

BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Monday August 5th, 2019 at 1610 Hours Eastern

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President DJ Alvarez called the meeting to order at 1610 hours and requested a moment of silence for ALL the members of Heaven I, and all Law Enforcement Officers slain in the line of duty.

NOTE: BY UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THIS MEETING WAS MOVED FROM TUESDAY AUGUST 6TH, 2019 TO MONDAY AUGUST 5TH.

BLUE KNIGHT PLEDGE: *(Read by Jana) 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 work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.*

SECRETARY –

Roll Call/Guests

- **President: DJ Alvarez (DJ)**
- **Vice-President: Karen Borza (KB)**
- **Treasurer: John Bull (JRB)**
- **Past President: Bob Flanagan (BF) ABSENT**
- **BOG: Rory MacConnell (RM)**
- **Europe: Koen Hutse (KH)**
- **Great Lakes: Dennis Hafeman (DH)**
- **Mason-Dixon: Mike Pollinger (MP)**
- **Mid-West: Doug Casteel (DC)**
- **Northeast: Guy Poirier (GP)**
- **Rio Grande: Roger Byars (RB)**
- **Southern: Bob Awtrey (BA)**
- **Southwest: Guy O'Connor (GO)**
- **Tri-State: Russ Harper (RH)**
- **UK & I: David Buckley (DB)**
- **West Coast: Lisa O'Brien (LO)**
- **Secretary: Jim Borza (JB)**
- **Office Manager: Jana Clark (JC)**

Approval of April Minutes

Everybody should have a copy of the minutes of our board meeting of April 27th, 2019. Are there any questions or additional corrections? Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Motion to accept minutes made by BOG and seconded by Southwest Conference. Unanimous approval. Motion Passes.

International Honorary Committee: Gayle Murnane (Not Present)

President DJ Alvarez presented information to the board on the International Honorary Member.

The Following nomination was made for International Honorary member:

International Honorary Member for the year 2019

Nominee: Terry Pendleton

Nominated by: President Bobby Durden GA VIII

Motion to accept Terry Pendleton as an International Honorary Member by (BA) Southwest, 2nd by (KH) Europe.

Unanimous approval. Motion Passes.

REPORTS:

COMMITTEES

Internet Committee: Joe Ball International Web Master (Not Present)

Joe Ball wanted me to say that the European mail boxes are full and asked for the Rep to get with these chapters to clear them out.

Election Committee: Bob Awtrey

Southern (BA) related that the election committee is setting up tomorrow and keeps telling people it not a “counting committee” but it a letter opening committee. Once the ballots are opened they will be handed over.

Midwest (DC) asked if they are opening the inner ballots or the outer ballots.

(BA) they are opening both envelopes.

(DJ) related that a procedure will be put in place.

There was further discussion on how many ballots were received and it was stated that 5,043 pieces of mail came in but some of those larger envelopes contain several ballots in them.

Headquarters: Bob Flanagan, Immediate Past President (Not Present)

HDQTS Money Market Account 6090	= \$243,054.89
New Add: Money Market Account <u>(sale of 22 Alden St)</u>	=\$216,163.80
HDQTS Savings Account (Fundraiser)	= \$12,211.04
Operating checking account as of: 8 April 2019	= \$ 24,223.22
Total funds in all accounts	= <u>\$495,652.95</u>

(This Money Market account is listed under BK Intl Financial Report)

Side note: We are working on moving this MM acct back over to Hdqts accounting so they do not appear on the Intl financial statements? Waiting on accountant and bank confirmations.

Accountant has instructed us to leave the MM acct in the Intl funds for tax purposes.

Lease for PSC Industrial (22 Alden Street) also known as Phillips Services was renewed on 1 December 2014 for two years and will expire on 1 January 2017. Rent on this building is \$2,600 per month which totals \$31,200.00 yearly. At Sept 2016 meeting the BOD voted to increase monthly rent on this property to \$2800.00 monthly starting in 2017. Effective November 2016, PSC Industrial has notified us that they are going out of business and will not be renewing the lease. 22 Alden street property is now vacant!!!

We currently have an auto repair/car dealership showing interest in the building. NOTE: The car dealership (Donald Kelley) has picked up a two year lease from Jana and should drop it off prior to 1 Oct 2017. The two year lease is for \$2,800.00 per month starting 1 Oct 2017. Also the appraisal has just been received at the office and 22 Alden St is appraised at currently \$315,000.00.

The car dealership (Donald Kelly came back with a proposal and only wanted to pay \$1000.00 per month for 6 months. That was rejected and we are now giving 22 Alden St to a realtor to find a lease for us. Still empty.

Note: As of January 2018, Jana has showed 22 Alden St on six different occasions-All say rent is too high and the building needs work.

Special note: We learned a few weeks ago that 22 Alden Street was broken into and the rear door was kicked in to gain entrance. BPD was notified and is investigating. Our insurance is also aware and the first estimate for repairs is nearing \$2000.00 to repair the damage. All of the heating copper piping was stolen and needs replaced and repaired. Will wait for the written estimate to arrive at the office then get it repaired ASAP. Our insurance covered this theft with a \$1000.00 deductible.

Special Note: 22 Alden street property: Effective on 1 May 2018, Mitchell Landscaping will do a partial building lease on this property and pay \$800.00 per month for a part of the building. Also Mitchell Landscaping will do our Snow plowing needs in the winter

666 French street was demolished /land was leveled and cleaned up in early May 2019
+++*This report prepared for the 6 August 2019 BOD Meeting*+++

Headquarters Committee

Chairman-	Bob Flanagan	Past Intl President
V- Chairman	Jay Durost	Maine 1
Secretary	Kevin Sutherland	NB 1
Trustee	Andreas Hohendorf	Germany V
Trustee	DJ Alvarez	Intl President

**At 4:22 PM (DJ) asked for a motion a Break for HQ Association Annual Meeting,
1st Midwest (DC), 2nd GLRC (DH)**

At 4:30 BOD Meeting was called back to order

TREASURER – John Bull:

**The Treasurer’s report is posted on the Blue Knights web site and listed in the members
only section for all members to see.**

VICE-PRESIDENT – Karen Borza:

(KB) related that she would email the below listed number out to the board members.

Vice President (KB) gave the Chapter & Membership Summary

<u>Conference</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Members</u>
EC	106	2377
GLRC	84	2023
MDC	67	2095
MWRC	33	757
NEC	49	1236
RGC	50	1082
SRC	80	2120
SWC	22	662
TSC	63	2379
UKIC	27	770
<u>WCC</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1275</u>
Total:	626	16,776

PRESIDENT – DJ Alvarez:

(DJ) Ricky Gautreau is battling cancer, he asks if we can keep him in our prayers.

Northeast (GP) after two months he has been sent back home, he is currently on meds. If you didn't know he was ill you wouldn't know it because he looks great and has his sense of humor still. He is making plans to travel to the Fall NEC and misses the Blue Knights.

(DJ) asks to keep him in our prayers

Office Manager – Jana Clark:

Nothing new to report.

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S – Rory MacConnell:

BOG (RM) everyone heard our numbers for the special fund at the general membership meeting. As we all know we don't have a convention host for 2021, so according to the rules it goes back to the BOD.

(DJ) if a chapter does not step up, we may have to reach out to the convention visitor's bureau to assist to set up a convention. The Midwest area might be a good location to look at. That's what Tyler did in they held the international in Tyler Texas. The convention visitor's bureau did pretty much everything the chapter just had to have a crew for logistics stuff. It's just something to think about.

Tri State (RH) asked if any chapters reached out to host the convention.

(RM) Daytona looked into it, but decided not to do it.

Southwest (GO) stated that he has 2 possible chapters but it is still in the works.

Mason Dixon (MP) brought up an issue on contracts when looking at conventions

(DJ) related that is a good point, that every bad contract that has ever been signed since he has been around has been from people who never ask for help. So maybe we should look at making it mandatory that it be reviewed by the International Convention Committee. This way we may be able to guide them. He thinks the guidelines should be changed and host chapter MUST submit the contract to the committee for review prior to signing.

There was further discussion that went back and forth reference contracts which gave the BOD something to think about for the future.

Discussion:

West Coast (LO) asked if this was a document review or a financial review.

Treasurer (JRB) responded financial review, it will be an audit done.

(LO) asked if he would change the first line to say “financial document audit” in his motion

(JRB) stated that he would.

A motion was made to place financial document audit everywhere in the first paragraph where it says “Audit”

1st: West Coast (LO), 2nd: Great Lakes (DH)

Motion Passes. NOTE: the proposal above reflects the approved motion.

BOG (RM) asked why February 1st? We don’t do the audit during August or July since we change Treasurers in July.

(JRB) related it’s because of the fiscal and that we go by the calendar year. This would also give the office time to close the books then hold the audit because the books would be done and all bills paid for the year. This would be done every two years (The year of the election)

Motion was made to amend the proposal on the first line to remove “auditor on a bi-annual basis” to now read “an outside”. Then on the 2nd line to add “is conducted” after Blue Knights International.

1st: GLRC (DH), 2nd: Europe (KH)

Motion Passes. NOTE: the proposal above reflects the approved motion.

Secretary (JB) called the question on the proposal. All in favor on the proposal as amended.

Motion passes unanimously.

Proposal Number: 2019-0005 (WITHDRAWN)

Proposal: This is to place a temporary moratorium on the Silver and Bronze Dues Tier programs. The moratorium will remain in effect until the close of the final/budget BOD meeting in 2019.

Purpose: To allow the BOD and Budget Committee the time to establish the proper financial system to make the Silver and Bronze Tiers Program(s) viable.

Background: When the Dues Tier programs were established the BOD did not take into account how the dues should be handled to allow the monies paid to earn interest and make the program self-sustaining. The dues paid were placed in the general account and used to aid in paying monthly/yearly bills.

Intent: To make sure the Silver and Bronze Dues Tier programs can be maintained to the duration on the Club's lifetime.

Advantages: Gives the longtime members a sense of accomplishment and pride in being a member of the Club for 20 or more years.

Disadvantages: (1) It will delay members who are eligible to join these Dues Tier programs from joining until a later time.

(2) It may result in an increased cost for the onetime dues payment of \$150.00.

Cost: To be determined by the Budget Committee and BOD.

Suggested By: Jim Borza, International Secretary Date: 6-27-2019

Submitted By: Jim Borza, International Secretary Date: 6-27-2019

EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVES THIS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposal Number: 2019-0006 (WITHDRAWN)

HISTORY: We have many officers who have been trained, certified and worked full time positions as officers. They may have left full time law enforcement for a more lucrative career or other reasons, but maintain a "reserve" deputy status to keep the certification of training as required in their jurisdictions. They work on various details and may be activated to full time paid officers in emergency situations.

Many departments maintain a force of reserve officers, they are not paid, but must remain trained and certified. The agency in return pays for the training yearly, provides uniforms, and equipment to do the job of a full time paid officer when called upon, and are required to maintain the powers of arrest in that jurisdiction.

They must work a minimum of hours per month/year to remain certified, but do not receive pay for those hours.

While in uniform they have full powers of arrest and if injured are regarded as "on duty" for workers compensation. If killed while in uniform they are respected and identified the same as a full time or part time officer. They work in uniform, armed, and do the same job with the same hazards for no pay.

Proposal is to add to associate membership in the articles of incorporation. Amend to include non-salary officers with powers of arrest while on duty and who have completed the mandate training in their state to become a "peace officer", but Does not receive monetary compensation. The member must be certified as per the mandates of the state P.O.S.T as a qualified, trained and empowered law enforcement officer while on duty with powers of arrest.

Purpose: To increase the associate classification for membership, all the same criteria for associate membership except pay. This would be by state, province, or country mandate to remain certified with powers of arrest while on duty. These officers do the same job without pay, the compensation is the certification to remain officers with powers of arrest while on duty. Same job when in uniform and no pay.

Proposal: To amend the Articles of incorporation addition in capitalized bold underlined print

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECTION 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all Associate members must be persons who are employed **OR EMPOWERED** on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum of 96 hours per year and are **MANDATED TO MAINTAIN A RESERVE STATUS**, by a governmental law enforcement agency or department and receive monetary compensation for such employment, **OR AS a non-paid Reserve "Peace Officer" STATUS, and CERTIFIED annually BY the STATE OR OTHER PROPER AUTHORITY and by the Chapter to which he is a member, AS AN OFFICER WITH FULL POWERS OF ARREST WHILE ON DUTY.**

All Associate members must have arrest authority, meaning they must be empowered “by statute”, to arrest offenders, as defined in their jurisdiction (other than a private citizen) at all times while on duty. Any member who was an Associate member on March 4, 2017 shall have the right to continue as an Associate member if they meet all other requirements. Persons who have been employed and have taken an honorable separation after fifteen (15) years total service as a part-time (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) employee of a governmental law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be presently employed by such law enforcement agency or department. The person must submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.

Intent: To allow an addition to the associate category of membership and to attract new members who are fully certified as “Peace Officers” but do not get paid a salary for their work in law enforcement. As associate members, they would only be able to hold the position of an executive board Secretary, or Treasurer at chapter level and the Chapter that they are members of will be required to verify their continuous association with a law enforcement agency each year at the time of renewal.

Advantages: Will increase our membership without changing the elected positions from regular members controlling the organization.

Disadvantages: None

Cost analysis: None

**Suggested By: Sterling Blackham President MS II / Gary Lemons President LA VIII,
Agreed upon by the Board of Directors of the Southern Regional
Conference**

**Submitted By: Bob Awtrey
NAME**

**June 23th 2019
DATE**

**SRC International Representative
TITLE/POSITION**

Proposal Number: 2019-0007

Proposal: Any complete fiscal audit(s) or reviews, paid for by our organization, be posted on our Club web site; or, failing the ability to post the entire audit at this time, to post any part/year that is not made available because of its attachment to any other legal matter. Unavailable parts should be posted as they become available.

Intent: The intent is to make available to every member the finding of the fiscal audit.

Background: Our organization had a basic audit completed and made the findings available to the membership. A second audit, a more thorough fiscal audit, was eventually authorized by the International Board. This second audit provided the basis for criminal charges to be brought against an individual. During the criminal proceeding, the accused requested another fiscal audit be conducted on behalf of the State of Maine. This was done and would probably have taken priority as evidence in the case. Eventually, the defendant entered into a “plea deal”, which usually includes a waiver of any appeal. Additionally, because of statutes of limitations, all of our fiscal audit findings were not applicable to the prosecuted case.

Our fiscal audit is a completed document covering a past time period, not an ongoing, fluid situation, and is apparently supported by the State of Maine’s audit.

This Proposal was brought before the Tri State Conference Presidents by a Past Chapter President during the Tri State Conference Spring Meeting held on May 04, 2019. It was discussed and the Presidents voted unanimously in agreement and approved to present this proposal as an agenda item for the International Board meeting currently scheduled to be held August 06, 2019 at 07:30am.

Advantages: The membership will be able to read and digest the facts first hand.

Disadvantages: None

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: None

Suggested by: Presidents at Tri-State Spring Meeting

Submitted by: Russ Harper TSC – International Representative

Motion – North East (GP), 2nd MDC (MP)

Discussion:

President (DJ) started off by saying that Bessie or her attorney never did an audit, so we don't have that. Also our attorney has said that until this is completely over we should not put anything out. We have to be careful since people put things out on social media.

West Coast (LO) recommend to Russ that we change the first line to say "any complete fiscal audits or reviews"

Tri State (RH) wanted to say that what Tri State was saying is when they do become available, so if the attorney is saying it is not available he understands but when it does become available is when they would like it done.

(DJ) believed that the only audit he was aware of was when they did audit over the missing goods and it was posted on line. The only other audit is out there is the one we are dealing with on the Bessie issue. Again, at the advice of our attorney we should hold off on the Bessie audit until this matter is completed.

The club paid for 2 audits, the first in 2013 that was for the missing goods, that one was finished and released and put on the Blue Knights website. The only other one we paid for is the ongoing case with Bessie.

Motion to amend first line to say "any complete fiscal audit(s) or reviews"

1st West Coast (LO), 2nd Tri State (RH)

Motion Passes. NOTE: the proposal above reflects the approved motion.

Secretary (JB) called the question on the proposal. All in favor on the proposal as amended.

Motion passes unanimously.

CONFERENCE REPORTS:

European:

I would like to thank the members of NY 2 for hosting the 45th International Convention. We in Europe are proud to say that our great club is growing as we speak. Ukraine 1 has started, in June I travelled to Tbilisi in the Republic of Georgia to get a new chapter started and it's only waiting for the paperwork to get send in and we have good contact in Mongolia to get a chapter started. We are still working on Spain and maybe Cyprus. We just helped also set up Hungary 3 after there were some issues with Hungary 1 and 2. They no longer exist but we are confident to finally have the right people to do the job. We had a new European board elected at the EC in Cologne: Andres Hohendorf (who's present) is our new Chairman and Nicole Patroi from Romania is our new Vice-chairman. I hope to see all of you next year at the International in Ireland and let me know if anyone needs help when you want to visit the rest of Europe. The European members are ready to assist you where we can! RWP

Great Lakes:

The GLRC held its summer conference meeting on Saturday, August 3. During the meeting the chapter intending to bid for the 2020 spring conference withdrew due to hotel issues. Currently there are no 2020 GLRC conferences scheduled. The conference executive board is working to find chapters willing to host these events and as more information becomes available I will update the board.

Mason-Dixon:

The Mason Dixon Conference's upcoming three quarterly meetings are as follows:

2019 Fall meeting will once again be held over Labor Day weekend, August 30th through September 2nd and is hosted by VA II in Culpeper, Virginia. This year's theme is "A Circus – Knights Under the Big Top". Registration for the weekend is \$95.00 per person and includes dinner on Friday night and the banquet on Saturday night, a lunch on Sunday, plus hospitality all weekend.

HOTELS:

Best Western (Host Hotel), 791 Madison Rd, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-1253. Rooms are \$90 plus tax.

Adjacent Hotels:

Microtel Inn & Suites, 885 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA, 540-829-0330 (call for rate)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 787 Madison Rd, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-7444 (call for rate)

Quality Inn, 890 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-4900 (call for rate)

Red Roof Inn, 889 Willis Lane, Culpeper, VA, 540-825-8088 (call for rate)

The 2020 Winter meeting will be held over Presidents' Day weekend, February 14th through February 16th and is hosted by VA XIII in Danville, VA. Registration for the weekend is \$85.00 per person. The host hotel is the Comfort Inn, located at 100 Tower Drive, Danville, VA 434-793-2000 and the room rate is \$85.00.

The 2020 spring meeting will be held over Memorial Day weekend, May 22nd through May 24th and is hosted by WV II in Elkins, WV. Registration for the weekend is \$85.00 per person. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites located at 50 Martin Street, Elkins, WV 304-630-2266 and the room rate is \$125.00.

For additional information on these MDC Conference meetings, please visit our conference website at www.bkmdc.org.

**Mid-West:
No Report Submitted**

**Northeast:
No Report Submitted**

**Rio Grande:
No Report Submitted**

**Southern:
No Report Submitted**

Southwest:

Greetings from the Southwest Conference.

It is with great sadness that this past year the Southwest Conference lost its longtime treasurer, Tom Slaughter to a single vehicle motorcycle accident. Although we lost Tom, he was out doing what he enjoyed doing.

This past June the Southwest Conference had its annual conference in Oxnard, California. A great time was had by all and a new board member was elected to replace Tom Slaughter. Glenn Carpenter our sitting secretary moved over to treasurer and our newly elected secretary is now Arcy Zendejas from Arizona X.

Our next conference will be a joint conference between the SWC and the WCC. It will be held from June 3 through 7, 2020 at the Prescott Resort and Conference Center in Prescott, Arizona. Hotel room rates will be \$101 a night and reservations must be made via phone at (928) 227-2313, make sure to ask for the Blue Knight rate. The hotel will fill early so make those reservations today. Event registration is \$110 for a member and \$65 for a guest. Registration information can be found at the Arizona VI website, [WWW. BKAZ6.org](http://WWW.BKAZ6.org) or the SWC website, WWW.SWC.org.

California X will be hosting its annual poker run fundraiser on Saturday, October 26th at the Fat Daddy's Motorcycle Shop Parking lot at 1615 Scott Ave, in El Centro, CA. Registration will be from 0800-1000 hours.

Arizona VI will host the 4th annual November Knights on the 22nd and 23rd of November, 2019 at the Homewood Suites at 11450 W Hilton Way, Avondale, AZ 85232 (623) 882-3315. Make sure to ask for the Blue Knight rate. There is not a registration fee for this event, just show up and have fun with fellow Blue Knights.

**Tri-State:
No Report Submitted**

**United Kingdom & Ireland:
No Report Submitted**

**West Coast:
No Report Submitted**

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Tri State is the largest conference again at this time.

DJ wanted to thank everyone for working together over the years.

NEXT MEETING:

- 1. Date and Time: 12/04/2019 @ 1200 Hrs. Eastern Time**
- 2. Deadline for Agenda items: 11/03/2019 @ 1600 Hrs. Eastern Time**
- 3. Motion to adjourn: VP (KB), 2nd Secretary (JB)**