

# Mason Dixon Conference - Spring 2012

## Meeting Minutes

May 27, 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 meeting<sup>i</sup>.

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

<b>State Representatives and Other Appointed Positions Roll-Call</b>		
<b><i>Title</i></b>	<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Present at Meeting</i></b>
Delaware State Rep	Bert Littleton (DE-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky State Rep	Ruben Gardner (KY-II)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Virginia State Rep	Mike Hart (VA-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia State Rep	Carl Pace (WV-II)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Russ 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	Kentucky-II	Maryland- I <sup>1</sup>	Maryland-III <sup>2</sup>
Maryland-IV <sup>3</sup>	North Carolina-II	North Carolina-VI	North Carolina-XIII
North Carolina-XVI <sup>4</sup>	North Carolina-XVII	North Carolina-XIX <sup>5</sup>	North Carolina-XXI
North Carolina-XXIV	Tennessee-XII	Virginia-II	Virginia-III
Virginia-V <sup>6</sup>	Virginia-XVII	West Virginia-II <sup>7</sup>	

- There are 77 Chapters in the conference and 19 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 25% in attendance. There were 69 members, spouses and guests in attendance at the meeting.
- Kentucky-IV did not renew their Charter with International.

7. Recognized VIPs:

- a. Lon Strayer – BOG Vice Chairman.
- b. Mike Rickard – BOG Treasurer. 106 Chapters have contributed to the BOG Special Fund.
- c. Ronnie Young – Past International President
- d. Cal Ennals – Tri-State Chairman

8. Host Chapter President (Tim Brady, NC-XXI), thanked all for attending.

9. Chairman’s Remarks: Will save remarks for the newsletter.

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

11. Treasurer’s Report (Rick Clark): Financial Report – As of 05/22/2012 – The financial report was provide in detail... This online version does not contain the actual numbers but these can be found in the President’ Section on the website or by contacting your Chapter President.

Deposits

- MDC Dues Deposit
- QM Sales Deposit
- Int’l Check for Members
- Misc/Interest Income

Debits

- MAL Dues
- Chaplin Expenses
- Executive Officer’s Registrations
- Sales Permit
- Miscellaneous Expenses

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.

<sup>1</sup> Steven Smith produced a voting authorization letter from Voiselle Higgins - Chapter President

<sup>2</sup> John Bull represented the Chapter but could not vote as he did not have a voting authorization letter from James Miller - Chapter President

<sup>3</sup> George Delozier produced a voting authorization letter from Lennie Rose - Chapter President

<sup>4</sup> Richard Clark produced a voting authorization letter from John Rogers - Chapter President

<sup>5</sup> Dick Hughes produced a voting authorization letter from James Rae - Chapter President

<sup>6</sup> Ronnie Young produced a voting authorization letter from Nancy Goode - Chapter President

<sup>7</sup> D.W. Conners produced a voting authorization letter (electronic) from Ed Martin - Chapter President

12. International Representative's Report (Eric Mines): Since our last Conference meeting (Winter 2011), the International Board of Directors has met on two occasions (March 24<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>). Below are highlights since the MDC Winter 2012 meeting:

a. Membership:

- i. As of May 9, 2012 we are once again the largest conference in the Blue Knights with 2,662 members in 77 chapters. I'd like to thank all of you and especially our state representatives for all of their hard work in this area.
- ii. As of May 9, the MDC still had one chapter that had not renewed, KY-IV.
- iii. During National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week this month the International President and Treasurer manned a recruiting booth in the FOP vendors' area for three days. I do not have the results of that effort as yet, but I would like to thank our conference secretary Keith Chase and the members of Virginia-II and The Maryland State Rep (Steve Smith) for stepping up to the plate when I called on him to assist with the logistics for that recruiting effort.

b. Charity Stats: Since January 1, 2012 our members have donated goods and services totaling \$238,199.97. This brings the total to \$15,615,000 since records have been kept. Please remember that the best way to report charity stats is online in the members' only section.

c. International Website: Our International Webmaster, John Long unfortunately passed away in March of this year. Paul Croteau of Ontario V has recently been appointed our new International Webmaster. Paul can be contacted by going to "committees" on the international website member's only area.

d. International Scholarship: As of May 9, 2012, there were only three (3) applications submitted for the International Scholarships. Applications can still be submitted until June 1, 2012. Five \$1,000 scholarships are available. Applications and specific information can be downloaded from the International Website member's only area.

e. Sales: Blue Knight sales items are now finding their way onto social media sites such as Facebook. Please remind your members that chapters must have sales permits for these items and they must have a way to ensure that they are only selling to Blue Knight members. The sales committee chairman is currently looking into the development of rules or guidelines to be used when selling merchandise online.

f. Board of Governors: The following persons are running for office in on the Board of Governors (nominations closed on 1 May and the election will take place at the International Convention in Tyler, TX).

i. Chairman:

1. John Gordon, OH-XVIII
2. Lon Strayer, PA-XII

ii. Vice Chairman:

1. Colette DeFalco, IL-XIX
2. Cal Ennals, NJ-V
3. Dan Moeser, TN-VI
4. Glen Wheat, IN-XIII

iii. Secretary:

1. Bob Seelye, WA-I

iv. Treasurer:

1. Mike Rickard, NY-V

*Names above are listed in alphabetical order.*

g. Agenda Items:

- i. Our proposal to outsource all future international elections was passed by a vote of 8 to 5 at the March meeting.
  - ii. At the May meeting the proposal of the Election Committee to use internet voting with paper on request was passed by a vote of 13 to 3. The specific operational details will now have to be worked out by the election committee.
- h. Next International Board Meeting: The next meeting of the International Board will be held on July 24th, 2012 at the International Convention. If anyone has an item that they feel should be brought to the attention of the board please notify me by June 18th so I can develop and submit the proposal by the deadline of June 23rd, 2012.

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.*

i. Floor Discussion:

- i. Persona Non Gratis List: The current process is that any Chapter President or Board Member may contact the International Headquarters to have someone placed upon this list... This means that once a person is on the list, they cannot be a member of any Chapter. This list includes those that were formally placed on the list by means of disciplinary action, where appeals were filed and upheld and the International Board has those persons placed on the list. The problem is that not names on the list followed this process and there is no known method to get anyone off the list. What we are looking at is should there be a formal process/procedure for having names placed on this list?
  - Motion: A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to have the International Rep prepare and submit a proposal to develop a procedure for placing persons on the Persona Non Gratis list, where the International Board takes recommendations from Conference Boards and makes a final determination, by a majority vote, for names being placed on this list.
- ii. Conference Investigations: Currently, the International Executive Board may reverse or change the decision a Conference decision verse the entire International Board.
  - Motion: A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to have the International Rep prepare and submit a proposal to develop a procedure for Conference investigative decisions whereas any reversal or change of a Conference decision must be presented to the entire International Board to makes a final determination, by a majority vote.

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

- a. Make sure that the Chapter listings are complete and up-to-date.
- 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.

## Representatives Reports

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

1. Delaware State Representative – Albert Littleton (DE-I):
  - 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. KY-IV did not renew...this Chapter has been struggling for years.
  - c. We will send out fliers for upcoming events and get them posted on the MDC website.
3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I):
  - a. Maryland has 8 Chapters.
  - b. Don’t forget about the MD-I Crab Feast...see the flier posted on the MDC website.
4. North Carolina State Representative – JJ Lightner (NC-XVII):
  - a. North Carolina has 23 Chapters.
  - b. The 1<sup>st</sup> North Carolina Blue Knights meeting will be held on 10 June at the Backyard Bistro in Raleigh. The meeting will be hosted by NC-II. In the past we have had regional meetings of Chapters but this is the first full state meeting.
  - c. See the website for upcoming events in the state of North Carolina.
5. Tennessee State Representative – TC Hicks (TN-III): No Report
  - a. Tennessee has 11 Chapters.
6. Virginia State Representative – Mike Hart (VA-III):
  - a. Virginia has 16 Chapters.
  - b. Reminder that VA-II (Culpeper) will be hosting the 2012 Fall Conference.
  - c. Virginia has 646 members and 2 At-Large members...we are down 64 members from 2011.
  - d. 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 of VA-II President (John Weinstein).
7. West Virginia State Representative – Carl Pace (WV-II):
  - a. West Virginia has 5 Chapters.
  - b. See the MDC website for upcoming events.

## Website

1. 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.
2. We now a new Webmaster. Vince “Russ” Vincent (MD-III) has been selected to be the new Webmaster. His email address is [webmaster@mdc.org](mailto:webmaster@mdc.org)

## Quartermaster

1. Sales: Since the Winter Conference we have made close to \$300 in sales of coins, pins and patches.
2. 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 credit cards through paypal.

3. Inventory: COINS = 371 \*\* PINS = 177 \*\* PATCHES= 141
4. Sales permit has been renewed.
5. Design Changes:
  - a. Chairman Bull stated that several Chapter Presidents have asked about changing the Conference Pin to reflect the design that is currently used on the back of the coin.
    - i. Based off the current inventory of the pins, discussion was made that we need to deplete some of the inventory before we look at a redesign. The current inventory is paid for so we could run a “fire sale” to deplete the stock.
  - b. There was also discussion to change the BK logo on our name tags to one that also reflects the back of the coin.
    - i. A requested for a price quote has been made to see if this is feasible.
    - ii. If this works out, we would only have them sold to members of this Conference.
    - iii. We hope to have more information at the Fall meeting.

### **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. Fall Conference Update: President John Weinstein (VA-II) advised that the Fall Conference meeting will be in conjunction with the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Rally in Culpeper from 31 August to 3 September. For more information or to pre-register, go to [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)
2. Recruiting and Retention Funds: Based off the discussion at the 2012 Winter Conference Meeting, Chairman Bull advised the International Headquarters that the Conference Chapters do not want to receive the International Minutes, via snail-mail, and therefore collect an additional \$500.00 in recruiting funds. The minutes are available online at the International and MDC websites.
3. Please make sure that the Chairman and Secretary, along with the International Headquarters gets all changes in Chapter officers, emails and telephone numbers.
4. 2013 Winter Conference Update: President Rick Lubow (TN-XII) advised that all is set for the 2013 Winter Conference in Johnson City, TN over President’s Day Weekend from 15-17 February 2013. The flyer info is posted on the MDC website. There is plenty to see and do in the area.

### **New Business**

1. MDC Scholarships: Ronnie Young (VA-X) advised that the Conference has not received any applications for the 2012 Scholarships (2 \$500 scholarships).
  - a. Motion, seconded and voted by a majority vote to extend the application deadline. All

applications must be postmarked by 1 August 2012.

2. MDC Elections:

- a. The floor was open for nominations for the MDC Executive Board Positions.
- b. As a reminder; nominees must be present at this meeting to be nominated, as outlined in the MDC By-Laws, dated 2005.
- c. The new officers will be votes and installed at the Fall Conference Meeting in Culpeper over Labor Day weekend.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>International Representative</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Bull (MD-III)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion by Ronnie Young</li> <li>▪ Bull accepted nomination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NO OTHER NOMINATIONS</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Chairman</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Pollinger (DE-I)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion by Ronnie Young</li> <li>▪ Pollinger accepted nomination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NO OTHER NOMINATIONS</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vice Chairman</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Clark (NC-XVI)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion by John Overby</li> <li>▪ Clark accepted nomination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• JJ Lightner (NC-XVII)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion by Ruben Gardner</li> <li>▪ Lightner accepted nomination</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Secretary</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keith Chase (VA-II)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Motion by Ronnie Young</li> <li>▪ Chase accepted nomination</li> </ul> </li> <li>• NO OTHER NOMINATIONS</li> </ul>
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3. Bids for 2013 Spring Meeting:

- a. Maryland-IV bid for La Plata, MD, in conjunction with the Rolling Thunder event they have planned.
- b. There were no others. We will be going to La Plata, MD next Spring.

**Good of the Order**

1. Honor Ride: Keith Chase presented information concerning “Honor-Ride Weekend” which is being hosted by numerous group, dealerships and individuals with ALL PROFITS going to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund. This is a weekend event in Winchester, VA from 3-5 August 2012. Contact Keith Chase for more information.
2. Law Ride: During Police Week, there was an issue with the hosting and communication of Law Ride 2012. With May 13<sup>th</sup> falling the same day as Law Ride and the Candle Light Vigil...this became an issue with other commitments and the vigil setup. In 2013 ALL should be back to normal.
3. Ronnie Young thanked all of those that sent cards and notes to his wife during her surgery.

4. Ronnie Young stated he would like to thank Eric Mines and acknowledged him for his efforts as the previous International Representative and also for stepping back in the position to handle the vacancy that was left last year. He has done a tremendous job in representing this Conference on the International Board.
5. AIL Insurance: BK International submitted the name listing to AIL for the FREE Accidental Insurance Policy and now the company is now making their “house-calls”. If you sent the insurance card back to AIL, this is the way the company works...they come to try and sale you more. Weather you send the card or talk to this company...you are still cover under the Accidental Coverage...it just changes the payout procedure.
6. Lon Strayer: Asked for support for the Chairmanship of the BOG in this year’s election. Lon explained that ALL Chapter Presidents are actually part of the BOG...the BOG officers make up the Executive Board and serve as the watch-dog of the organization.
7. Cal Ennals: Asked for support for the Vice Chairmanship of the BOG in this year’s election. He wants to make a difference and “get the club” back to the original intent...having fun and the camaraderie.
8. Board of Governors (BOG) elections:
  - a. The BOG elections will be at the International Convention in July.
  - b. Based on a motion and second from the floor, along with a unanimous vote; the the names listed below indicates the Mason-Dixon’s Conference endorsement of the candidates:
 

<u>BOG Treasurer</u>	<u>BOG Secretary</u>
✓ <b><u>Mike Ricard (NY-V)</u></b>	✓ <b><u>Bob Seelye (WA-I)</u></b>
<u>BOG Vice Chairman</u>	<u>BOG Chairman</u>
✓ <b><u>Cal Ennals (NJ-V)</u></b>	✓ <b><u>Lon Strayer (PA-XII)</u></b>
9. Police Hall of Fame: Has inducted the Blue Knights in the Police Hall of Fame...there is a video floating around the organization. Look up the info on the web site.

### Announcement of Mason Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Fall Conference Meeting - 2012:
  - Hosted By: Virginia-II
  - Location: Culpeper, VA
  - Dates: 31 August - 3 September 2012
  - Information: [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)
2. Winter Conference Meeting - 2013:
  - Hosted By: Tennessee-XII
  - Location: Johnson City, TN
  - Dates: 15-17 February 2013
  - Information: Pending
3. Spring Conference Meeting - 2013:
  - Hosted By: Maryland-IV
  - Location: Rocky Mount, NC
  - Dates: 24-26 May 2013
  - Information: PENDING

\* Meeting will be on Sat 25 May @ 10am due to Rolling Thunder.



## Announcement of International Conventions

1. 2012 Convention:

- Hosted By: Texas-XXXIV
- Location: Tyler, Texas
- Dates: 23-27 July 2012
- Info: <http://www.blueknightstx34.org/convention2012.html>

Adjournment – 11:55 am. Next meeting 10:00 am / 2 September 2012 at the 2012 Fall Conference

<b>Contact Information</b>	Website: <a href="http://www.bkmdc.org">www.bkmdc.org</a>	<i>Secretary's Contact</i>
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<sup>i</sup> File size is 154MB in MP3 format.