

Mason-Dixon Conference - Fall 2013

Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2013 10:05 am – 11:55 am

The meeting was called to order by Mike Pollinger (MDC Chairman). The meeting was taped and for brevity purposes, these minutes represent the highlights of the meeting¹.

Executive Board Roll-Call		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
Chairman	Mike Pollinger (DE-I)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chairman	J.J. Lightner (NC-XVII)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Keith Chase (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Richard Clark (NC-XVI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International Rep	John Bull (MD-III)	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina State Rep	Gary Folsom (NC-XIII)	<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	Marshal Parker (WV-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chaplin	Mike Williams (MD-I)	<input 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	Rick Clark (NC-XVI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agenda Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call to Order</u>: (10:05 am)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Moment of Silence.b. Opening Prayer – Jerry Edwards (VA-II Chaplin).c. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.d. Reading of Blue Knights Pledge – Chairman Pollinger.2. <u>Chapter Roll-Call and Report</u>: Keith Chase (MDC Secretary). Roll-Call was conducted and the below listed Chapters were represented at the meeting:

Delaware-I	Kentucky-II	Kentucky-XVI	Maryland-I ¹
Maryland-II	Maryland-III ²	Maryland-IV	North Carolina-II ³
North Carolina-IV	North Carolina-VIII	North Carolina-XIII ⁴	North Carolina-XVI ⁵
North Carolina-XVII	North Carolina-XXI	Tennessee-III	Virginia-II
Virginia-III	Virginia-V	Virginia-XIII	Virginia-XVII
West Virginia-II ⁶			

- There are 72 Chapters in the conference and 21 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 29% in attendance. There were 72 members, spouses and guests in attendance at the meeting.

3. Recognized VIPs:

<u>INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER CONFERENCE EXECUTIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJ Alvarez (TX-XXXI) – President • John Gordon (OH-XVIII) – Treasurer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<u>PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS</u>	<u>OTHER CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Gennari (NY-I) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<u>BOG OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cal Ennals (NJ-V) – Vice Chairman • Mike Ricards (NY-V) – Treasurer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

- 4. Host Chapter Remarks: President John Weinstein, (VA-II), thanked all for attending and hopes everyone is enjoying their weekend.
- 5. Chairman’s Remarks: Discussed service information for Jimmy Morrison.
 - a. Introduced International President
 - i. President thanks everyone for their hospitality and stated that all is well after the first month of taking office. Discussed issues with other MCs. He discussed upcoming Board Meeting where several new committees would be introduced (Recruiting, Convention). The president ended stating he is accessible via, phone, text email, twitter and facebook and welcomes ideas on how to make the club better.
- 6. 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 to approve. The Ride List is constantly updated and the link can be found on the MDC Website.
- 7. Treasurer’s Report (Lonnie Loyall): Financial Report Provided – Chapter Presidents may view the report in the version on the MDC Website in the Presidents Section.
A motion to accept the financial report, as provided, was made from the floor, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the report.

¹ Eric Mines produced a voting authorization letter from Voiselle Higgins - Chapter President
² John Bull produced a voting authorization letter from Jim Miller - Chapter President
³ Jake Sanok produced a voting authorization letter from Monty Smothers - Chapter President
⁴ Frank Hicks produced a voting authorization letter from Michael Brown, Sr. - Chapter President
⁵ William Wright produced a voting authorization letter from John Rogers - Chapter President
⁶ Marshall Parker produced a voting authorization letter from Ed Martin - Chapter President

8. International Representative’s Report (John Bull): As everyone knows by now Darlene and I went down on our way to the meeting in Lenoir, NC. We are both still recovering, but at least we are back to work. Darlene is still going through physical therapy for her left hand. My ribs have healed however I will be having surgery on my hand here in the next week or so. We want to thank everyone who e-mailed, called, sent cards or sent a message on Facebook. You never really know how many people are in your extended family until something like this happens. I haven’t given up on the idea of riding again this year, so hopefully that will happen.

a. International Elections:

i. For those of you who did not get to final election results, they are as follows:

<u>INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT</u>
D.J. Alvarez 4217	Jerry Bryan 3051
Frank Gennari 2120	Russ Harper 1778
Alex Ramirez 585	Pat Fox 832
Total - 6922	Anthor Nomchong 665
	Glen Wheat 578
	Total - 6904
<u>INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY</u>	<u>INTERNATIONAL TREASURER</u>
Karen Borza 3529	John Gordon 3128
Jack Kaylor 3374	James Borza 2169
Total - 6903	Bob Seelye 1551
	Total - 6848

b. Charity Stat’s: These numbers are as of July 1st. Don’t forget you can now report your charity stats online now.

- i. Overall: \$16,529,348.42
- ii. 2013 YTD: \$269,245.92.

c. Committee’s

i. Blue Knight Magazine: The Summer 2013 edition of the International Magazine is out. If you have not received it yet please let D.J. know. At this point I know several members in Maryland, including me did not receive it.

d. Membership – As of August 1, 2013

- i. Total Members: 18,956 MDC Total: 2,582
- ii. Chapters: 618 MDC Chapters: 72
- iii. As you can see we did lose a few chapters from last year. Our State Rep’s did a great job of finding new chapter for those members that wanted to stay. Hopefully we will get our numbers and chapters back up.

e. Recruitment Video: The video is out and has been getting great reviews. It is on the International website as well as the Facebook page. It will soon be mailed to each Chapter President.

f. 2013 Proposals (6 Total)

i. 2013-0017 Amend Conference Guidelines Rule 2 – Jerry Bryan – **Failed**. This motion was

to prohibit the Host Hotel from accepting reservations for the International prior to the adjournment of the BOG Meeting the previous year. This motion failed because most felt we could not dictate to a private business whether they accept a reservation or not

- ii. 2013 – 0018 Amend Article 4 Section 4.01 – Russ Harper – **Sent to BOG**. This was a motion to switch the BOG Elections to a mail in ballot system. This motion was sent to the BOG for their action first.
 - iii. 2013 – 0019 Amend By-Law Article 3 Section 3.16 and 3.24 – Russ Harper – **Lacked a 2nd**. This motion would have changed the dates and time line for the election nomination committee to qualify candidates for Int'l office.
 - iv. 2013 – 0020 Amend Article 6 Section 1 and 2 – Russ Harper – **Tabled**. This motion was to allow members who lose their jobs through the downsizing or the elimination of their departments to remain members. They would move into a temporary inactive status for a max of 2 years.
 - v. 2013 – 0021 Conduct Complete Audit of Headquarters and International Financials from 2010 through 2013 – Brian Gadd – **Passed (See report at end)**. This was a motion to conduct a complete audit on the finances of the International and the Headquarters Association. With the discrepancies that have been found in the last couple of Int'l Treasurer Reports confidence is not high on the books being accurate and the Treasurer's report was not accepted at the 2013 International Meeting because of discrepancies. The committee for this will be Paul French, Jim Storz and Joe Kubicek. John Bull and Brian Gadd (MWRC Int'l Rep) will act in an advisory capacity. The committee is currently working on a RFP to go out for bids.
 - 1. Audit Committee: At the present time we are putting the final touches on the RFP. We will be meeting in the near future to finalize it. Once that occurs we will put the RFP out there and take the bids in. After the committee reviews all the bids we will select the firm and take it to the Int'l Board for approval.
 - 2. We ask that everyone have patients as we go through the process. The committee is being very meticulous with the RFP and how we are handling it. We are incorporating what a true audit should be with the specific concern members have brought forth. I am confident that the audit will be done and done correctly.
 - vi. 2013 – 0022 Donate \$1,000 to Int'l Police Association – Jerry Bryan – **Passed**. This was to donate to IPA's Int'l Youth Gathering Scholarship. The IPA sends the kids of cops all over the world to stay with other families to experience different cultures.
- g. Open Discussions Concerning "e.v." from above concerning the Audit Proposal:
- i. There was plenty of discussion from the floor regarding the Audit and current procedures regarding International and the Treasurer's reports. *For more details concerning the discussion, please request a copy of the meeting recording from the MDC Secretary. The discussion ranges from the timeline of 22:37 to 52:25.*
- h. Survey Results: On the survey there was over 60% of the roughly 7,000 who voted that indicated they wish our electoral system stay the same as it has been since its inception. Our motion to outsource the election will come back at the September BOD Meeting. I would like to withdraw the motion at this time. I am currently working on a proposal that would involve a hybrid of outsourcing and an in house election. It would involve a committee doing the election. My hope is to work on this and bring it back to our Board for approval in the future. If everyone likes it and

votes for it I will then have it placed on the agenda for Int'l approval.

- i. There was plenty of discussion from the floor regarding the Survey Results question on the ballot. For more details concerning the discussion, please request a copy of the meeting recording from the MDC Secretary. The discussion ranges from the timeline of 52:40 to 1:18:45.
- ii. A motion was received from Eric Mines to allow the MDC Int'l Rep to redraw his motion and allow time to rewrite and re-file the motion when all of the details can be gathered. The motion was seconded from the floor and voted unanimously.

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.*

9. Vice Chairman's Report (J.J. Lightner):

- a. New West Virginia State Rep: Marshal Parker (WV-II) has been appointed.

Representatives Reports

This will be a summary of topics presented by each reporting member...Check the MDC Ride List for events

1. Delaware State Representative – Albert Littleton (DE-I):
 - a. Delaware has 1 Chapter with 70 members.
 - b. Chapter has been assisting the Patriot Guard Riders with events and Star Riders Group with their “Feed the Children” Event.
2. Kentucky State Representative – Ruben Gardner (KY-II):
 - a. Kentucky has 14 Chapters.
 - b. KY-II is up and running again. Check the website event sections for happenings in Kentucky.
 - c. Chapters are active. Check the MDC Ride List for events.
3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I):
 - a. Maryland has 8 Chapters.
 - b. Please ensure you notify the State Reps if members are transferred to Heaven-I.
4. North Carolina State Representative – Gary Folsom (NC-XIII):
 - a. North Carolina has 20 Chapters. (about 550 members).
 - b. Chapters have been very active and conducted some successful events.
 - c. Recruited a Member-at-Large and may even start another Chapter.
5. Tennessee State Representative – TC Hicks (TN-III):
 - a. Tennessee has 10 Chapters.
6. Virginia State Representative – Mike Hart (VA-III):
 - a. Virginia has 15 Chapters.
7. West Virginia State Representative – Marshal Parker (WV-II):
 - a. West Virginia has 4 Chapters.

Website

1. Rick Clark has been appointed as the new Webmaster:
 - a. Website will get some updated and changes over the next month.
 - b. Email address is webmaster@mdc.org
 - c. There is also a MDC Facebook page.
 - d. The President's page has links to the contact listing...Chapter Presidents should have a

- password and if they don't, contact John Bull.
- e. The Ride List is constantly updated...send all ride info to the Secretary.

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: We will do an exact count at the end of the year but we currently have approximately:
COINS = 340 ** PINS = 150 ** PATCHES= 100

Safety

1. D.W. Conners – Safety Officer:
 - a. I am still doing the ride workshops. These drills are not MSF but of my own design. They will be posted on the web site.
 - 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.
 - e. Email Address: BKMDC@frontier.com

Old Business

1. Chapter Changes: Please ensure you email the MDC Secretary and Chairman along with the International of any Chapter changes (E-Board officers, website, contact info).
2. Winter 2014 Conference Update: Mike Brown (NC-XIII) advised that the 2014 Winter Conference meeting will be in Fayetteville, NC from 14-16 Feb 2014. The flyer info is posted on the MDC website.

New Business

1. Bids for 2014 MDC Fall Meeting:
 - a. VA-II was the only bid and was selected.

Good of the Order

1. RE: Mike Williams: His father passed away and the funeral was on Friday. Mike wanted to thank everyone for the condolences, thoughts and prayers.

Announcement of Mason Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Winter Conference Meeting - 2014:

- Hosted By: North Carolina-XIII
- Location: Fayetteville, NC
- Dates: 14-16 February 2014
- Information: <http://www.fayettevillencblueknightsxiii.org/>

2. Spring Conference Meeting - 2014:

- Hosted By: Tennessee-III
- Location: Townsend, TN
- Dates: 23-25 May 2014
- Information: Pending

3. Fall Conference Meeting - 2014:

- Hosted By: Virginia-II
- Location: Culpeper, VA
- Dates: 29 August - 1 September 2014
- Information: www.bkva-ii.org

Announcement of International Conventions

1. 2013 Convention:

- Hosted By: Arkansas-IV
- Location: Hot Springs, Arkansas
- Dates: 14-19 July 2013
- Info: <http://www.blueknightsar4.org/4.html>

Adjournment – 12:10 pm. Next meeting 10:00 am / 16 February 2014 at the 2014 Winter Conference

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¹ File size is 150MB in MP3 format.