MD-I)	<input 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"/>
Safety Officer	D.W. Conners (VA-V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Paul Domingoes (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Russ "Vince" Vincent (MD-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order (10:05 am)
2. 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 ¹	Kentucky-II	Maryland- I	Maryland-II
Maryland-III ²	Maryland-IV ³	North Carolina-II ⁴	North Carolina-XIII ⁵
North Carolina-XVI ⁶	North Carolina-XVII	North Carolina-XXI	North Carolina-XXIV
Tennessee-III	Tennessee-XII	Virginia-I ⁷	Virginia-II
Virginia-III	Virginia-V ⁸	Virginia-XIII ⁹	West Virginia-II

- There are 77 Chapters in the conference and 20 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 26% in attendance. There were 70 members, spouses and guests in attendance at the meeting.

7. Recognized VIPs:

- a. Jerry Bryan – International Treasurer.
- b. Cal Ennals – BOG Vice-Chairman
- c. Mike Rickard – BOG Treasurer. 137 Chapters have contributed to the BOG Special Fund.
- d. Mike Gennari – Past International President.
- e. Ronnie Young – Past International President
- f. Serge Fournier – North East International Rep

8. Host Chapter President (John Weinstein, VA-II), thanked all for attending.

9. Chairman’s Remarks: I want to thank everyone for their support over the last two years...I have enjoyed being Chairman. We have grown the Conference and run neck-in-neck with the Tri-State as the largest Conference. I look forward to the next two years as your International Representative.

10. Secretary’s Report (Keith Chase): The meeting minutes from the Spring Conference were completed and sent out to the State Reps, to be forwarded on to the Chapter Presidents and posted on the website. Motion to accept the minutes was made from the floor, seconded and voted unanimously.

11. Treasurer’s Report (Rick Clark): Financial Report – A copy is available through the Chapter President

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.

- a. We have 72 of 77 Chapters that have paid their dues (93.5%). Chapters that have not paid their dues (KY-I, TN-VI, VA-IV, VA-X, VA-XIV) need to contact the Treasurer to fix the arrears.
- b. Ensure you make your IRS notifications each year. We have sent out information concerning the mandatory reporting in the past...please relook at the info and make any required notifications, as required.
- c. Thank you for supporting me over the last two years as your Treasurer...I am confident that

¹ Baldo Sebastianelli produced a voting authorization letter from Bert Littleton - Chapter President

² John Bull produced a voting authorization letter from James Miller - Chapter President

³ George Delozier produced a voting authorization letter from Lennie Rose - Chapter President

⁴ Joel Shaperio produced a voting authorization letter from Bob Young - Chapter President

⁵ Gary Folsom, Jr. produced a voting authorization letter from Mike Brown - Chapter President

⁶ Richard Clark produced a voting authorization letter from John Rogers - Chapter President

⁷ Leonard Gooch produced a voting authorization letter from Bill Perason - Chapter President

⁸ Ronnie Young produced a voting authorization letter from Nancy Goode - Chapter President

⁹ Keith Isom produced a voting authorization letter from Keith Johnson - Chapter President

Lonnie Loyall will do a great job, as your next Treasurer.

12. International Representative's Report (Eric Mines): Since our last Conference meeting (Spring 2012), the International Board of Directors has met on one occasion (July 24th at the International Convention). Below are highlights since the MDC Spring 2012 meeting:

a. Membership:

- i. We have once again fallen behind Tri-State, making us the second largest conference in the Blue Knights with 2,710 members in 77 chapters.
- ii. Renewal packages will be sent out in October. With the new change to International elections, it is very important that the information in the renewal packages be correct, especially email addresses.

b. Charity Stats: Since January 1, 2012 our members have donated goods and services totaling \$353,760. This brings the total to \$15,953,742 since records have been kept. Please remember that the best way to report charity stats is online, in the members' only section.

c. Blue Knights News: The Board of Directors approved that the Blue Knights Newsletter will be published by "Wild Hog Publishing" which is owned by Randy Gracy, who is also an Honorary member of TN-III. The Fall issue will be of a new look and feature more advertising.

d. Agenda Items:

- i. Persona Non Gratis List: Based off of the MDC's request and vote at the Spring Conference Meeting, I submitted a proposal on behalf of the MDC whereas the International Board takes recommendations from Conference Boards and makes a final determination, by a majority vote, for names being placed on this list. This proposal passed unanimously.
- ii. Conference Investigations: Based off of the MDC's request and vote at the Spring Conference Meeting, I submitted a proposal on behalf of the MDC whereas any action taken by a Conference may only be overturned by a majority vote of the entire International Board. This motion passed with a majority vote (two votes against).

e. Board of Governors Election Results: The following is the results of the Board of Governors elections which took place at the International Convention in Tyler, TX.

- i. Chairman: Lon Strayer (PA-XII)
- ii. Vice Chairman: Cal Ennals (NJ-V)
- iii. Secretary: Bob Seelye (WA-I)
- iv. Treasurer: Mike Rickard (NY-V)

f. International Convention 2014: The 2014 International Convention was awarded to Germany-XXI to be held in Pillerseetal, Austria June 22-27, 2014. Pat Fox has published information regarding package deals.

NOTE FROM REP: Please remember that my report is a synopsis of board activity. Read the full minutes which are currently on the International website and currently emailed to each Chapter President.

13. Presentation to Eric Mines: The Conference Board wanted to show the gratitude to Eric for all of his involvement with the MDC Board. He was presented with a framed version of the International colors (Rocker Set) with the MDC International Rep bottom rocker. Eric and his wife, Loraine, were always presented with a gift card to take a nice dinner together.

14. Vice Chairman's Remarks: (Mike Pollinger):

- a. First I want to say it has been a pleasure serving the MDC Board as the Vice-Chairman over the

years. I am looking forward to being the Chairman of the Conference and to continue making this a great organization. I am always available via phone or email.

- b. We still have recruitment funds available. We have \$1000 for the Conference to use in our recruiting efforts.
- c. Any changes to Chapter Officers please ensure those get reported to the Conference and International.
- d. Thanks to all of those Chapters that were represented at the International Convention and voted as a group, like the motion and vote occurred at the MDC Spring meeting.

Representatives Reports

This will be a summary of topics presented by each reporting member...

1. Delaware State Representative – Albert Littleton (DE-I): [Reported by Baldo Sebastianelli]
 - a. Delaware has 1 Chapter with 70 members.
 - b. All is well in the “First State”...we are pushing out rides and events to all of the members.
2. Kentucky State Representative – Ruben Gardner (KY-II):
 - a. Kentucky has 14 Chapters.
 - b. Chapters are active.
3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I): [No Report]
 - a. Maryland has 8 Chapters.
4. North Carolina State Representative – JJ Lightner (NC-XVII):
 - a. North Carolina has 23 Chapters.
 - b. See the website for upcoming events in the state of North Carolina.
5. Tennessee State Representative – TC Hicks (TN-III):
 - a. Tennessee has 10 Chapters.
 - b. A request for a starter kit for Bristol, TN...they were referred to TN-VI
 - c. We have had two Transfers to Heaven-I; Paul White from TN-III and Bob Locke from TN-VIX.
 - d. Reminder that TN-XII will be hosting the 2012 Winter Conference in Johnson City, TN.
6. Virginia State Representative – Mike Hart (VA-III):
 - a. Virginia has 16 Chapters.
 - b. The idea of a “Virginia Chapters Get-Together” is still on the table but we need a venue, preferable somewhere central in the state. Anyone with ideas, contact the State Rep or VA-II President (John Weinstein).
7. West Virginia State Representative – Carl Pace (WV-II): [No Report]
 - a. West Virginia has 5 Chapters.

Website

1. Russ “Vince” Vincent (MD-III):
 - a. Email address is webmaster@mdc.org
 - b. We have the new site up and running. Please go onto the site and check the Chapter links as we are still getting bounce-backs on some of the email links.

- c. Pictures are posted on the site...
- d. I am trying to setup a Heaven-I page...please send info regarding those that have transferred.

Quartermaster

1. Ordering Sales Items: The coins, pins and patches are up on the Virginia-II website or can be order directly through the Conference Secretary (Keith Chase). We take cash, checks or credit cards through paypal.
2. Inventory: COINS = 370 ** PINS = 174 ** PATCHES= 134

Safety

1. D.W. Conners – Safety Officer:
 - a. I am still doing the ride workshops (like the ones we did in Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia. These drills are not MSF but of my own design.
 - b. I am available to do “On-Road” workshops. Day 1 will be classroom and the second day would be on the road. This is at no cost...I just need a place to lay my head.
 - c. Emergency Cards...if you need one, please don't hesitate to ask.
 - d. I have fliers for bike checks, etc.

Old Business

1. Winter Conference Update: President Rick Lubow (TN-XII) advised that the next Conference meeting will be in Johnson City, TN from 15-17 February. For more information or to pre-register, go to www.wix.com/tenac0/bktn12. The Holiday Inn has been recently renovated and there is a comedy club onsite. Hotel number is 423-282-4611. The flyer info is posted on the MDC website.
2. Scholarships:
 - Recipients: We had 7 applications and selected two to receive \$500 scholarships.
 - i. Emma Merrill (daughter of Jon Merrill of VA-XVII) who is going to William and Mary College.
 - ii. Vincent Morris (son of Tim Morris of KY-XI) who is going to Center College.
 - The 2013 applications will be due in April of 2013. It was suggested that if there are no applicants then the money be tabled for the year...we should not be extending deadlines.

New Business

1. Ride List: 1 December is the Deadline for the 2013 Official Ride List. Also pass to the Webmaster for inclusion on the website.
2. MDC Elections:
 - a. The following positions are running unopposed...motion by Ronnie Young (VA-V) and seconded by Eric Mines (MD-I) for the Secretary to cast one vote for the unopposed positions

and vote them by proclamation (vote unanimous).

- i. Chairman: Mike Pollinger (DE-I)
 - ii. Secretary: Keith Chase (VA-II)
 - iii. Treasurer: Lonnie Loyall (VA-III)
 - iv. International Rep: John Bull (MD-III)
- b. The position of Vice Chairman requires a vote of the membership for Rick Clark (NC-XVI) or JJ Lightner (NC-XVII).
- i. Votes:
 1. Rick Clark – Received 10 Votes
 2. JJ Lightner – Received 10 Votes
 3. Because of a tie vote, the Chairman would normally cast the tie-breaking decision...however, the Chairman had already cast a vote as he voted in place of his Chapter President, therefore recused himself from casting the deciding vote.
 4. After some discussion, Ronnie Young (VA-V) made a motion and seconded on the floor to conduct a paper ballot to determine if anyone changed their vote...after a paper ballot, if the vote is still deadlocked then the Executive Board remaining (Vice Chairman, Secretary and International Rep) get together to cast the vote to break the tie.
 5. The paper ballot remained a tie...the Executive members recessed to discuss the voting.
 6. The Executive members (Vice Chairman, Secretary and International Rep) returned with a vote for JJ Lightner.
- c. The new officers were immediately installed.
- d. The North Carolina State Rep position is now open. Chairman Pollinger stated he would be announcing the appointment soon.
- i. On October 15th, Chairman Pollinger appointed Gary Folsom (NC-XIII) as the State Rep for North Carolina.
3. Bids for 2013 Fall Meeting:
- a. Virginia-II bid for Culpeper, in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Rally over Labor Day Weekend.

Announcement of Mason Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Winter Conference Meeting - 2013:

- Hosted By: Tennessee-XII
- Location: Johnson City, TN
- Dates: 15-17 February 2013
- Information: Pending

2. Spring Conference Meeting - 2013:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted By: Maryland-IV • Location: La Plata, MD <p><i>* Meeting will be on Sat 25 May @ 10am due to Rolling Thunder.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: 24-26 May 2013 • Information: PENDING
<p>3. Fall Conference Meeting - 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted By: Virginia-II • Location: Culpeper, VA 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: 30 August - 2 September 2013 • Information: www.bkva-ii.org 	

Announcement of International Conventions

<p>1. 2013 Convention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted By: Arkansas-IV • Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: 14-19 July 2013 • Info: http://www.blueknightsar4.org/4.html 	

Adjournment – 11:55 am. Next meeting 10:00 am / 17 February 2013 at the 2013 Winter Conference

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¹ File size is 121MB in MP3 format.