

BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 at 1100 Hours Eastern

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President DJ Alvarez called the meeting to order at 1100 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.

BLUE KNIGHT PLEDGE: (Read by Vice President Karen Borza) *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.*

I. SECRETARY –

A. Roll Call/Guests

- **President:** DJ Alvarez (DJ)
- **Vice-President:** Karen Borza (KB)
- **Treasurer:** John Bull (JRB)
- **Past President:** Bob Flanagan (BF) (Not Present)
- **BOG:** Rory MacConnell (RM)
- **Europe:** Koen Hutse (KH)
- **Great Lakes:** Dennis Hafeman (DH)
- **Mason-Dixon:** Mike Pollinger (MP)
- **Mid-West:** Doug Casteel (DC)
- **Northeast:** Ricky Gautreau (RG)
- **Rio Grande:** Chuck Doran (CD)
- **Southern:** Bob Awtrey (BA)
- **Southwest:** John Lopotosky (JL)
- **Tri-State:** Guy Cook (GC)
- **UK & I:** Graham Buxton (GB)
- **West Coast:** Lisa O'Brien (LO)
- **Secretary:** Jim Borza (JB)
- **Office Manager:** Jana Clark (JC)
- **Guest(s):** Gayle Murnane (International Honorary Committee)
Randy Hoagland (President GA 16)

B. Approval of November Minutes

Everybody should have a copy of the minutes of our board meeting of November, 2017. Are there any questions or additional corrections? Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Motion to accept minutes made by MDC-Mike Pollinger and seconded by Treasurer- John Bull. Unanimous approval. Motion Passes.

II. REPORTS:

COMMITTEES:

Headquarters: Bob Flanagan, Immediate Past President

A. Headquarters Money Market Account #1 (6090) Balance = \$241,187.60

B. Headquarters Money Market Account #2 (8190) Balance = \$00.00

This money market account#2 was closed out in November 2017 by Intl President and moved to Checking account

Total Money Market Accounts = \$241,187.60

Operating checking account as of: 1-30-18 = \$ 66,525.74

Total funds in all accounts = \$ 307,713.34

(These Money Market accounts are listed under BK Intl Financial Report)

Side note: We used to have only one Money Market account and we learned that the FICA only insures

Each account up to \$250,000.00 so we split the accounts into two different ones so now all monies are

Insured. **NOTE:** We are working on moving these two MM accts 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 these MM accts in the Intl funds for tax purposes.

Note: As of November 2017, we only have the one Money Market acct. as noted above

- C. 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 to 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

- D.** Rental House,666 N French street, Bangor Me, next to the office is rented for \$600.00 per month. which totals \$7,200.00 yearly. We pay all Utilities for this house. The current lease is for two years and was effective on 4 Jan 2015 and expires 4 Jan 2017. Note: Renters have notified us that they are moving in November,2016 and this property is also vacant.!!!

Note: Effective 1 February 2017 we have a renter in the house. Rent is \$650.00 per month. Renters pay the utilities. One-year lease. **\$7800.00 annually**

- E.** At the 10 Jan 2015 BOD meeting, a motion was made by Gary Pierce WCC to do a study and get estimates on repairing, and adding onto the current Hdqts building second by GLRC and passed unanimously. On Hold until we see what the fundraiser will bring in.

Note: In 2015, the Intl BOD passed a proposal that was presented by Rory MacConnell, Fla XV111, to start a Fundraising program by International, Rory presented the program at Harrisburg, PA and will run it for one year (fundraiser ends at the 2017 convention). Rory Mac Connell is Chairman of that committee. As of today, that fundraiser has brought in \$11,176.00. At the July, 2017 annual Hdqts meeting this board voted to continue the fundraiser indefinitely. Have not received any updates on this project

Headquarters Committee

Chairman-	Bob Flanagan	Past Intl President
V- Chairman	Jay Durost	Maine 1
Secretary	Kevin Sutherland	NB 1
Trustee	Jerry Bryan	Oklahoma 2
Trustee	DJ Alvarez	Intl President

Internet Committee: Joe Ball International Web Master

- Updated the Heaven I for 2017 with the information provided from HQ.
- Changed the Heaven I page search ability and enhanced the appearance of the page.
- Updated the chapter database, maps, menus, and created emails for the new chapters with the information provided from HQ.
- Changed the Chapter Locations page to display the city that the chapter is listed under and the location of the charter. Enhanced the search ability to include search by city or charter location.

International Honorary: Gayle Murnane

The Following nominations were made for International Honorary members:

- Fred Noe:** Motion to accept by GLRC (DH), 2nd by Vice President (KB)- Approved
- Joe Ball:** Motion to accept by Tri-State (GC), 2nd by SRC (BA)- Approved
- King Albert II:** Motion to accept by North East (RG), 2nd by Europe (KH)- Approved
- Christine Fulton:** Motion to accept by UKI (GB), 2nd by Vice President (KB)- Approved
- Col. Allen West:** Motion to accept by Southwest (JL), 2nd by GLRC (DH)- Approved
- Vice President Mike Pence:** Motion to accept by West Coast (LO), 2nd by MDC (MP)- Approved
- NY Police Commissioner James O'Neal:** Motion to accept by Tri-State (GC), 2nd by Northeast (RG)- Approved.

TREASURER – John Bull:

The 2017 budget was completed and the organization ended the year in the black.

The book keeping was received from the International Conventional from Milwaukee, all seems to be in order and they sent \$1,610.63 to the International office.

Treasurer (JRB)- Related that we needed to order International President banners. The cost last time an order for 500 was approx. \$775 and the new order may be a little higher with rising costs.

Motion was made by Mid-West (DC) and 2nd by BOG (RM) to purchase 500 banners.

Vote: 15-0-0 Note - Bob Flanagan was not present for the meeting. Motion Passes

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:

EC 106 CHAPTERS 2593 MEMBERS
GLRC 84 CHAPTERS 2227 MEMBERS
MDC 72 CHAPTERS 2233 MEMBERS
MWRC 36 CHAPTERS 892 MEMBERS
NEC 51 CHAPTERS 1359 MEMBERS
RGC 51 CHAPTERS 1259 MEMBERS
SRC 88 CHAPTERS 2533 MEMBERS
SWC 24 CHAPTERS 781 MEMBERS
TSC 65 CHAPTERS 2670 MEMBERS
UKIC 28 CHAPTERS 837 MEMBERS
WCC 46 CHAPTERS 1483 MEMBERS

We have chartered 6 new chapters since December
Received 212 renewal packets back in the mail, 65 have been processed
7 of the 212 received are under 10 members:

AR V 8
AUST VI 8
CT II 9
CT VIII 9
ID III 9
ID IV 7
MA XIV 7
3 OF THE 212 RECEIVED ARE NOT RENEWING:
MS XI
MO IX
OH XXII

Motion made by BOG (RM), 2nd by GLRC (DC) to o approve the renewal of all the chapters.

Vote: 15-0-0 Note - Bob Flanagan was not present for the meeting. Motion Passes

Update on 2018 International Convention by Randy Hoagland (President GA 16)

Randy reported that as of last week the overflow hotel only had 8 rooms left and they were working on 20 more rooms. Approx. 200 members have registered so far. The rides planned are coming along great and they are planning a tour of the Mercedes-Benz dome. Also, they have more sponsors coming on board for the convention to assist.

PRESIDENT – DJ Alvarez:

President (DJ)- We don't have any real updates with Bessie other than what I've sent out so far. We are waiting for the next court hearing to see what's going to transpire. Our attorneys are working on the property that was unlawfully transferred. The father-in-law was involved and we are working to see what is the best fair market value for the property. The face value as opposed to the subdivision value is vastly different. If a developer were to divide it and create a development it would be worth 2 or 3 times more easily. The court may not recognize that and only value it at the lesser amount but we're still working on that.

We overlooked the proposal we do each year for our members that are called to active duty. We have in the past waived their dues and I will be sending out an email this week for a vote. If we get a unanimous vote then any chapters who renewed for an active duty member, we will reimburse them the dues fee. If they haven't paid yet we will waive it for this year.

The By-Law committee and Mike Scarborough are doing a heck of a job. He picked up where Paul Croteau left off and they are proof reading the By-Laws because there were several errors that were overlooked over the years. Once done it will go to print and we will print a limited amount of By-law books because people do like them. My suggestion is that we only do it every two years as a cost saving measure but the board can decide later.

Happy birthday to Jim Borza, today is his birthday. I also want to congratulate Russ Harper, he's not on the call but I want congratulate him on being appointed the Chief of police in his department.

You all received a letter yesterday that Jim Borza received Thursday night from Lisa O'Brien-Cal V, Todd Ferris-Cal VII, Dan Gilbert-NV II, Wes Francis-NV II Warren Vandersyde-Cal I all filing a notice of appeal to the Board of Governors. Ironically ten minutes after Jim sent this out to the BOD Cal XXII sent their letter in as well. We are only going to discuss this. I want the BOD to know what is going on. We are not voting on anything. As far as an appeal, in my opinion there is nothing to appeal. In our By-laws there is only an appeal to the BOG under Article 10. In our meeting in November we had two separate hearings. One was for a reconsideration of suspension for the members of Nevada II. That was for them failing to be on the phone call for our conference call last year. We had a separate meeting for the audit findings.

The result of the suspension hearing was that due to a technical error on my part only, we revoked the suspensions. Then for the hearing on the audit we came up with chapters having to pay money back. These were two separate items. So therefore, this notice to appeal can't really go anywhere. They can't appeal it.

When we sent letters out, I sent letters out at different times so we have different timelines as far as when the money is due. I sent a letter out to the Nevada II board and my timeline was off. This was pointed out to me by the new president of the chapter. When he pointed it out to me he did state that the timeline that was approved by this board was to be February 16 as the due date and was when they were going to repay the money. So he did acknowledge the date. We did receive a letter from him as well appealing the BOD decision.

Southern Conference (BA)- Have any of the chapters agreed to pay or already paid the money back?

(DJ) Actually yes! Cal XXII paid within two weeks of our decision. Now they are appealing our decision.

Vice President (KB)- I'm a little bit baffled. Number one it was a unanimous vote by the board including the West Coast Conference for everything we did. I'm not sure either about the appeal, the audit portion has nothing to do with discipline. It was a straightening out of what rules were to be followed and what money was to come in. We all agreed on it. We did not demand an excessive amount. They said their accounting was not exactly great. Some of the money could have been from the WCC event so we didn't say we wanted all the money or anything like that. I'm baffled as to what's going on here. Why? I didn't think they were able to appeal that particular decision because as you said, that was not a disciplinary decision.

(DJ) Well and even Mark Brooks, who was on the phone with us for that meeting, sent out a Chairman's report on November 20th. In his report he said "all issues have been resolved to everyone's satisfaction and we can now go on with our lives." On November 21st Wes Francis, who was at that time Nevada II's president, sent an email out to his chapter basically saying all financial issues resolved. Now we are at this. After it was closed now the door has been opened again. It's not going to go away. I guess frustrated is what I am. We, the Board, I want to say Doug lead out the meeting. He set the tone for the meeting and it was a good meeting. He came up with figures. We could basically have said the hell with it you owe us \$11,900.00. (Roughly) We could have left it at that. We made several concessions/considerations when dealing with this.

Mid-West Region Conference (DC)- After I got the email from Jim last night I started going through the By-laws and anything I could find to figure out where we were at; if we were in timelines and so forth. In reading the By-laws, it is showing the only BOD decision you can appeal regards the suspensions or removal. So, technically hey don't have an appeal. However, I think we have a bad system whenever we can do something, for lack of a better word, punitively, in taking something from a chapter and them not have an appeal to our decision. I think that is something we need to look at when re-doing our By-laws. Any time this board does an action like that, there is an appeal. I was taken aback by this because I thought this was all done and

over with. After our meeting in November I reached out and it seemed like everybody was happy with the concessions that were made. I guess I was wrong in that assumption. I'm flabbergasted that we are this point right now.

(DJ) I agree. Maybe we do need to look at something so there is an appeal process to this type action that is taken. Not just at the International Board level but almost kind of mirror Article 10 where you have an appeal at the Chapter level, Conference level and International level. Members do have rights but we have to make it so you can't file a frivolous appeal just because you can. This Board makes a lot of decisions and I can just see us being inundated with appeals filed by certain folks that would just file appeals just because they could.

That being said, whenever we sent the letters out, they weren't all sent at the same time and timelines are different as far as when they signed for them, when they got them. I tried to give them 90 days upon receipt of the letter to pay the money back. By doing that I actually gave them a lot more time. The last California chapter to sign for the letter was Cal V. They accepted the letter on December 23rd. 90 days from that is March 23rd and just for discussion, I can send something out formally, I will say the due date is March 23rd. If we do not have payment from the California chapters as well as Nevada II, then I will call for a Special Meeting April 7th and the only thing we can discuss there is revocation of Charters. We are at that point now. We keep getting pushed back. We've worked. I don't want to see that; it bothers me but the fact is they have turned their noses up at us and are basically laughing at us. This Board worked with all the chapters. It wasn't easy. The outcome and the way there were bumpy. But again, we are at that point. If that is the direction we are going to go, I am going to tell you right now, every member in those effected chapters will be told what is happening, what the leaders of their chapter have done because I'm sure a lot of them don't know about it. In addition to that, every chapter president in that conference will know as well because I'm sure they don't know what's going on and we will just be vilified and made to look bad again when all we are doing is trying to do our jobs, do business. This should have ended in November. It hasn't. It's continuing.

I will follow the timelines. I'm not going to call for a special meeting on this phone call but expect an email this week calling for a special meeting April 7th. If everything is fulfilled then we will cancel that meeting; I will withdraw my request for that special meeting.

(DC) Just one clarification DJ, I thought I heard you say the last letter was signed for in December. If that is so and these appeals were received the 1st of February, even if they can't appeal as our by-laws don't allow for it, though my sense of right and wrong says someone should be able to appeal those actions but legally by the by-laws it appears there is no appeal to that decision, but if these appeals were received the 1st of February and it was more than 30 days since they received their notification, then even if it was a legal appeal it would not meet the timelines of the by-laws which only give them 30 days.

(DJ) Yeah you are right. That would have passed the 30 days.

(DC) So even if it was a legal appeal, if it was passed that 30 days it would be denied anyway because they were outside their timeline.

(JB) That is when I received it. Did they send it to the Board of Governors before me? I don't know; Rory would have to answer that.

Board of Governors (RM)- That is NO. We received nothing on this. Not my Secretary or any of the board. We haven't received anything.

Doug's point is my point as well, they are passed the 30 days that it does say for an appeal from the date that they received it. We are giving the chapters that received it first extra time and we are going by the last chapter that received it officially. So, we have given them leeway there too and they are still passed the 30days.

Second, we do not have a by-law that allows for an appeal of a BOD decision so we need to revert back to what? The state statute. The state statute on non-profits for the state of Maine states that the BOD has full managing authority of the organization. That gives the BOD managing, management, this is management, this has nothing to do with the by-laws. This is not a by-law. This is a ruling guideline for the running of our International Convention which is for the organization's yearly mandated meeting by law. How we run it, how we manage it, is by the BOD and the guidelines and rules that have been set forth in the past. If they have a problem with it, the way things were done, we need to work it out, which I thought we all did. I believe it was a reasonable settlement from the BOD to those (California) chapters and to Nevada II. They signed for it; they know what it was. We discussed all avenues that they brought forth. We rescinded the Article 10 which they filed in the proper time. The Article 10 against the board members was rescinded when appealed and expunged. So there is no record of that. So that appeal was granted. Lisa is on the phone. She is the International Rep for the WCC. She said she represented the California chapters from the beginning. I don't know what grounds they have at this point. As DJ said, in the past the only option we have for the BOD if they do not comply with the instructions of the BOD and it's in black and white and we've worked it out and we have minutes of all the meetings, the only option is to pull all the charters and close the chapters and no one wants to do that. Nobody, it can stand on record right now, none of us want to do that. That's all I've got to say.

(DJ) I concur Rory; Doug thanks for pointing that out too.

(DC) To set the tone of this thing, let's not set up a meeting to talk about revoking charters right after that date. Let's see if they comply and then if they don't after that point...let's not put the cart before the horse. You've already pulled the sword out of the stone.

(DJ) No that's ok, you're correct. But I will say this, yes, you're right but I want these chapters to know the seriousness, the point we are at right now, that's serious. None of us want to revoke charters; None of us, not even me! Again, we worked at this and everything we did was unanimous and we've been painted into a corner. If you look, noncompliance, and Rory is correct, and Doug you and I talked about some of the chapters that their charters have been pulled for noncompliance with BOD directives. Nobody wants to take that road but we have got to face reality. The thing is, there is no appeal.

(DC) Well let's cross that bridge when we come to it.

(DJ) I know that but I just want it known where we are at; we don't have to go that way if they just comply with what the board has asked them to do, directed them to do and we are done. It's over. Let's move on as both Wes Francis and Mark Brooks said in their emails; it's behind us; let's move on with our lives. Let's do that! We need to do that! Lisa do you want to chime in?

West Coast Conference (LO)- When a corporation initiates punitive action against a conference, chapter, whatever and provides no recourse whatsoever against that action it is a violation of our due process. The only thing we can do is follow Maine state law and exhaust all administrative remedies before a law suit is filed. There is no point, you have never given us one single person that we can call and try and tell them the issues. There is a major issue with the letter you sent out DJ about the suspension of those people and we have no recourse we have no one to say change that finding to the actual finding that the by-laws create. Give us a point man.

(DJ) What recourse do you have about reversing a suspension?

(LO) We don't want to talk to you about it DJ; we want a point man. Do you have somebody that we can address?

(DJ) Yes, this BOD.

(LO) Right...

(DC) Lisa, as far as the suspensions, we ruled in the favor of the appeal. The suspensions were commuted. They were struck from the records. They completely won that so where is there an appeal to that?

(LO) The board did not make a finding that it was without prejudice. DJ put that in the letter, without prejudice means that he can bring it back up any damn time he wants too!

(DC) Well the letter may have been in error but the ruling of the BOD was that it was to be completely expunged from their record as if it they didn't happen because I made sure that the wording was there when we did this. I wanted no blemish on their records.

(DJ) I'm sorry, I'm not an attorney, I said without prejudice because it's not. We are not holding anything against them. I'm not an attorney Lisa.

(LO) It should have said with prejudice, meaning that you can't bring it back. There is nothing in that letter that says it's expunged and taken off their records. None of us know what you guys decided. All we know is what is in that letter that DJ sent out without board approval.

(RM) WCC chairman, Mark, was in the meeting. He was there. He knew what happened. You can get a tape recording of the meeting. Yes the minutes are not the "whole" meeting but you can ask the secretary to send you a tape. But we voted that it is totally expunged from them and if it's just the wording of the letter, I think this board stands here right now and says that this will be

totally removed from them and not appear anywhere. If that is what's holding up this settlement then I think the board can clear that up right now!

(DJ) Lisa is your conference board behind this as well? Are they supporting this?

(LO) They support anything our chapters do. They don't represent us in a legal action like this. Just like you would not allow me to make any representation for my chapters that I couldn't seal the deal and I couldn't vacate anything, the WCC board can't do that either. In reference to the recording, Jim Borza denied my request for a recording previously. He said it's not his job to give it to me so I can't get a recording. But I just don't believe that the BOD said without prejudice and the letter doesn't say anything about expungement and wiping it off the record so let me send you a letter confirming that and then that should take care of those appeals. It's really that simple. We have no point man. You kicked us out of the meetings. We couldn't hear anything. We couldn't do anything.

(DJ) So I send you a letter saying that it's been vacated, expunged, with prejudice and you guys will write us checks for \$2000?

(LO) You didn't suspend me. (laughs) You've done that to the Nevada chapters.

(DJ) No I'm talking about the California chapters. I don't know who you're talking about. You've written every one of them, just copied and pasted peoples' names. I'm trying to make heads or tails of this Lisa. We are trying to resolve this.

(LO) And I agree. Let me make this clear right now that the Nevada suspension is without prejudice and that is not appropriate so your statement of sending a letter that it is with prejudice and that it will be expunged and off the records is what the Nevada II four suspended members are looking for.

(DJ) Ok that can be easily done.

(LO) Right and then as to the California chapters, nothing was addressed at all in our appeal. Not one single issue in our appeal was addressed. We want a point man to talk about why none of our issues were addressed. All you did was come back and say give me the money. You didn't address our appeal. Our appeal was not about the money and I made that clear in our letter to the board. I couldn't be there to tell everybody what the appeal was about at that meeting. The appeal was about just tell us the authority you have to ask for the money. That is all we were asking. Because once again when you initiate a punitive action against us and give us no recourse it's just not appropriate, it's a due process violation. So just point to us somewhere in the by-laws or the constitution where you can say give us that money verses going to Nevada (II) and saying you owe us this \$10,000 that you gave out. So just give us a point man that we can talk to and get some answers.

(DJ) Sure you can talk to Karen Borza.

(LO) Yeah! No thanks!!

(JB) Hold on. If I understand you right Lisa, you are saying Nevada (II) gave out \$10,000 and you're saying that they are responsible for it. You are not responsible to give the money back that they gave you so we should go after Nevada II for the \$10,000 not you guys?

(LO) I am not saying we are not responsible; I'm saying show me the authority.

(JB) But you just said we should go to Nevada II for this money because they gave it to you. So, I take it you're saying they are responsible not you.

(LO) According to your by-laws.

(JB) Ok!

(KB) No. It wasn't according to the by-laws it is according to the rules and guidelines for the International Convention, that's what has been going on all along.

(LO) Well then you just answered the same question Karen. Your guidelines say that the hosting chapter owes you that money back and you guys have said that we weren't the hosting chapter.

(KB) But you have said all along that you were cohosting...

(JB) Back up. Lisa now are you saying you weren't the hosting chapter? Other meetings you were saying you were the hosting chapter. Which way is it? Are you changing and suiting to fit you or what?

(LO) I am the hosting chapter.

(JB) You just said that you weren't, that you are not responsible to give that money back.

(LO) I'm saying that you are not following the guidelines.

(JB) Lisa, you just said that you weren't the hosting chapter that you didn't have to give the money back.

(DJ) Hold on. Dennis Hafeman can you chime in on this since you wrote them?

Great Lakes Region Conference (DH)- Any profits above \$6,000 everything else is supposed to be going back to the International.

(LO) And the board made a finding that Nevada II was the hosting chapter.

(DJ) We also said that they gave you all money in error and that you all needed to return that money.

(LO) But but I'm saying show where you can say four chapter in California have to give that money to International verses Nevada II you owe us the money you gave out incorrectly. That is the only thing your guideline allows you to do. It wasn't addressed in our appeal. That needs to be addressed in your new by-laws and your new guidelines. There is no due process that we are given right now to say WHOA. You gotta take that money from the hosting chapter since we are not the hosting chapter. We're just considered vendors I guess or debtors or creditors.

(RM) So you're saying that those four chapters are not going to cooperate with Nevada II and the International on this decision because of semantics?! The guidelines specifically say \$6,000 anything above that, everything needs to be turned over to the International. So the chapter made an error by giving that money to those four chapters. We asked the chapters to return the money to the International because it was above the \$6,000 that they originally kept, that you weren't entitled to it. We had a hearing; we talked about whether you four chapters were entitled to it and we discussed that whole thing about was it a joint convention. We found literature, we found minutes of the BOG meeting where it was not listed as a joint conference/convention; it wasn't billed that way even though you all might have thought that, that's not what was going on. You were there to assist Nevada II which is totally within the realms of the guidelines, to assist a brother chapter putting on a large event but ultimately those rules that Wes Francis signed when he was awarded the convention was that he would follow them, his chapter would follow them and that they would turn in their, their \$6,000, everything else goes to the International Convention Fund. Now...

(LO) I agree with everything you said except if you ordered us and that's punitive action.

(DC) You know, maybe it may not have been exactly perfectly done Lisa but it was done with the correct intentions and if we continue down this path, I made the motion to try and get things that I thought were a nice, equitable deal for everyone. But, as god is my witness, I will make a motion to revisit that issue and we will come after the California chapters because as you're pointing out to me right now, that was not proper for us to do. We will go after Nevada II to return everything except for \$6,000. Now is that really the path we want to take?

(LO) I just want you guys to follow the rules.

(RM) Lisa, you say there's a problem with the system, a problem with the by-laws, a problem with the appeals. You have a law degree? You know procedure? You know wording? There is a procedure for you to address that called the proposal process. The by-laws are being looked at now. There's no reason, we are going to have a meeting sometime in May, maybe you can draft something up that we can get processed before the next convention dealing with these issues. I think the board would love to see something like that from out of this, at least that it's settled and finished and in writing somewhere. That's just my two cents.

(LO) So DJ are you going to resend a letter with the prejudice and expungement and nothing on the record on the memberships?

(DJ) Yes.

(LO) Great that will take care of those four.

(KB) We are still stuck with the issue of the money. Are we waiting till March 23rd for the 90 days and then see about the special meeting?

(LO) You sent, somebody, sent these letters for signature for confirmation of delivery. There was no signature required. Confirmation of delivery, I don't know why they even did it that way, all that means is it was put in the PO box or somebody's mailbox and the by-law 10 states that it I from date of notice not from the date that the post office put it in the box so I don't think you're right on the March 23rd date but uh that's not the big issue here, the money isn't the big issue. It's absolutely not the big issue. The big issue is nobody addressed them.

Treasurer (JRB)- Lisa and I forget what California chapter you're with, you are still the president of your chapter correct?

(LO) Yes.

(JRB) Which chapter is it?

(LO) Five.

(JRB) OK. Does your chapter intend, for my reference, does your chapter intend to pay the money back by the date or not?

(LO) It hasn't been decided.

(JRB) Ok. Do you know about the other chapters, whether the other chapters in California have made any decision?

(LO) I don't know that, no.

(JRB) Ok. But you understand the consequences if the money is not paid back by the due date?

(LO) That would be punitive action with no due process, yes.

(JRB) Do you understand that the actin, the only action the board, the only thing the board is left to do at that point is revocation of the charters.

(LO) Disagree.

(JRB) Well, I'm going to let it go there.

(DJ) Yeah let's move on.

(JRB) I want you to understand.

(JB) Is it possible a letter be drafted so we know each member of those chapters effected know what's going on, that this is not action being taken by people who kept other members in the dark, so the whole membership of those chapters know. Can we put a letter out to each chapter to let them know what's going on?

(DJ) We talked about this. We can send a letter out this week to every member in all the chapters and let them know what's going on because I'm going to tell you right now I don't think they know what's going on. Again, it's not something we have to do but we're at that point where again, we thought it was all said and done, it's not.

(LO) You're wrong. You're wrong that they don't know about it, you're wrong.

(DJ) That's not true because Lisa I can guarantee you I can pick up the phone right now and call a few people that have talked to me in confidence from several of the chapters. If I ask them if this is going on they are going to say what are you talking about?

(LO) And I disagree because it's all in the minutes of every chapter.

Mason Dixon Conference (MP) - I just wanted to clarify, the letter, the information that is going to go out is going to each of the individual members and not just the chapters? I think I heard it is just going to go to the chapters and I want everybody.

(DJ) No, no. I said everyone, every card holding member of that chapter of all those chapters will get a letter and I'll send the letter out to everybody on this board to let you look at it.

(LO) Yeah let us know before you send it out this time.

(DJ) Pardon?

(LO) I think it's appropriate for the board to approve the letters that you send out and then there wouldn't be any mistakes like this one in regard to suspensions so if you are going to send a letter out to all the members why don't you let the board first to make sure it's accurate?

(DJ) Again, before I got interrupted, I will send the letter out to the board. All right I'm done. Move on!

Office Manager – Jana Clark:

Jana reported that the office is working on the chapter renewals and have 115 done as on the meeting. Chapters still have time to get them in since the deadline was extended till the end of February.

Southern Conference (BA)- Asked if the office is confident with the accuracy of emails and address since effort was made to correct this? Jana replied yes.

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S – Rory MacConnell:

Greetings from the BOG:

I hope this finds you all well.

The operating account for the BOG year end is \$578.91 the budget was submitted to the International treasurer. The 2018 BOG budget is based on 17,500 members not 18,000. I had the budget reduced by the 500 estimated nonpaying dues tier members from our budget request. As well Mike has brought it in even lower than \$8,750.00, at \$8,270.04 with the international figure of 18,000 members, or \$9,000.00 for 2018 allowable.

Special fund account balance ending December 2017 is \$ \$223,307.77. We had 6 payouts for a total \$4,500 in 2017.

Please keep the yearly donations coming, it is our only way to sustain this fund, thank you to all that have made a contribution, for 2018, 32 chapters, 4 for over \$100 and 1 individual donation. So far, we are just getting rolling. The totals from the 2018 donations have not been received via the bank statement by the Treasurer as of February 2nd we will reflect these number at the next meeting.

Face Book page for BOG is a closed group site. We have appointed moderators from 10 of our 11 conferences, except the MDC. We have 152 approved members. The current Chapter President will be the main addition, but if they do not do Face Book the current VP, or immediate past President of the chapter may become a member. The moderators have been approving the requests from within their conference only. The member needs to request to be added and has to answer 2 questions to be allowed and the moderators may follow up with emails.

We do not have any chapter looking to host the 2020 convention (Ireland?). I am asking the Intl Reps to look at possible locations that would be able to host the convention and contact the chapter or forward me a contact so I may contact them.

The BOG cruise is set for March 5th on Royal Caribbean a 5-day 4 night cruise out of Miami Florida 20 people have booked. As this is the first cruise we anticipate those numbers to increase over the years. The specific cruise and destinations has a lot to do with “cruisers” the 2019 cruise will be planned with DG Promotions again. We will have the information ready to go for the convention.

This is an election year, nominations must be submitted as per the bylaws for the BOG officers, as well as any proposals. As it will be election of officers, this will be a closed meeting to members of the BOG and limited invited guests. An original letter for proxy representatives will be required to represent your chapter. Last year we had too many last-minute emails from chapters slowing the sign in process.

The system is not new, this has been the process for many years. The Chapter members know who will be attending the convention. If they want a regular member to attend the BOG meeting to vote for them, then there is no reason they cannot have an **original signed letter** from that chapter President prior to leaving for convention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Appeal for Denial of Chapter Sales Item

Florida Chapter XV is appealing the denial of a sales permit.

Background of appeal:

The following email was sent by Mike Gratis, Chairman of the Sales Committee on April 27, 2017. FL XV requested permission for a “artist” to make paintings using the Blue Knights logo and sale them. The “artist” would then send FL XV a percentage of the money from the sale.

“The Committee has unanimously DENIED this Sales permit request.

It's, essentially, giving an outside entity (an artist) permission to use our name & logo. It would be like us giving a company permission to produce coffee mugs or baseball caps that they can sell as they see fit - We don't see this as a "Chapter Sales Item". Plus, we should not be allowing the artist to sell stuff to the General Public - Sales Permit items are intended for Members. The mention of "contributing a percentage to FL XV ¹" is not the same as FL XV selling the items that are already made.

Mike Gratis
Sales Committee Chairman
Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club”

Southern Conference (BA) handled the appeal for FL XV. (BA) relayed that the artist would be making two sizes of the painting limited to 100 each size.

Southern Conference (BA) made a motion to discuss the appeal which was 2nd by BOG (RM)

Discussion:

Treasurer-(JRB) Requested clarification on how the sale of the paintings would be handled via the artist or the chapter. Also, how much the paintings would sell for. He was advised the costs would be between \$600-\$1400 dollars. (JRB) thought the sales should go through the chapter because the chapter will have no way to know who the paintings were being sold to.

BOG-(RM) Explained the reason the artist would handle the sales is because they would display them at shows and once sold would then pay the chapter 10% the sale.

President-(DJ) Related that his concern is the precedent this may set.

BOG-(RM) brought up other items sold i.e. Bookers Whiskey that displays the Blue Knights name. Discussion was held on how this was getting the clubs name out.

Mid-West-(DC) Related that a chapter in his conference had a similar situation. The problem with the situation is the artist selling to non-Blue Knights. Once we start this we can lose control of this. But with that being said, he would grant the appeal since they have a similar thing.

Board members continued to go back and forth reference to items that needed a sales permit and what really didn't, finally (RM) related that he spoke with the chapter and they would accept what the board decides and then he called the question.

Vote: 4 (Yea)- 11 (Nay)- 0(Abstention)

Note - Bob Flanagan was not present for the meeting. Appeal Fails

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal Number: 2018-0001

Proposal: To have the International Board give permission to Ireland Chapter 1 to have an Exemption on the date for the 2020 International Convention. The bid would be to hold it in Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland, from Sunday June 21st until Friday June 26th

Purpose: To give Ireland Chapter 1 the opportunity to host an International Convention

Background: Ireland 1 are bidding to host the UK & Ireland Convention, the European Convention, and the International Convention at the same time on the same site.

Intent: To enable the 3 Conventions listed to be held at the one location at the same time

Advantages:

1. Lower air-fares and hotel rates prior to the peak holiday season
2. Multiple direct air routes to Ireland giving easy access from the US, UK & Europe
3. Direct ferry services from the UK & France
4. Strong support from local and National Tourism Bodies
5. Active engagement from the local business community and authorities
6. Motorcycle and car-hire on-site
7. Set in the scenic heartland of Ireland with limitless destinations for ride-outs / tours etc.
8. Local infrastructure designed to host major conventions
9. It will give the membership of the UK & Ireland and the European Conferences an opportunity to attend an International Convention.

Disadvantages: 1. Possible increased airfare costs for US participants
2. Necessity to hire m/cycles for US participants who wish to take part in the tours
(Motor-coach tours will be organized).

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: The additional cost to the Board of Governors would be the possible additional airfare, although this would be subjective depending on which part of the US they are travelling from

Suggested By: Kevin Donohoe Dec 12th 2017 President Ireland 1

Submitted By: Graham Buxton Dec 18th,2017 UK& I Rep
NAME DATE TITLE/POSITION

UK & I Conference (GB) read over his proposal to the board members.

Motion was made by Vice President (KB) and 2nd by Midwest Conference (DC) to approve UK & I permission to use the dates of June 21st until June 26th, 2020 when they present their International Convention package at the 2018 general membership meeting in July.

Discussion: None

Vote: 15 (Yea)- 0 (Nay)- 0(Abstention)

Note - Bob Flanagan was not present for the meeting. Proposal Passes

Proposal Number: 2018-0002 (WITHDRAWN)

Proposal: Request a review of Sales Item Denial from GA XVIII Purpose:
To request a review of the Denial from the International Sales Committee
Background: GA XVIII completed the Sales Permit Request for two new sales items on Sept. 28, 2017, as per International Guidelines and rules. This permit was denied by the International Sales Committee and the Chapter was notified on Nov. 14, 2017. This Chapter has requested that the SRC International Representative asked the International BOD for a reversal of this decision.

Intent: To allow GA XVIII to add two new items to their list of approved sales items.

Advantages: GA XVIII will have the opportunity to provide quality Blue Leather Motorcycle Jackets and Vests to all Blue Knights, worldwide at an excellent price point.

Disadvantages: None, as no other Chapter is selling or offering these items.

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: None

Suggested By: Bobby Conway, President, GA XVIII, SRC

Submitted By: Bob Awtrey, December 19, 2017, SRC International Representative

NAME	DATE	TITLE/POSITION
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Southern Conference (BA)- Read over the proposal to the board and gave a little back ground on the proposal.

Southern Conference (BA) made a motion to discuss the appeal which was 2nd by Vice President (KB).

Discussion:

Southern Conference (BA)- The thinking by GA XVIII was that these items would only be sold be them at events where there was a Blue Knights sales permit on the table. They are not in computation with anyone else since these vests are totally different the Internationals vests.

President (DJ)- Related that any Blue Knight related item that has our logo on it needs a sales permit. Items that are NOT Blue Knights related can be sold on the table. GA XVIII could sale this item till their hearts content. They could even place an ad in the magazine if they wanted. Seems like there was a misunderstanding with this item.

(BA)- With the following being said, he would WITHDRAW this proposal.

BOG (RM)- Brought up a recent problem with the selling of the hash marks sold at the convention. That if that was true, why is only one chapter allowed to sell these. Maybe we should go back and look at the Sales Committee guidelines. This may be opening up a door.

(DJ)- The hash mark was before his time and can't speak on past sales committees.

(RM)- Also brought up about cleaning product GA is selling that they had to get a permit for.

(DJ) Related that he could not speak for what happened before his time, but if the product does not have the Blue Knights logo it does not need a permit to sale.

Rio Grand Conference (CD)- Reference the has marks, that was granted prior to the Sales Committee being formed and then once it was formed that item was grandfathered in. That is probably why the hash marks are sold with a permit and no one else has that permit.

Proposal WITHDRAWN

Proposal Number 2018-0003

Proposal: To place Robert Hillard, a former member and President of PA Chapter XXI, on the Int'l Persona Non Grata List for representing himself to be a Law Enforcement Officer working for a Sherriff's Department in order to gain membership in the BLUE KNIGHTS Int'l Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.

Intent: The intent of this proposal is to place Robert Hillard on the Persona Non Grata list so that he is never again allowed to join this organization in any membership capacity. He has betrayed the very trust that membership in this organization confers upon him or any member when they are accepted into the BLUE KNIGHTS Int'l Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. In his acceptance of his membership in this organization, he was honor bound to uphold all of its bylaws, trusts, and principals by never lying or presenting false documentation to support his being brought into the BLUE KNIGHTS as a member. It is the opinion and belief of the Tri-State Conference Executive Board, that Robert Hillard has attained the status of someone who should never again be considered for membership in this organization and should be placed on the "Persona Non Grata" list and remain on the list in perpetuity.

Background: Please see attached Background Info from Tri-State Conference Chairman Guy Cook.

Advantages: Robert Hillard would never again be allowed to be a member of this fine organization and would, therefore, never be given the opportunity to bring dishonor and discredit to its members by representing himself to be something that he, in fact, never was; a Law Enforcement Officer.

Disadvantages: None

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: None

Suggested by: Tri-State Conference Executive Board - 10/07/2017

Submitted by: Russ Harper/BK TSC Int'l Rep

Midwest Conference (DC) made a motion to approve, 2nd by GLRC (DH)

Discussion:

Tri-State Conference (GC)- gave a report of the extensive investigation the Tri-State board conducted on an anonymous complaint the board received that Robert Hillard was never a paid law enforcement office at any time of his membership with the Blue Knights.

As part of the investigation, Allegheny County Sheriff's was contacted and the following was learned. Hillard was never an employee, never had arrest powers, never was paid and never giving a retirement. He was a "Reserve Deputy"

A certified letter was then sent to Hillard for which asking him for information at which the letter was never signed for and returned back to the Tri-State Board.

Also, an email was sent to Hillard which was the same letter for which he did reply. But even after the request for information, nothing was provided to the Tri-State Board.

The Tri-State Board was then contacted by a person claiming to be Hillard's attorney and provided a copy of an ID with Hillard's name on it. The board was also advised that they had no right to investigate Hillard. The board again contacted the Allegheny County Sheriff's and questioned the ID. The Sheriff's Office requested a copy of the ID provided and once viewed advised the Tri-State Board that the ID was once provided to "Reserve Deputies" and again related that Hilliard was never a paid deputy but a volunteer and should have returned that ID. Based on the investigation and for deceiving the Blue Knights, the board was requesting him being put on the Persona Non-Grata list.

President (DJ)- wanted to clarified that through the investigation that Hillard never had the power of arrest as a "Reserve Deputy" and (GC) related correct.

Mid-West Conference (DC) then called the question.

Vote: 15 (Yea)- 0 (Nay)- 0(Abstention)

Note - Bob Flanagan was not present for the meeting. Proposal Passes

CONFERENCE REPORTS:

European:

No Report Submitted

Great Lakes: The GLRC board recently appointed Stacy Ciemnecki of MI I as the new Michigan state rep and Mike Murray of WI XIII as the new GLRC safety officer. Leo Rognlin of ND I is serving as the GLRC conference web master until a candidate from the conference can be found.

The 2018 Spring GLRC Conference is being hosted by NY V (Buffalo), and will be held March 23-25 in Niagara Falls NY. The host hotel is The Sheraton at the Falls, address is 300 3rd St, Niagara Falls, NY 14303, USA with a phone of (716) 285-3361. Room rates are \$99.00 plus a resort fee of \$9.95 for a total of \$108.95 plus taxes USD. Registration is \$75.00 USD including arrival buffet, dinner Saturday night, event pin, hospitality room beer, pop and snacks.

The 2018 Summer GLRC Conference is being hosted by ON VIII, and will be held August 17-19 in Alliston Ontario Canada. The host hotel is the Nattawasaga Resort and Inn, address of 6015 Highway 89, Alliston, Ontario, L9R 1A4, with phone numbers of (705) 435-5501 or toll free: (800) 669-5501. Room rates start at \$145.00 CDN or \$115.50 USD; registration is \$80.00 CDN or \$60.00 USD. Members attending are reminded no firearms, and the resort is not pet friendly.

Mason-Dixon:

No Report Submitted

Mid-West:

Greetings from the Mid-West Regional Conference. I hope this finds everyone healthy. I am looking forward to attending some Blue Knights® events this year and catching up with old friends and those that I haven't met yet. There are a couple of upcoming events in the MWRC that we would like to invite you too:

MWRC Spring 2018 Conference

Hosted by ND II & ND IV (Bismarck, ND) on June 15 – 17, 2018 at the [Ramada Bismarck](#) 1400 E Interchange Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501. Phone: 701-258-7000. Room rates are \$99.00 + tax for two queen beds and \$109.00 + tax for a king bed. Registration is \$75.00 per person until May 5, 2018 and goes up to \$85.00 after May 5, 2018. [Registration Form](#) (Fill-in form you can print). T-shirts are available for pre-order for \$20.00 each; there may be limited number of shirts available at the conference. Make checks out to BK ND II Mail forms and payment to Blue Knights ND II P.O. Box 611, Minot, ND 58702. For more information contact Al Hanson at cptalh@yahoo.com or 701-720-3511

6th Annual Fallen Officers Memorial Ride

Hosted by MO X (St Joseph, MO) on June 23, 2018. The ride will begin at 11:00 AM with the starting point will be announced soon, with the end at St Joseph Harley Davidson. Cost is \$15.00 per rider and \$10.00 per passenger. T-shirts will be available for \$20.00 for sizes S – XL and \$22.00 for sizes 2XL – 5XL. More details as they become available. If you have any questions, contact Don at 816-261-7959 or bigdude@ponyexpress.net

MWRC Fall 2018 Conference

Hosted by MO I (Springfield, MO) on September 13 - 16, 2018 at the [Oasis Hotel and Convention Center](#) 2546 N Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803. Phone: 417-866-5253 or 888-532-4338. Room rate is \$90.00 a night + tax. The rate is good 3 days before and after the conference and is good for 1 to 4 people. Ask for Fall MWRC Blue Knights Rate which is good for Deluxe Queen, Deluxe King, Poolside Queen, Pool view Queen and Courtyard King rooms Includes high speed wireless internet property-wide and a Breakfast Buffet. Registration is \$85.00 per person including a T-Shirt with registrations received before August 1, 2018. T-Shirts will not be available after August 1, 2018. T-Shirts are available in sizes Small to 5XL. [Registration Form](#) (form is fillable). Mail registration forms with checks made out to Blue Knights MO I and mail to Blue Knights MO I 2733 E Battlefield, Suite 225, Springfield, MO 65804-3981. If you have any questions, contact either Randall Latch at 417-839-2039 or

randalllatch@gmail.com or
Rick McCrea at 417-839-6791 or rickandtic@me.com.
Until we meet again.

Ride with Pride,

Doug Casteel (MO III)

Northeast:

No Report Submitted

Rio Grande:

No Report Submitted

Southern: -

Good news from the SRC, we are looking at 4 new locations for new Charters and look forward to announcing some new Chapters by this summer.

- This summer, 2018, GA XVI, along with several other Georgia Chapters, is hosting the 2018 International Convention at Stone Mountain, GA. All the plans are progressing and it looks to be a wonderful time. If you haven't made reservations, you still can, although the host hotel is filling up rapidly. The Website for the Convention is <https://bkic2018.com/>. It is a very easy site to maneuver and find out all of the information needed. There is still lodging in the park, as well as camping sites available and there is a great deal to do. It looks like it will be a very special time for Blue Knights at Stone Mountain Park.

- From the President of Puerto Rico I to the SRC;

“Greetings Al just received the check on February 11, I will be having our second BK meeting and lunch, that day I will be handling our checks to my crew and post in Facebook. Thank you and everyone else who chipped in for this donation very thankful, overwhelmed and also very proud to be part of the Greatest Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club in the world!
Thank you once again God Bless stay safe RWP!!!!”

The SRC set up a BK Disaster Relief fund, anyone can donate to it at any time. We sent a check for \$7,000 to Puerto Rico I for its members personal losses.

- I would also like to say “Thank-you” to all of our SRC State Reps for doing such a great job of helping us stay on top of any problems or issues with our Chapters.

Southwest:

No Report Submitted

Tri-State:

No Report Submitted

United Kingdom & Ireland:

No Report Submitted

West Coast:

No Report Submitted

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mid-West (DC)- One question, how long does he have to ask to revisit his motion from the November meeting? Does he do it at this meeting or have to wait for the next?

President (DJ)- Asked (DC) which one?

(DC)- Regarding the repayment of funds.

West Coast (LO)- My notes say March 23rd, is that accurate for all chapters?

(DC)- No, I'm asking how long to call to revisit the question.

(DJ)- Why don't we do this (DC), let the due date of March 23rd pass and then we can call for a special meeting to revisit your motion.

(DC)- Ok, I just didn't want to wait to get out of my time range time.

(DJ)- I don't think we have a time range, not us. I'll ask (LO). If we want to do what I just said I mean I'll ask your opinion, are we within our rights to do that?

(LO)) And I missed the question DJ I'm sorry.

(DJ) He just wants to make sure that he made the suggestion to reopen what we decided on to basically the chapters will have to pay the full amount verses the portion that was decided on. And my response was to him was hold off till the 23rd and if its not paid by the 23rd call for a special meeting to revisit that.

(LO) I would say and I'm only going by case law, that you can recall it at anytime to make it more advantageous offer of less than \$2,000 but if your going to recall it to make a punitive adverse order of more than the \$2,000 then you have to wait for the March 23rd date.

(DJ) No that's what we are waiting on the date to surpass then bring it up.

(LO) Right I would agree and I have another question when everyone is done.

(DJ) No that was it, (DC) does that answer your question?

(DC) Yes, I just wanted to make sure I didn't have to do that at this meeting.

(DJ) No, we will wait till after the 23rd.

(DC) Thank you.

(LO) And then I have a question, DJ your earlier comment of revocation of a charter can you just refer me to whatever bylaw you're referring to so I can research it?

(DJ) International issues charters and we can revoke charters. I don't have the blue book in front of me cause my computer is messed up but I will email you the section. It's in our bylaws.

(LO) Ok, and somewhere in the bylaws it outlines how and when a charter can be revoked. That's what your referring too.

(DJ) It just we can, it doesn't outline how, we had several instances in the past and you can do your research on that where charters were revoked, one being Louisiana 13, I think after the Lafayette convention. And their charter was revoked.

(LO) And did they challenge it and have a hearing?

(DJ) Actually their members were put persona non-grata. So, then you had Kentucky 13, their charter was revoked, and then you had an Illinois chapter back in the 80's 90's their charter revoked. I'm sure there is more but that's only the I ones that come to mind.

(LO) DJ I understand that charters have been revoked in the past but I don't, I want to know if there was or is a due process within the bylaw your talking about that allows them to.

(DJ) No, nothing in our bylaws that affords a chapter due process if we pull a charter.

(LO) Ok, alright thanks guys.

Southern Conference (BA)- He just wanted to welcome Mark Parco of Florida 15. He is the new SRC Safety Officer and we are looking forward to him helping us out.

NEXT MEETING:

Date and Time: April 28th @ 11am Eastern time

Deadline for Agenda items: April 13th @ 4pm Eastern time

Motion to adjourn: GLRC, 2nd Tri-State- Meeting adjourned