

Mason-Dixon Conference - Spring 2018

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2015 09:30 am – 10:54 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 meetingⁱ.

Executive Board Roll-Call		
<i>Title</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Present at Meeting</i>
Chairman	Ronnie Young (VA-V)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vice Chairman	J.J. Lightner (NC-XVII)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Keith Chase (VA-II)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Keith Johnson (VA-XIII)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
International Rep	Mike Pollinger (DE-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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina State Rep	Bruce Smith (NC-????)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tennessee State Rep	<i>Vacant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virginia State Rep	John Weinstein (VA-II)	<input checked="" 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	<i>Vacant</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tom Hayden (VA-????)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Webmaster	Bob Rhodes (NC-XVI)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agenda Items
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call to Order</u>: (9:30 am)<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Moment of Silence.b. Opening Prayer – Mike Williams (MDC Chaplin).c. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.d. Reading of Blue Knights Pledge – Chairman Young.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 ¹	Kentucky-II	Maryland-I	Maryland-III ²
North Carolina-II	North Carolina-IV	North Carolina-VIII	North Carolina-XIII
North Carolina-XVI	North Carolina-XIV	Virginia-II	Virginia-III
Virginia-V	Virginia-IX	Virginia-XIII	Virginia-XVII
West Virginia-II			

- There are 69 Chapters in the conference and 17 Chapters were represented at the meeting (26% attendance). There were ?? 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"> • None present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominic Squillace (PA-X) – Tri-State Treasurer
<u>PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS</u>	<u>OTHER CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronnie Young (VA-V) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None Present
<u>BOG OFFICERS</u>	<u>OTHER STATE REPRESENTATIVES</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rory McConnell (FL-XVIII) – Chairman • Cal Ennals (NJ-V) – Vice Chairman • Gus Faella (NJ-XI) – Secretary • Mike Rickart (NY-V) – Treasurer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Trachta (FL-IX) – Florida State Rep

4. Host Chapter Remarks: President Keith Johnson, (VA-XIII), thanked all for attending and thanked his chapter for their tireless efforts to put the conference together.
5. Chairman’s Remarks: Thanked VA-XIII for hosting their first conference and stated he had enjoyed himself. He yielded back his time to keep the meeting moving.
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 (Keith Johnson): Financial Report – As of 5/26/2018 – Checking Account Balance = \$11,323.46.

Deposits

- Dues – (\$650.00)
- Interest – (\$.08)

Debits

- Executive Officer’s Registrations – (\$425.00)
- Chaplin Expenses – (\$223.03)
- Conference supplies – (\$87.68)

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

8. International Representative’s Report (Mike Pollinger):

- a. Your Board of Directors held their most recent bi-monthly meeting on Saturday, April 28th. During that meeting, various topics were discussed that had been listed on our meeting agenda. Those included proposals to be reviewed and voted, as well as other items that are upcoming for

¹ Bert Littleton produced a voting authorization letter from Leonard Arcure - Chapter President

² John Bull produced a voting authorization letter from Robert Carr - Chapter President

the Blue Knights as a whole.

- b. As for International Officers reports, President Alvarez again supplied an update on the proceedings as it pertains to Bessie Small. We have already received \$50,000.00 from our insurance policy which is a small part of the over \$250,000.00 that Bessie Small procured. Our BK counsel has sent a letter to the DA in Bangor, Maine informing them of our displeasure with the amount of time that has passed, nearly 2 years, since these criminal charges were placed. Within the letter, it was requested that the case move forward as quickly as possible without any additional continuances. DJ assured us that he will keep us informed with all updates.
- c. Our Annual Blue Knights International Convention is scheduled for July 15th through the 20th and is being hosted by Georgia XVI at Stone Mountain, GA. At the Board of Governors’ Meeting on Monday morning, July 16th, the election of BOG officers for the next two (2) years will occur. There are 13 candidates who are running for the four (4) BOG positions. Only Chapter Presidents, or a Regular member of the chapter with a letter from the Chapter President, are permitted to attend and vote for their respective Chapter.
- d. Several proposals were presented, discussed and then voted on by your Board of Directors. Those presented and passed related to items such as: The permitting of Electronic voting for International Elections (when Maine law approves this); Having a policy/procedure to require the BOD to add any item to their agenda at the International convention that was forwarded from the Annual General Membership meeting; No International Executive Board Officer be permitted to serve more than two consecutive terms in the office they are elected to. Others proposed and approved dealt with increasing the amount that Host chapter(s) of an International Convention may keep, and also proposals dealing with both the Silver and Bronze Tier Structures. More detailed information on all of these may be obtained via the Members Only Section of the International’s website.
- e. Hoping to see as many Mason Dixon Conference chapters as possible represented and in attendance in Georgia. Again, Monday July 16th will have the Board of Governors’ Meeting at 0900 hours (Chapter Presidents OR a regular member with a letter from that Chapter President is needed if the Chapter President is unable to attend). At 1300 hours on Monday the 16th, the General Membership Meeting will be held. To be admitted, all members must present their current Blue Knight membership card.
- f. Mike Pollinger: mdc.rep@blueknights.org or 302-545-5301

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) Absent: *Electronic report by Chairman:*
 - a. Membership – MDC has **69** Chapters with **????** Members

Representatives Reports

(Send Event Flyers to MDC.Webmaster@BKMDc.org for posting on the website)

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) Absent: *Reported by Mike Pollinger:*
 - a. Delaware has 1 Chapter with 74 members.
- 2. Kentucky State Representative – Ruben Gardner (KY-II):
 - a. Kentucky has 13 Chapters.
- 3. Maryland State Representative – Steve Smith (MD-I):
 - a. Maryland has 7 Chapters. We lost MD-II as it folded early in the year.

4. North Carolina State Representative – Bruce Smith (NC-IV):
 - a. North Carolina has 19 Chapters with about 550 members.
5. Tennessee State Representative – *Vacant (No Report)*:
6. Virginia State Representative – John Weinstein (VA-II):
 - a. Virginia has 17 Chapters.
 - b. Starter Kit going to Fredericksburg.
7. West Virginia State Representative – Marshal Parker (WV-II):
 - a. West Virginia has 4 Chapters with approximately 183 members.

Website

1. Bob Rhodes – Webmaster:
 - a. On the Chapter contacts page we are now using the official email address for each Chapter.
 - b. We will be putting up a calendar for rides and safety courses.
 - c. Send flyers webmaster@bkmdc.org
 - d. There is a MDC Facebook page.
 - e. President’s page has the contact listing. Chapter Presidents have a password. Contact Bob for issues.
 - f. Corporate Email System: As everyone should be aware by now, the International is switching to an in-house email system. If your chapter has not switched or set-up your account; now is the time. You need to occasionally purge the files, as there is a limited amount of space.

Quartermaster

1. Ordering Sales Items: The coins, pins and patches are up on the Virginia-II website or can be ordered directly through the Conference Secretary (Keith Chase). We take cash, checks or credit cards or we can invoice directly using square payment.
2. New Coin Order: Order is pending receipt...this coin is an exact replica of the ones we already have but from a different company.

Safety

1. Robert “Bud” Overby – Safety Officer:
 - a. At the conclusion of the meeting, Bud was appointed as the new MDC Safety Office.
 - b. Email Address: Robert.Overby@yahoo.com

Old Business

1. Chapter Changes: Please ensure you email the MDC Secretary, MDC Chairman and the International of any Chapter changes (E-Board officers, website, and contact info).
2. Fall 2018 Conference Update: John Weinstein provided an update on VA-II’s hosting of the Fall Conference in Culpeper, VA over Labor Day Weekend (31 Aug-3 Sep 2018). The flyer info is posted on the MDC website and the VA-II website.
3. Winter 2019 Conference Update: Ronnie Young provided an update on VA-V’s hosting of the Winter Conference in Virginia Beach, VA over President’s Day Weekend (15-17 February 2019). The flyer info will be posted on the MDC website.

New Business

1. BOG Elections: Elections are coming up this year. The candidates are:

<u>BOG CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>BOG VICE CHAIRMAN</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuckle Diaz - (TSC, NY-VII) • Calvin Ennals - (TSC, NJ-V) - <i>Current Vice Chairman</i> • Rory MacConnell - (SRC, NY-XVIII) - <i>Incumbent</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Hohendorf - (EU, GER-V) • Lohan Lopotosky - (SWC, CA-XXIV) • Dominic Squillace - (TSC, PA-X) • Lon Strayer - (TSC, PA-XXII) • Jim Trachta – (SRC, FL-IX)
<u>BOG SECRETARY</u>	<u>BOG TREASURER</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gus Faella - (TSC, NJ-XI) - <i>Incumbent</i> • Bradley Tollefson –(SRC, LA-II) • Glen Wheat – (GLRC, IN-XIII) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russell Davis - (TSC, NJ-XI) • Myron Joseph - (TSC, NY-IX) • Mike Rickard – (TSC, NY-V) - <i>Incumbent</i>

a. Each candidate, present at the meeting, was given two minutes to speak and others were afforded the opportunity to have their info read if they submitted info or a flyer to the Conference.

2. Bids for 2019 MDC Spring Conference Meeting:

a. Tennessee-III (Townsend, TN) and Maryland-I (College Park, MD) both submitted bids to host the meeting. During the course of the discussion, it was determined that TN-III was in a “not in good standing” classification with the Conference as their Chapter Dues were in arrears. Because their was no representation from TN-III at the meeting to pay their dues or answer questions pertaining to their bid, during the voting MD-I unanimous won the bid.

3. MDC Conference Elections:

- a. In accordance with the MDC By-Laws, the following members submitted Letters of Intent to run for MDC Board positions in the 2018 elections. Voting will be at the MDC Fall Conference in Culpeper, VA over Labor Day Weekend.
- MDC Chairman: Ronnie Young (VA-V) (*uncontested*)
 - MDC Vice Chairman:
 1. Keith Chase (VA-II)
 2. Richard Smith (MD-II)
 - MDC Secretary: John Weinstein (VA-II) (*uncontested*)
 - MDC Treasurer: Keith Johnson (VA-XIII) (*uncontested*)
 - MDC International Rep: Mike Pollinger (DE-I) (*Uncontested*)
- b. As a result of the Letters of Intent with at least one contested position, their will be a ballot vote at the MDC Fall Conference wherein all eligible Chapter Presidents present will be provided a ballot to cast for the MDC Board Positions. Write-in candidates are not eligible for consideration at the time of voting. The MDC By-Laws will be used for the flow of the election process.

Good of the Order

1. MDC Scholarship: Bradley Watson (Sponsor from WV-II) won the \$500 MDC scholarship.

Announcement of Mason-Dixon Conference Meetings

1. Spring Conference Meeting - 2015:

- Hosted By: Virginia-V
- Dates: 22-24 May 2015
- Location: Chesapeake, VA
- Information: See the MDC website for the Flyer

2. Fall Conference Meeting - 2015:

- Hosted By: Virginia-II
- Dates: 31 August - 3 September 2018
- Location: Culpeper, VA
- Information: www.bkva-ii.org

3. Winter Conference Meeting - 2015:

- Hosted By: Virginia-V
- Dates: 15-17 February 2019
- Location: Virginia Beach, VA
- Information: See the MDC website for the Flyer

Announcement of International Conventions

1. 2015 Convention:

- Hosted By: Nevada-II
- Dates: 12-17 July 2015
- Location: Reno, Nevada
- Info: <http://www.bknv2.org/Convention.php>

Adjournment – 10:54 am. Next meeting 09:30 am / 2 September 2018 at the 2108 Fall Conference

Contact Information	Website: www.bkmdc.org	<i>Secretary's Contact</i> Email: secretary@bkmdc.org Phone: 703-893-1823 Fax: 571-748-4240
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ⁱ File size is 161KB in MP3 format.