

# Mason-Dixon Conference - Spring 2014

## Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2014 09:38 am – 11:15 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Keith Chase (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Lonnie Loyal (VA-III)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International Rep	John Bull (MD-III)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>
Maryland State Rep	Steve Smith (MD-I)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
West Virginia State Rep	Marshal Parker (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	Rick Clark (NC-XVI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### **Agenda Items**

1. Call to Order: (9:38 am)
  - a. Moment of Silence.
  - b. Opening Prayer – Mike Williams (MDC Chaplin).
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance. Boy Scouts Troop 66 Conducted a flag ceremony.
  - d. Reading of Blue Knights Pledge – Chairman Pollinger.
2. 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 <sup>1</sup>	Maryland-I	Maryland-II	Maryland-III <sup>2</sup>
Maryland-IV	Maryland-V	North Carolina-II <sup>3</sup>	North Carolina-XIII <sup>4</sup>
North Carolina-XVI <sup>5</sup>	North Carolina-XVII <sup>6</sup>	Virginia-II	Virginia-III
Virginia-V	Virginia-XIII	Virginia-XIX	West Virginia-II

- There are 69 Chapters in the conference and 16 Chapters were represented at the meeting for a percentage of 23% in attendance. There were 50 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>• None Present</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>• Russ Harper (NY-XVII) – Tri-State</li> </ul>
<u>BOG OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lon Strayer (PA-XII) – Chairman</li> <li>• Mike Rickard (NY-V) – Treasurer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None Present</li> </ul>

4. Host Chapter Remarks: President Richard Smith, (MD-II), thanked all for attending and hopes everyone had an enjoyable weekend.

5. Chairman’s Remarks: Thanked MD-II for stepping up and hosting the conference when the other venue fail through. Also congratulated them on their 30 years as a Chapter.

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 were posted on the website. Motion to accept the minutes was made from the floor, seconded and voted unanimously to approve.

7. Treasurer’s Report (Lonnie Loyall): Financial Report – The financial report, as provided, was voted unanimously to be accepted. Contact your Chapter President to see the Full Report financials.

8. International Representative’s Report (John Bull): As you can see from the proposal update listed in my report there is a concerted effort to make changes to our International by-laws. Please take the time to read the minutes from the Board of Director meetings. If you attend the International Membership meeting you are going to be asked to approve any changes made to the by-laws.

a. **Membership – As of May 14, 2014**

Total Members:	18,391	MDC Total:	2,413
Chapters:	601	MDC Chapters:	69

These are the numbers received during the renewal process. Once all the renewals are in we expect these numbers to go back up. At the moment the International is in the process of trying to get chapters going in possibly South Africa and Brazil. We have lost contact with the group trying to start a chapter in Turkey.

b. **Old Business**

1. Proposal 2013 – 0036 Colors :**Karl Hutchinson WCC Chairman - Passed**

<sup>1</sup> Mike Vari produced a voting authorization letter from Baldo Sebastianelli - Chapter President  
<sup>2</sup> John Bull produced a voting authorization letter from Frederick Roussey - Chapter President  
<sup>3</sup> Mike Aponte produced a voting authorization letter from Monty Smothers - Chapter President  
<sup>4</sup> Gary Folsom produced a voting authorization letter from Michael Brown, Sr - Chapter President  
<sup>5</sup> Rick Clark produced a voting authorization letter from John Rogers - Chapter President  
<sup>6</sup> JJ Lightner produced a voting authorization letter from Thomas Loftus - Chapter President

This proposal created an alternative back patch to be worn by some chapters. A chapter would have to petition the International to wear the patch in lieu of the current set. This was done to afford chapters where a three piece is illegal or against department policy to have something to wear. I voted against this for the simple fact we do not have an approved patch. I believe we should have come up with the alternative first. I also think this goes against what we voted on years ago which was to standardize the back patch and did away with the independent chapter patches.

2. Proposal 2013 – 0020 – Displaced Law Enforcement Office – Honorary Membership :**Russ Harper – TSC Rep – Tabled**

This proposal would have given members whose agency lay off or close and option for staying members while they continue to look for a new job.

3. Proposal 2013 – 0009 – Regular Membership :**John Radcliff – UK & I Rep. – Tabled**

This proposal would have aided UK & I member who get transferred from their police jobs. UK & I is having similar issues with downsizing just like the US is having. In the UK you could be transferred from a position with arrest powers to one without after 20 years and have no recourse. Since you do not have enough time to retire you would lose your membership in the Blue Knights because you did not have the required retirement and honorable separation. This proposal would have made it one or the other instead of both.

c. **New Business**

1. Proposal 2014 – 0001 – BY LAW 1.04 – ELIMINATE GRANDFATHERED BACK PATCHES :**By-Law Committee – Withdrawn.**

This would have eliminated a chapter from making any more of the grandfathered patches. If you got a new member in your chapter they would have to wear the international patch. As the grandfathered patches worn out or members left your chapter the patches would eventually disappear and only the International patch would be left.

2. Proposal 2014 – 0002 – TO AMEND ARTICLE 6. SECTION 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP :**By-law Committee – Withdrawn**

This would have moved the definition of arrest powers into this section. In the process it would have eliminated the wording for monetary compensation.

3. Proposal 2014 – 0003 - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP SECTION 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP :**By-Law Committee – Withdrawn**

This would have eliminated the words retirement income and replaced it with compensation. It would also have eliminated the need for the payments to come from a law enforcement agency.

3. Proposal 2014 – 0004 - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP SECTION 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP :**By-Law Committee – Withdrawn.**

This would have changed the requirement for a motorcycle license. Instead of being issued by a state or providence they could be issued by “A local licensing authority”.

4. Proposal 2014 – 0005 - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP :**By-Law Committee – Withdrawn**

Would have added age related disabilities as a qualifying factor in retaining membership when you can no longer ride a motorcycle.

5. Proposal 2014 – 0006 - CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP SECTION 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP :**By-Law Committee – Withdrawn.**

Would have eliminated the right of associate member prior to 1983 from remaining unless they met the standards in place today.

6. Proposal 2014 – 0007 - BY LAWS SECTION 2.06. MEMBERSHIPS-AT-LARGE :**By-Law Committee – Withdrawn**

This proposal would require Members at Large to join the closest chapter. This would take the burden off the conference for tracking them. It would also give them better contact and hopefully get them more involved.

7. Proposal 2014 – 0008 – BY LAWS ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS DEFINITIONS :*By-Law Committee – Withdrawn.*

This would have eliminated workman's compensation from the definition of Monetary Compensation. That could have the unintended effect of losing members. In some states when an officer is injured they stop receiving pay from a department. Their pay comes from a Workers Comp Injury Fund.

8. Proposal 2014 – 0010 – ALTERNATIVE DISPLACED WORKERS :*By-Law Committee - Failed*

This proposal would have allowed a worker who is laid off to remain a member for a finite period of time. It would have been up to the member's chapter to keep track of them and report to the International if they do or so not get another job

9. Proposal 2014 – 0011 – CONVENTION DATE FOR 2016 : *Russ Harper – TSC Rep –*

This would have allowed the International to be held in June of 2016 instead of July. After much debate the TSC withdrew the proposal. We may see this come back in the future in another form.

10. Proposal 2014 – 0001 – PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS BY CANADIAN CORRECTIONS : *Karl Hutchinson – WCC Rep – Failed*

This proposal would have required Canadian Corrections Officers to prove in writing they qualify before their application would be accepted. Canada is having an issue at the moment with the interpretation of Corrections Officers. In some locations the Warden can designate who has arrest powers and because of this people who should not have been members were allowed to join. I voted against this proposal for the simple fact it would have allowed those already in the Blue Knights to stay even though they don't qualify. If we are going to stop unqualified people from joining then we should remove the ones who do not qualify now who are in.

d. *Good of the Order*

1. Audit Report: Since the last meeting the audit has proceeded slowly. At the moment we have five companies who have submitted questions for the audit committee to answer. The information was compiled and sent to the companies. As of this moment, only one has indicated they would be interested and the RFP has expired. At the BOD Meeting on May 14, 2014, we discussed the RFP. On its face it appears there is something in the RFP that is turning companies away. We voted to modify and simplify the RFP in hope of getting bids in. What I can tell you is that the audit will not be done by the next General Membership Meeting. There is no fault on the audit committee as each member has worked above and beyond to see that the audit gets done. As more information becomes available I will forward it on to the Chapter Presidents.

2. Corporate E-Mail System: As everyone should be aware by now the International is switching to an in-house e-mail system. If your chapter has not switched or set your account up now is the time. I have been available all weekend to help chapters get theirs up and running. According to the last report from the International the following chapters have theirs up and running. KY II, KY VII, KY VIII, MD II, MD III, NC II, NC III, NC IV, NC VI, NC VII, NC XI, NC XIII, NC XXIII, NC XXIV, VA II. If you are not on this list please get yours set up ASAP. This will be the main form of communication from the International and the MDC has already begun to switch the links on our website to the new e-mail addresses.

3. International Honorary: At the last meeting a proposal was submitted by the International Honorary Committee. This proposal was to make Vicki Shuman an International Honorary. The proposal passed and she is now an International Honorary.

4. Legal Issues: At our last MDC meeting I informed everyone that a bill was sent to Frank Gennari concerning legal fees from the last election. I voted against this as legal fees are a cost of doing business as a corporation. Since that meeting, Frank sent a reply to the Board stating he would not be reimbursing the International for their legal fees as he is under no obligation to do so. Some on the Board wish to press the issue further and wanted to send Frank a letter reprimanding him. Some felt that since Frank's attorney contacted the corporate attorney, he did so by proxy. Again I voted against this letter and so did a majority of the International Board. If you wish to read more about this, I would suggest you read the minutes from the April 2014, meeting.

5. Affinity Marketing Group: At our last MDC meeting we discussed the Affinity Marketing proposal. This group would have several discount programs available for US and some Canadian members. If you recall we opposed this proposal because of the issues with the life insurance program. When the Board voted on this issue I was the only one to vote against it. According to DJ this program will be different than the insurance company. For one thing, we will not be receiving any type of cards or advertisements from them. As I understand it only Bessie will send information out to the membership.

6. International Financial Reports: At the last several International Board meetings we have not been getting financial expenditure reports. I decided to ask about this at the meeting on May 14, 2014. To my surprise and the surprise of others, we were told by our Treasurer John Gordon that they were not required by the By-Laws and therefore he was not going to do them. In the face of the fact we are dealing with the allegation of missing money and other financial issues my response was not a good one. Every Treasurer up to this point has done the reports required or not. They may not be required by the By-Laws but I would have hoped he would realize they were the prudent thing to do with all we are facing. To fix this issue permanently I propose we write a By-Law proposal to require the reports on a monthly basis. Once the proposal is written I will forward it to the MDC Executive Board for review and approval. I will have it submitted to the International Secretary in time for the next Board meeting.

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. Membership – MDC Stats – 2413 Members in 69 Chapters

- In April I hosted the first Vice Chairman's conference call with other Conference Vice Chairmen from around the world. While participation was low, we think it will gain interest and it was discussed to hold these on quarterly bases to continue to work on recruiting efforts. The International Vice President was also invited but never responded.
- I have approached the Board about providing a letter from the board when Charters are issued to welcome them to the Blue Knights and the MDC. We also discussed sending each new member a welcome letter, as well.
- I have come up with a new recruiting flyer. It can now be used by individual chapters. Contact the Secretary to email it or make the necessary changes. It is posted on the MDC website.
- Our newest Chapter is VA-XX located in the Charlottesville, VA area.

## Representatives Reports

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

1. Delaware State Representative – Albert Littleton (DE-I):
  - a. Delaware has 1 Chapter with 71 members.
  - b. The Ride-to-the-Tide to benefit Special Olympics raised \$32,500.00. Unfortunately, shortly after the event, we were notified that two of our members (Bobby Luzader and Jaime Kauffman) were involved in an accident which ultimately took both of their lives.
  - c. Chapter's main Ride is the Salvation Army 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Toy Ride in September.
2. Kentucky State Representative – Ruben Gardner (KY-II) Absent – Electronic report by Chairman:
  - a. Kentucky has 13 Chapters...All Chapters Renewed
3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I) Absent: No Report Provided
  - a. Maryland has 8 Chapters.
  - b. See flyers for MD-I Crab Feast and MD-III's Shrimp Feast.
4. North Carolina State Representative – Gary Folsom (NC-XIII):
  - a. North Carolina has 19 Chapters with about 550 members.
  - b. There is interest in getting a new chapter going in Ocean Isle.
  - c. Would like to remind members to review the Social Media Policy.
5. Tennessee State Representative – TC Hicks (TN-III) Absent – No Report Provided
  - a. Tennessee has 9 Chapters.
6. Virginia State Representative – Mike Hart (VA-III) Absent: Electronic report by Vice Chairman:
  - a. Virginia has 15 Chapters.
  - b. New Chapter (VA-XX) Chartered in Charlottesville area. Thanks to the VA-III members for assisting
7. West Virginia State Representative – Marshal Parker (WV-II):
  - a. West Virginia has 4 Chapters with approximately 175 members.
  - b. See flyers for rides and Wild and Wonderful event.

## Website

1. Rick Clark – Webmaster:
  - a. Send flyers to [webmaster@bkmdc.org](mailto:webmaster@bkmdc.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 Rick Clark.

## 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. New Patch Order: Based on our limited inventory of patches, there was some discussion regarding ordering new patches. A motion was made by Keith Chase, seconded by Mike Vari and passed unanimously to order 250 new patches.
3. Inventory: Our current inventory:  
 COINS = 271 \*\* PINS = 92 \*\* PATCHES = 25

## Safety

1. D.W. Conners – Safety Officer:
  - a. We had a safety round-table with 34 present. We have already scheduled another for the Fall Conference. This is an open discussion on safety issues.
  - b. I am still doing the ride workshops. These drills are not MSF but of my own design. I am looking for tennis balls to be used for these...please bring what you have.
  - c. 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. I have workshops planned for New York, Kentucky, West Virginia and Richmond, VA.
  - d. Emergency Cards...if you need one, please don’t hesitate to ask.
  - e. I have fliers for bike checks, etc.
  - f. If there is something from a safety perspective that you need, please let me know.
  - g. Chapter Safety Officers...please send their info to me.
  - h. Email Address: [BKMDC@frontier.com](mailto:BKMDC@frontier.com)

## Old Business

1. 2014 MDC Scholarship Recipients:
  - Adel Bertog (representing NC-XIII) – Attending University of NC - Pembroke.
  - Nick Horn (representing VA-II) – Attending Radford University.
  - Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship check.
  - There were several real good essays.
2. Chapter Changes: Please ensure you email the MDC Secretary and Chairman along with the International of any Chapter changes (E-Board officers, website, and contact info).
3. Fall 2014 Conference Update: VA-II will again be hosting the Fall Conference in conjunction with their 38<sup>th</sup> annual Blue Ridge Rally in Culpeper, VA over Labor Day Weekend (29 Aug-1 Sep). The Theme will be “Medieval Knights”. The flyer info is posted on the MDC website.
4. Winter 2015 Conference Update: VA-XIII will be hosting the Winter Conference in Danville, VA over President’s Day Weekend (13-15 February 2015). The flyer info is posted on the MDC website.

## New Business

1. Proposal Number: 2014-003: To amend the current Mason-Dixon Conference (MDC) By-Laws, regarding Article IV, Section 1 as it pertains to the process for notification of one’s intent to run for MDC Executive Board offices in elections.
  - a. The Proposal, if enacted would amend the entire section and read:

Section 1. The officers of the Mason Dixon Conference shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Representative. A single person may hold the office of Secretary and Treasurer. Only regular members of the Conference who have been Past Presidents or current Presidents of a chapter may hold elected office. In the event there are no nominations of a member that is a President or Past President, any regular member may hold the office of Secretary or Treasurer. Candidates for office shall have attended two (2) of the previous six (6) conference meetings.

Any qualified member wishing to run for office shall notify the Conference Secretary in writing by April 15th of the election year (even numbered years). The letter shall contain the position they wish to run for, their current chapter, and years they were President. If they were a president of another chapter then that chapter's name shall be included.

The Conference Secretary shall verify the candidate's qualification with the International Office. They shall then forward a list of all qualified candidates to the Chairman for inclusion in the Spring Meeting Agenda.

No candidate shall campaign for office until the conclusion of the business meeting at the Spring MDC Conference.

- b. Background: At the last two nomination meetings there have been members who wanted to run for office but could not be at the meeting. The original requirement was put in place to ensure that members who were nominated actually wanted the position. It was also done to ensure that members who wanted to run actually participated in the Conference. If a candidate has not been around how do they expect to understand the Conference and serve its members?
  - c. Intent: To eliminate the current restriction of needing to be present for the meeting. Extenuating circumstances may prevent a candidate from making it to the nomination meeting. It also leaves in place a mechanism to ensure candidates are familiar with the Conference and its needs as well as the direction it is heading.
  - d. Advantages: This change will open the elections up for greater participation.
  - e. Disadvantages: None Stated.
  - f. Suggested / Submitted By: Suggested by the MDC Presidents & Submitted by John Bull, MD-III.
  - g. Discussion: None
  - h. Vote: Motion to accept by Keith Chase, Second by Rick Clark. **Vote was Unanimous.**
2. Proposal Number: 2014-004: To clarify the nomination procedure for conference officers and establish an election procedure for how ballots are cast in the Bylaws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. Mason-Dixon Conference.
- a. Current By-Law - Article IV (proposed clean up the language to set the terms...added changes are underlined in bold red lettering):  
Section 2. **The term of office for all Mason Dixon Conference elected positions shall be two (2) years.**  
Any vacancy in an elective office may be filled by the Executive Board at any time and will be reported at the next Conference meeting.
  - b. Background: To update and rewrite the by-laws around the election process.
  - c. Intent: To adjust the by-laws and move the term of office to a more appropriate location in the by-laws.
  - d. Advantages: Sets the exact term of office.
  - e. Disadvantages: None stated.
  - f. Suggested / Submitted By: Suggested by the MDC Presidents & Submitted by John Bull, MD-III.
  - g. Discussion: None
  - h. Vote: Motion to accept by Richard Smith, Second by Mike Vari. **Vote was Unanimous.**
3. Nominations for MDC Executive Board Offices for 2014-2016: Election will take place at the MDC meeting in Culpeper, VA during the Fall MDC Conference.



- a. Secretary: Keith Chase, nominated by Ronnie Young. (Accepted)
  - b. Treasurer:
    - i. Rick Clark, nominated by Mike Aponte. (Accepted)
    - ii. Lonnie Loyall, nominated by Tommy Edwards. (Accepted)
  - c. Vice Chairman: JJ Lightner, nominated by John Bull. (Accepted)
  - d. Chairman: Mike Pollinger, nominated by Ronnie Young. (Accepted)
  - e. International Rep: John Bull, nominated by John Weinstein. (Accepted)
4. Bids for 2015 MDC Spring Meeting:
- a. VA-V (Chesapeake, VA) submitted bid for the meeting. There were no competing bids.

### Good of the Order

1. Police Week: Joe Ackers, on behalf of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Board, thanked each of the members and Chapters that participated in the Police Week and Law Ride activities...the Blue Knights were well represented. Additionally, there was a National Law Enforcement Prayer Breakfast and Blessing of the Badge and the Blue Knights were recognized for their efforts in Peace Officers Memorial Day. Working in conjunction with FOP and FOP Auxiliary, the Blue Knights have been helping keep National Peace Officer Day alive and well.
2. Blue Knights as Ambassadors: In 1985, the Blue Knights petitioned the Governor of Maryland (Harry Hughes) to recognize the Blue Knights as official ambassadors of Maryland...at that time there were only three Chapters (MD-I, MD-II and MD-III) but there was one piece missing, which is going to be resolved shortly. In the near future, the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police will designate each of the Maryland Chapter Presidents as Honorary Colonels of the Maryland State Police.
3. Heaven-I Members Recognition: Eric D. Radwick, VA-II began a project to sort through the thousands of names on the Law Enforcement Memorial in DC to find Heaven-I Chapter Blue Knights who lost their lives in the line of duty and whose names are inscribed on those hallowed walls. His project culminated with the creation of “Honor Cards” that included the name, department, Chapter and EOW...those cards were placed on the wall by fellow Blue Knights during Law Ride. There were 35 members honored. The Chapter plans to continue the tradition. There was some discussion about laying a wreath for those members as well.
4. Joanne Emmons (VA-V) Update: Ronnie Young provided an update on Joanne who was involved in a serious crash in Arizona. She suffered various broken bones, punctured lungs and other issues wherein she was in intensive care for three days. She is currently on her way back, via van, with her son to undergo therapy at Lake Tylor Hospital where she volunteered many years setting up rides. Joanne was the 2014 Recipient of the “Angel Rider of the Year” award. Anyone wishing to send cards can send them to – Joanne Emmons, 4260 Eagle Rock Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Thanks to the President of AZ-I for the daily visits.
5. Blue Knights COPS Run: Russ Harper thanked the members for the “Honor Cards”. This was his 18<sup>th</sup> year doing the BK COPS RUN which this year donated \$20k to COPS. He said the BK COPS RUN is also looking for donations to keep this going and each member and/or Chapter can donate. Additionally, the group is looking for volunteers on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May each year to give motorcycle rides to the kids. Contact Russ Harper for more info.
6. MDC Meeting Times: **REMINDER** -- Because of the length of the actual meetings, we have moved the meeting start time to 9:30 am for future meetings.

7. Conference Hosting: There has been some interested from Chapters that might want to host a Conference Meeting but don't know the details (how much does it cost, how do to go about making contracts, etc.). The board is looking to put a committee together to help answer those questions and assist any Chapter desiring to host a Conference Event.
8. BOG Elections: Lon Strayer asked for the Chapter's support in his re-election bid for the BOG Chairman.
9. Special Fund: Mike Rickard gave a status and financial update about the "Special Fund".

### Announcement of Mason-Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Fall Conference Meeting - 2014:
  - Hosted By: Virginia-II
  - Location: Culpeper, VA
  - Dates: 29 August - 1 September 2014
  - Information: [www.bkva-ii.org](http://www.bkva-ii.org)
2. Winter Conference Meeting - 2015:
  - Hosted By: Virginia-XIII
  - Location: Danville, NC
  - Dates: 13-15 February 2015
  - Information: See the MDC website for the Flyer
3. Spring Conference Meeting - 2015:
  - Hosted By: Virginia-V
  - Location: Chesapeake, VA
  - Dates: 22-24 May 2015
  - Information: See the MDC website for the Flyer

### Announcement of International Conventions

1. 2014 Convention:
  - Hosted By: Germany-XXI
  - Location: Pillerseetal, Austria
  - Dates: 22-27 June 2014
  - Info: <http://bk-convention2014.eu/>

Adjournment – 11:15 pm. Next meeting 09:30 am / 31 August 2014 at the 2014 Fall Conference

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<sup>1</sup> File size is 129KB in MP3 format.