

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

[Note: Secretary **Judge El-Amin** arrived late (8:15 Board member and Crabfeast chair **Cheryl Crawley** took minutes in Judge El-Amin's absence. Her hand-written minutes are attached and made a part hereof.]

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by **Chapter President Fred Allen** with prayer led by **Rev. Bernard Taylor** in the main meeting room of F.O.P. Lodge 89 in Upper Marlboro, MD. **President Allen** called for a moment of silence, after which he read the BK Pledge.
2. Minutes from last month's meeting were not read and approved.
3. No guests or prospective new members were introduced.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Vice-President **Byron Hope** tendered reports for April and May 2019. His reports are attached.
5. Quartermaster's Report by **Kenny Boone**. T-Shirts, 32 challenge coins left, 44key rings = 22 = 68 left. Of 140 green and 35 blue = 175, we have 9 blue and 93 left (= 102)
6. Website: Robert Freeman. No stats tonight
7. Crab Feast – Chair **Cheryl Crawley**
8. International Convention in 2020 will be in IRELAND. VA V is hosting a "Summertime Bash" that weekend July 15 – 17, Chesapeake VA @ Delta by Marriott.
9. WV Wild and Wonderful Small turnout "**Candy**" and **Mike Williams** attended. Photos are on Facebook.
10. International: **John Bull**. Attended European Conference. Proposed Bylaws change. Wants to split Vice President into 2 sections, N. American & Canadian and European and U.K. Vice President. 942 bikes, Ukrainians joining trying to put a chapter together. Now European is largest conference in Blue Knights.
11. Elections. Ballots explained by Fed Allen. **John Bull, Int'l. Treasurer** is running unopposed. ELECTIONS ARE IN PROGRESS! Balloting is being handled by contractor completely independent of BK Administration. President, with John Bull's assistance, discussed candidates.

Mike Williams enthusiastically endorsed **Dominic Squillace** for International Vice-President.

8. Vote to sponsor one more ad (@\$225) for Crab Feast in the Sword & Shield Magazine.

9. Webmaster's Report: 196 hits to Website last month. See report from **Robert Freeman**. Hits from So. America, Thailand, France.

10. Upcoming Conventions: **John Bull**: For International in NY II, Aug 4 -9, less than 300 have registered. Deadlined extended due to low registration. So far NO CHAPTER has put in a bid for 2021 International. BOG will decide where to have it if no chapter volunteers. Ireland wants Int'l to allow booking even before this year's Int'l conference because hotels in Ireland fill up early. His recommendation: don't fly directly to Ireland. Fly to London first, then to Ireland.

Next ride will be June 1 to Wood Grille in Charlottesville, VA; Americade June 3, Chapter Breakfast June 9, WWII Wild & Wonderful, June 7-9, June 22 Seppi's; 29th to

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Mike Williams reports that **Johnny Pechenko NC 12** was rear-ended by truck while he was sitting at a traffic light. Very seriously injured. Mike himself has surgical procedure tomorrow that may determine whether he can continue to ride. **Tank** is still laid up at home convalescing, trying to stay strong. Cell Tel. No. 301-357-5144; good idea to call him. Rio Grande chapter: John Bull reports that this past weekend was in Tyler TX and there was fatality on interstate. **Raoul Danby** Texas IV was killed when tractor-trailer blew a tire and lost control.

50-50, collected by BOD member **Earl Gatewood**: \$76 collected, \$38 won by **Cheryl Crawley**.

Think about NEW OFFICERS for the coming year!

SPECIAL NOTICE of AMENDMENT TO OUR BYLAWS: In accordance with Article X, Section 1 of the Current Bylaws, President Allen announced **that next month's meeting (i.e., the July 9, 2019 General Membership Meeting) will feature voting on proposed Amendments to the Chapter's Bylaws**. The proposed changes have been and will continue to be published on the Chapter's Website.

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer by **Rev. Rev. Taylor** at 8:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: 26 members; Sign-in sheet attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan A. El-Amin
Secretary

Approved: 7/9/19