

# 2020 Fall Conference Agenda

September 6, 2020

VIRTUAL Meeting

Call to Order by Chairman Ronnie Young: 0930

**Moment of Silence** - Prayer by Chaplain Mike Williams (omitted; chaplain unable to communicate)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Omitted

**Blue Knights Pledge** (Read by Chairman Young) -

*As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride, to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation, and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will always work to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the public, and the fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.*

**Roll Call** – Officers, Representatives, Appointed and Chapters present (*Secretary John Weinstein*)

- Conference Officers

|                            |   |  |                                   |   |
|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Chairman, Ronnie Young     | Y |  | Treasurer, Keith Johnson          | N |
| Vice Chairman, Keith Chase | Y |  | International Rep, Mike Pollinger | Y |
| Secretary, John Weinstein  | Y |  |                                   |   |

- State Representatives

|                             |   |  |                                |   |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Delaware, Bert Littleton    | N |  | Tennessee, Brian Gregg         | Y |
| Kentucky, Ruben Gardner     | N |  | Virginia, Mike Hart            | N |
| Maryland, Steve Smith       | N |  | West Virginia, Marshall Parker | N |
| North Carolina, Bruce Smith | N |  |                                |   |

- Appointed Positions

|                            |   |  |                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|--|----------------------------|---|
| Chaplain, Mike Williams    | Y |  | Webmaster, Bob Rhode       | Y |
| Sgt. @ Arms, Tom Hayden    | N |  | Safety Officer, Bud Overby | Y |
| Quartermaster, Keith Chase | Y |  |                            |   |

- Chapters present: DE-I, NC-VIII, NC-XVI, TN-III, VA-I, VA-II, VA-V, VA-XVII (8 chapters)

**Recognition of VIPs:** None.

### **Chairman (Ronnie)**

- Due to this year's conference being canceled, next year's Fall conference has been awarded to VA II and will be held in Culpeper. This prevents VA-II from being financially affected by the hotel for cancelling this year.
  - Room reservations for this year's cancelled Culpeper conference meeting are being reloaded into the Best Western's computer for next year. In any event, call in two to three weeks to reconfirm. (Keith Chase)
- Ronnie Young hopes this is the last COVID-caused conference meeting cancellation.
- Ronnie Young thanked Brian Gregg for stepping up as the TN State Rep.
- The MDC is still waiting to hear formally from the IRS about the legality of the Disaster Relief Fund (currently \$1800). Chairman Young will report at next conference meeting.

### **Vice Chairman (Keith C.)**

- Chapter update information
  - Total Chapters: 66
  - Starter Kits: 0
  - New Chapters: 0 (However, there is movement toward a new chapter in the Johnson City area, the area of former TN-XII).
  - Total MDC Members: 1970 (per Mike Pollinger).

### **Secretary (John Weinstein)**

- Minutes from the Spring, 2020 **virtual** meeting were approved without dissent.
  - Motion to accept: VA-I
  - Second motion: TN-3

### **Treasurer (Keith Johnson)**

- Keith Johnson was unable to attend the meeting. Keith Chase read the current financial report, which is attached.
- Account Balance as of Sep 6: \$11,355.37 (available funds); 13,155.37 (total funds)
  - Motion to accept report: DE-I
  - Second motion: VA-I

### **International Rep (Mike Pollinger)**

- Mike Pollinger attended the abbreviated International Conference in Milwaukee. Instead of the usual 400-1500 attendees, there were 107, representing 33 chapters.
- Some decisions:
  - Special Fund support will *not* be allowed to pay for insurance deductibles following an accident going to or from a sponsored BK event.
  - International annual dues will *not* be reduced as a result of the COVID pandemic.
  - In the recent BOG election, 63% of ballots sent out were returned and counted. Members were reminded that ballots cannot be sent to corporate accounts; they will get kicked back. They must use personal (e.g., G-mail, Yahoo) accounts. Webmaster Bob Rhodes will insert a link to the International website on the MDC website so members can amend their email addresses.

- John Bull is doing a great job as International Treasurer. The club was \$85,037 in the black at the end of 2019, though approximately \$60K came from the sale of land resulting from legal actions against the former BK officer manager. John Bull has recommended a full audit henceforth after each International election.
- The 2021 International meeting will be held in Ireland. To date, there is no host for the 2022 International, though Chattanooga is a possibility.
- 2024 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BK LEMC and plans are being made to hold the International meeting in Bangor.
- Mike Pollinger’s full report will be distributed shortly.

**Web Site (Bob Rhodes)**

- Traffic at the website is down, with only 41 log-ins in August.
- The MDC Facebook account is active, with 10 new members.
- Safety Officer Bud Overby’s email address is being listed on the website so people may contact him more easily: [Robert.overby@yahoo.com](mailto:Robert.overby@yahoo.com).
- Webmaster Bob Rhodes will be retiring on September 14 and will no longer have access to his work email. Communicate with him through his BK email, which will be posted on the website.

**Safety Officer (Bud Overby)**

- The Safety Officer has heard of no problems, probably due to reduced riding resulting from COVID.

**Quartermaster (Keith C.)**

- Sales can be made via the Virginia-II store at [WWW.BKVA-II.ORG](http://WWW.BKVA-II.ORG) . Going forward, there will be a link on the MDC website for conference sales
- Inventory:

| Item                               | Stock Level | Price   |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| MDC Logo Inside Window Cling       | 90          | \$2.00  |
| MDC Logo Outside Vinyl Stickers    | 100         | \$2.00  |
| MDC Coins                          | 278         | \$10.00 |
| MDC Logo Patches                   | 201         | \$5.00  |
| MDC Logo Pins (no plan to reorder) | 39          | \$5.00  |

**Chaplain (Mike Williams)** (unable to communicate due to lack of audio; updates by Ronnie Young who asked attendees to keep the following in our prayers)

- Updates on
  - Bert Littleton, DE I: at home and in good spirits.
  - Barbara Evans, VA V: recovering; out of hospital.
  - Ernie Davis, NC XVI: recovering
  - John Christianson, DE I: recovering
- Keith Chase asked all members to help each other and our families due to COVID.

### **Scholarship: (John Weinstein)**

- Checks have been mailed to scholarship recipients.

### **Old Business**

- Update on 2021 Winter Conference
  - VA-V will host the Winter conference at the Delta Hotel in Chesapeake on February 12-14, 2021. Registration will be \$89 (\$160 per couple) and rooms will be \$89 per night. Fliers will be sent out and information will be posted on the MDC website.
  - This proposal was (hurriedly) moved and seconded by DE-I and VA-II,
- No additional old business from the floor.

### **New Business**

- Elections of MDC Officers nominations were due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. All positions are uncontested and there were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made (TN-II) and seconded (VA-I) for the MDC Vice Chairman to cast one vote for each of the following incumbent officers, thereby electing them for another two-year term. The motion carried without dissent.
  - Ronnie Young/Chairman
  - Keith Chase/Vice Chairman
  - John Weinstein/Secretary
  - Keith Johnson/Treasurer
  - Mike Pollinger/International Representative

### **State Rep Reports**

- Delaware (Bert Littleton) (Report delivered by Mike Pollinger)
  - Need to replace Bert due to health issues.
  - November 18, 2020: 37<sup>th</sup> Toy Run. Check website for additional information.
  - April 18, 2021: Ride to the Tide for the Special Olympics.
- Kentucky (Ruben Gardner): none.
- Maryland (Steve Smith): none.
- North Carolina (Bruce Smith): none.
- Tennessee (Brian Gregg): Not much is going on due to COVID.
- Virginia (Mike Hart)
  - Per Ralph Bartley: September 26, 2020: VA-XVII is supporting the first annual Virginia chapter picnic for all VA chapters. Additional information is attached.
- West Virginia (Marshall Parker): none.

### **Good of Order**

- Ronnie Young announced Virginia V will hold its “Summer Bash” July 28-August 1, 2021 at the Delta Hotel in Chesapeake. Room rates: \$109/night and registration is \$109

per person/\$200 per couple. In addition to rides and a hospitality suite, breakfast will be provided Thursday-Sunday; dinner Thursday-Saturday. More information to follow.

- Next meeting will be in Chesapeake (VA-V), on February 14, 2021.

**Closing Prayer (Mike Williams):** none.

Motion to adjourn: VA-I

Second motion: TN.III

Time: 1020

**Respectfully submitted: John Weinstein, Secretary**