

# Mason Dixon Conference - Spring 2013

## Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2013 10:09 am – 12:15 pm

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 meeting<sup>1</sup>.

<b>Executive Board Roll-Call</b>		
<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 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 type="checkbox"/>

<b>State Representatives and Other Appointed Positions Roll-Call</b>		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
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	Gary Folsom (NC-XIII)	<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 type="checkbox"/>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Paul Domingoes (VA-II)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Rick Clark (NC-XVI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Agenda Items</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><u>Call to Order</u>: (10:09 am)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Moment of Silence.</li><li>Opening Prayer – Mike Williams (MDC Chaplin).</li><li>Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.</li><li>Reading of Blue Knights Pledge – Chairman Pollinger.</li></ol></li><li><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:</li></ol>

Delaware-I <sup>1</sup>	Kentucky-II	Maryland-I	Maryland-II
Maryland-IV <sup>2</sup>	North Carolina-II <sup>3</sup>	North Carolina-III <sup>4</sup>	North Carolina-IV
North Carolina-VIII <sup>5</sup>	North Carolina-XI	North Carolina-XIII	North Carolina-XV <sup>6</sup>
North Carolina-XVI <sup>7</sup>	North Carolina-XIX	North Carolina-XXI	North Carolina-XXIII
North Carolina-XXIV	Tennessee-III <sup>8</sup>	Tennessee-VI	Tennessee-XII
Virginia-I	Virginia-II <sup>9</sup>	Virginia-III	Virginia-V <sup>10</sup>
Virginia-XIII	Virginia-XVII	West Virginia-II	

- There are 72 Chapters in the conference and 27 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 38% in attendance. There were 88 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"> <li>• None Present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dennis Hafeman – GLRC</li> <li>• Joe Kubicek – GLRC Treasurer</li> </ul>
<u>PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS</u>	<u>OTHER CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronnie Young (VA-V)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Gadden – MWRC</li> </ul>
<u>BOG OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Ricards (NY-V) – Treasurer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glen Wheat (IN-XIII) – Indiana (departed early)</li> </ul>

- 4. Host Chapter Remarks: President (Johnny Overby, NC-XXIV), thanked all for attending. Recognized the Chapter members for stepping up along with members from NC-XVI for making this a success with only three months of planning.
- 5. Chairman’s Remarks: Thanked NC-XXIV for stepping up to the challenge of putting on the Conference Meeting on such a short notice. Also advised that John Bull (MDC International Rep) and his wife, Darlene were involved in a motorcycle accident on their way to the Conference Meeting. John is doing well with a few cracked ribs and Darlene sustained a fractured left wrist.
- 6. 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 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.

<sup>1</sup> Albert Littleton produced a voting authorization letter from Baldo Sebastianelli - Chapter President  
<sup>2</sup> George Delozier produced a voting authorization letter from Lennie Rose - Chapter President  
<sup>3</sup> Jake Sanok produced a voting authorization letter from Monty Smothers - Chapter President  
<sup>4</sup> Richard Burgess produced a voting authorization letter from Todd Lontz - Chapter President  
<sup>5</sup> Hugh Credle produced a voting authorization letter from William Sirginson - Chapter President  
<sup>6</sup> Jeremy Oliver produced a voting authorization letter from Joe Lamothe - Chapter President  
<sup>7</sup> William Wright produced a voting authorization letter from John Rogers - Chapter President  
<sup>8</sup> Alan Blankenship produced a voting authorization letter from Norman Rickman - Chapter President  
<sup>9</sup> Keith Chase produced a voting authorization letter from John Weinstein - Chapter President  
<sup>10</sup> Ronnie Young produced a voting authorization letter from Nancy Goode - Chapter President

7. Treasurer's Report (Lonnie Loyall): Financial Report – As of 05/20/2013 – Checking Account Balance = ***DATA REDACTED...FULL VERSION WITH DATA IS POSTED ON THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE ON THE MDC WEBSITE.***

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

- a. We have 60 of 72 Chapters that have paid their dues (83%). Chapters that have not paid their dues need to contact the Treasurer to fix the arrears.

8. International Representative's Report (John Bull – Electronically): Since our last meeting in Townsend the International has met on March 27th and May 11th. Please keep in mind that this report is just a glimpse of the meetings. Please take the time to read the minutes from the minutes. This is an election year for the International and you need to make informed decisions.

- a. Renewals: During the renewal process it was discovered that several MDC Chapters did not get their renewal packets in on time. The State Rep's are working to get the chapters renewed. The chapters are KY XVIII (renewed late), MD IV, NC V, NC IX, NC XXI, NC XXII, TN I, VA XI and WV IV.

- b. Charity Stat's: These numbers are as of May 11th. Don't forget you can now report your charity stats online now.

- i. Overall = \$16,291,637.50

- ii. Year to Date = \$691,655.50.

- c. Blue Knight Magazine: The latest 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 May 1, 2013

- i. Total Members: 18,956 MDC Total: 2,498

- ii. Chapters: 618 MDC Chapters: 72

- iii. As of May 1st the following MDC Chapters have not renewed: NC V, IX, XXII, VA XI and WV IV).

- 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 (11 Total)

- i. 2013-0006 – Repeal proposal 2012- 0014 – Persona Non Grata – By Bob Flanagan – **Failed**. The lawyers expressed concern over the placing of a member on the list without a formal process in place. They felt it should be in a by-law and not in the form of the previous motion. They did say the process in place was fine for a non-member. A vote was taken and the repeal was defeated by a vote of 9 to 7. At that point President Flanagan made the decision to declare 2012-0014 null and void.

- ii. 2013-0007 – Repeal of proposal 2012-0015 – Limit authority of Executive Committee. – By Bob Flanagan – **Failed**. The original motion limited the authority in overturning a decision of a Conference Board. It mandated that any Executive Decision along these lines must be reviewed by the full Board at the next meeting. The lawyers felt this needed to be a By-Law rather than a motion. A vote was taken and the repeal was defeated by a vote of 10 to 6. At that point President Flanagan made the decision to declare 2012-0015 null and void.

- iii. 2013 – 0008 – Amend Article 3 Section 3:16 – Outsourcing of Elections. – By John Bull –

**Withdrawn.** This motion was tabled in light of the votes that were taken for the question on the ballots. This motion will be on the September 2013 agenda.

- iv. 2013 – 0009 – Amend Article 6 Section 6 – requirements for regular Membership – By John Radcliff – **Withdrawn.** This motion was to amend the requirements for regular membership from and retirement option and a separation from law enforcement. Several departments in the UK have transferred members or laid them off. Because they have not taken a retirement option they could not remain members. This motion would correct that.
- v. 2013 – 0010 – Place a polling question on the International Election Ballot. – By Bob Flanagan – **Passed.** A question regarding outsourcing to be placed on the International Election Ballot. This has never been done in the history of this organization. Several were against it however it passed by a 10 to 6 vote.
- vi. 2013 – 0011 – Amend Article 10.06 – Add Persona Non-Grata – By Brad Tollefson – **Passed.** This made the persona non grata list official by placing it in our by-laws. This was done at the request of the attorneys.
- vii. 2013 – 0012 – Amend Article 10.05 – Discipline – By Brad Tollefson – **Passed.** Adds Persona Non Grata to the list of people who can't attend BK functions.
- viii. 2013 – 0013 – Amend Article 11 – Add definition of Persona Non-Grata – Brad Tollefson – **Tabled.** This amendment will define what Persona Non-Grata is. This was tabled so Brad could refine the definition.
- ix. 2013 – 0014 – Report of Elected Board Members Expenses - By Russ Harper – **Passed.** Calls for the Treasurer to submit a detailed report of the expenses of the Executive Board to the General Membership at the International.
- x. 2013 – 0015 – Place Jeffrey Skya (NY X) on Persona Non-Grata list – By Russ Harper – **Passed.** Mr. Skya failed to mention that he was a convicted sex offender. He was convicted while a Correction Officer and required to register. He never told NY X this when he applied. As soon as they found out they revoked his membership.
- xi. 2013 – 0016 – Amend Article 3 Section 3.12 – Duties and Powers – By Brad Tollefson – **Passed.** A decision by a Conference can only be overturned by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. The Executive Board may overturn it in an emergency circumstance however, that must be brought to the full Board at the next meeting.

g. International Elections:

- i. The Ballots have been mailed out. Please keep an eye out for them. Please let your State Rep's know if you do not receive one. They in turn will notify me so I can track the issue down. When you do get the ballots in the mail please vote. There is too much at stake with this election.
- ii. As everyone knows this is the first year the elections will be at the International. The Ballot counting will be held Tuesday morning at 9am. If you wish to help count the ballots please call or e-mail Bessie at the International and let her know

**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. International Election Endorsements: A request was made from the floor to reiterate the list of candidates

that the MDC unanimously endorsed at the Winter meeting.

<u>INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT</u> <b>Frank Gennari (NY-I)</b>	<u>INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT</u> <b>Russ Harper (NY-XVIII)</b>
<u>INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY</u> <b>Karen Borza (PA-XXIV)</b>	<u>INTERNATIONAL TREASURER</u> <b>Jim Borza (PA-XXIV)</b>

10. Vice Chairman's Report (J.J. Lightner - Electronically):

- a. Membership: MDC has 72 chapters. There are currently no starter kits or pending new Chapters.
- b. Recruitment Funds: Make sure when you go out and recruit. We have \$500 a year. Ensure you send you requests forward to the E-Board to ensure funds are available.

### 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 just finished a Special Olympics charity event which raised \$27,000.
2. Kentucky State Representative – Ruben Gardner (KY-II):
  - a. Kentucky has 14 Chapters.
  - b. Chapters are active. Check the MDC Ride List for events.
3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I):
  - a. Maryland has 8 Chapters.
  - b. MD-IX just received a prestigious award from the Pentagon for the work they do on their “Purple Heart Ride” for Walter Reed Army Hospital and the wounded soldiers.
4. North Carolina State Representative – Gary Folsom (NC-XIII):
  - a. North Carolina has 20 Chapters. (Goldsboro, Southport and Windsor Chapters folded).
5. Tennessee State Representative – TC Hicks (TN-III):
  - a. Tennessee has 10 Chapters.
  - b. All At-Large members are now associated with Chapters.
6. Virginia State Representative – Mike Hart (VA-III):
  - a. Virginia has 16 Chapters.
  - b. Virginia has two (2) Members at Large.
7. West Virginia State Representative – Carl Pace (WV-II): [Reported by Ed Martin]
  - a. West Virginia has 5 Chapters.

### Website

1. Rick Clark has been appointed as the new Webmaster:
  - a. Email address is [webmaster@mdc.org](mailto:webmaster@mdc.org)
  - b. There is also a MDC Facebook page.
  - c. The President's page has links to the contact listing...Chapter Presidents should have a password and if they don't, contact John Bull.
  - d. 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: as of 31 December 2012: COINS = 370 \*\* PINS = 174 \*\* PATCHES= 134

### Safety

1. D.W. Conners – Safety Officer: [Reported by Chairman Pollinger]
  - 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.

### 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. Scholarships:
  - The 2013 MDC Scholarship recipients:
    - i. Ian Black (representing VA-XIII) – Attending either Liberty University or VMI.
    - ii. Hunter Lane (representing TN-VI) – Attending Northeast State Community College.
  - Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship check.
  - There was seven applicants.
3. Fall Conference Update: Keith Chase (VA-II) advised that the Fall Conference meeting will again be in Culpeper, VA from 30 Aug-2 Sep 2013. For more information or to pre-register, go to [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org). The flyer info is posted on the MDC website.
4. 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. Proposal MDC 2013-001 (REF: Conference Dues): Submitted by Rick Clark (NC-XVI). This proposal is to establish Section 6, under Article 2 of the MDC by-laws regarding Conference Dues.
  - a. Proposal Points:
    - i. Chapters will be assessed yearly dues and payable on or before 31 Jan of each year.
    - ii. Chapter that fail to pay their dues but the said date will forfeit the following benefits:

1. Eligibility to vote at MDC Conference Meetings.
  2. Eligibility for its members to be considered for the MDC scholarship program.
  3. Eligibility to be reimbursed for recruitment related expenses.
  4. ~~Eligibility to receive the MDC Conference newsletter.~~ (Amended to Delete)
- b. Discussion: During the discussion phase, it was determined to amend #4 above.
- c. Vote: **PASSED – Unanimous vote.**
2. Proposal MDC 2013-002 (REF: State Reps): Submitted by Tim Braddy (NC-XXI). This proposal is to amend the current MDC By-Laws, regarding State Representatives, which are appointed by the MDC Chairman.
- a. Proposal Points:
    - i. MDC State Representatives shall be ~~elected~~ (amended to “Selected”) by the State Chapters in which they represent.
    - ii. State Chapters can only vote on a Representative inside their state boundaries.
    - iii. Background: The current process is that MDC State Representatives are appointed by the MDC Chairman. This proposal would change that process from an appointment to an election style process, which would allow the MDC member states to elect their respective State Representatives.
    - iv. Intent: To allow Mason Dixon Conference state Chapters to elect their State Representatives by an election process, thus putting the MDC State Representatives on par with the MDC International Representative (an elected position).
  - b. Discussion: The Chairman explained the duties and purpose of the State Reps position is to provide the Chairman and the E-Board a closer voice with the state. The Reps do not have any additional voting rights. The Chapter Presidents can send the E-Board and Chairman requests for Reps considerations. There was 20 minutes of discussion from various members from the floor, the board and Presidents. A motion was made to call the question, seconded by Johnny Overby and passed.
    - i. The proposal was amended to change the word “Elected” to “Selected” by the State Chapters.
  - c. Vote: **FAILED – 10 Yeas, 15 Nays, 1 Abstain and 1 Absent Vote**
3. Bids for 2014 MDC Spring Meeting: The following Chapters put in bids, with votes to the right.
- a. KY-II (Lexington, KY): 1 Vote
  - b. NC-XXI (Rocky Mount, NC): 5 Votes
  - c. **TN-III (Townsend, TN): 10 Votes**
  - d. WV-II (Canaan Valley, WV): 8 Votes  
(There were 2 abstentions and 1 Absent voter)

### Good of the Order

1. Letters: The Board received correspondence from all of the candidates that the MDC endorsed thanking us for the support.
2. Glen Wheat: Glen was in attendance over the weekend but had to depart early this AM to get back to Indiana. He thanked the MDC for the hospitality.

3. Mike Ricard: Spoke of the Special Fund and encouraged those involved in an accident to use the fund. 100 Chapters have made donations to the fund already this year.
4. VA-V Fund Raiser for Cruise Draw: Ed Labree won the drawing.

### Announcement of Mason Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Fall Conference Meeting - 2013:
  - Hosted By: Virginia-II
  - Location: Culpeper, VA
  - Dates: 30 August - 2 September 2013
  - Information: [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)
2. Winter Conference Meeting - 2014:
  - Hosted By: North Carolina-XIII
  - Location: Fayetteville, NC
  - Dates: 14-16 February 2014
  - Information: <http://www.fayettevillencblueknightsxiii.org/>
3. Spring Conference Meeting - 2014:
  - Hosted By: Tennessee-III
  - Location: Townsend, TN
  - Dates: 23-25 May 2014
  - Information: Pending

### 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 / 1 September 2013 at the 2013 Fall Conference

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<sup>1</sup> File size is 172MB in MP3 format.