

BLUE KNIGHTS MARYLAND I CHAPTER
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:52 pm by with prayer led **by Rev. Dr. Paula Lester** 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. No guests or prospective new members were introduced.
3. Minutes from last month's meeting were read and approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Vice-President **Byron Hope** tendered his report. We lost money on the Mason-Dixon Spring Conference. Our main checking account balance went from \$10K to 6K. Lost approximately \$4.9K. However we're still able to meet all our obligations. The Treasurer's reports are attached. On another note, **Matthew Brinkley** passed this morning while on a treadmill.
5. Quartermaster's Report by **Kenny Boone** is still working on the Chapter patches with Collison Enterprises.
6. Website: **Robert Freeman**. Reports are still being received from B.O.G. regarding Annual Conference. Attendance down. International on the verge of losing \$56K+; May 244 people visited Website; detailed #'s in report.
7. Crab Feast – Chair **Cheryl Crawley** absent. Meeting set for July 20, 1 pm at **Cheryl's** House. Address 4110 Chariot Way, Upper Marlboro MD 20772.
8. **President's Report**, by **Fred Allen**: Wood Grille: 7 bikes. Seppi's: 12 bikes and 35 members. (Well attended.)
St. Anne's is set for August 17, 11:00 to 2, Moon bounce and DJ are locked in; Face painting doesn't work because you can't do it for kids under age 4.
Breakfast was on this past Saturday, 6 members attended.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS – Bryon Hope took lead.

Byron first read the Executive Summary containing all the changes. Discussion of individual provisions: Art. IV, Section 5 was changed "in amount not to exceed \$250." Moved, seconded and unanimously approved that New Bylaws be approved as submitted with the above change. Per **John Bull**, the Bylaws need to

be submitted to International for their review and approval, only after which they may become official. Eric Mines suggested that once they are approved, we distribute PRINTED COPIES of the Amended Bylaws to the members. **Judge El-Amin** led a round of applause for **Byron and the Bylaws Committee** for their work.

President Fred Allen resumed his remarks. He announced that he's riding to Michie's Tavern for anyone who wants to ride, Sunday July 14. Will put it on the Call em All line.

After informing the president and treasurer that no one has told him about ordering beer, **J.T. Nelson** was told by Fred and Byron to order 3 kegs.

Maldonado night will be January 18, 2020 at the Holiday Inn in College Park.

Int'l. Treasurer John Bull: The B.O.G. will go to electronic balloting if a current motion passes. The State of Maine having now authorized electronic voting for non-profits, our next International election will be done by electronic ballot.

For Sale: **Kenny Boone** is selling his 1999 Anniversary Edition Gold Wing with 15K miles. **Cookie Turner** is selling her 1999 Gold Wing as well.

Ride to Deal's Gap. **Robert Steward** wants to ride to Deal's Gap in September 2019. Any takers?

FURTHER GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

50-50, collected by Paul Sinclair: \$62 collected, \$31 won by **Kenny Boone**.

Shout out: Think about NEW OFFICERS for the coming year!

MEETING ADJOURNED with prayer by **Rev. Lester** at 9:10 p.m.

Record Attendance: 33 Signed in; list attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Hassan A. El-Amin
Secretary

Approved August 13, 2019