

## **MASONIC MOTORCYCLE CLUB INTERNATIONAL® INC.**

Following are the minutes of the 2008 MMCI Annual Meeting

President Don Crete called the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Masonic Motorcycle Club International ® Inc. to order on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008 at the Hampton Inn at Canfield Ohio. 9:00 AM. Roll Call found all Officers present and 15 Chapters represented giving us a quorum. President Crete welcomed all present and hoped everyone was having a good Convention. The opening prayer was offered by Chaplain Jeff Killian followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting was accepted as published in the Fall 2007 newsletter. Treasurer's report was handed out, explained and accepted.

Officers Reports; President briefly discussed the Convention,. Vice President, Kent Dorney, Report is in the handout.\* More Treasurer Report, The Club credit card is making record keeping a lot easier. Rex Baker explained the E-Post Card from the IRS. It has been completed and accepted with no problems.. Discussed possible separate account for the Quartermaster. Secretary Report, Report in handout. Master Mail List is being kept current with no problems. Death Benefit Fund, Only one member passed away this last year, Brother Charles Wright from Chapter # 24. Sympathy card and a check was sent. Report in the hand out. Trustees; Doug Kelley discussed the Web- Site. There is another Club that has taken our name. Doug suggested that we Box in other Web-Sites to eliminate the problem. Motion made, and passed to expend needed funds to accomplish the task. Trustee Cliff Wilson had no report. Trustee Dave Page Discussed future Conventions. By-Laws Committee, The By-Laws will be discussed under new business. Membership Chairman, Rex Baker. We have 36 new Members-at-Large and the Board has accepted Chapter # 41 from Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Chapter # 42 from Riga, Latvia. Also discussed problems with a possible Chapter in Arkansas. Quartermaster, Cliff Wilson discussed the inventory on hand and suggested that we will have to re-order large back patches in the near future. Web- Master Doug Kelley stated that he is in the process of converting to CMS. It will allow all Chapters to create their own Web-Page link. More info in the next newsletter when it's completed. Audit Committee, Ed Lewis stated that the Books of the Treasurer and the Secretary are in order. Books of the DBF were out of balance due to lack of interest documentation. Will be corrected at the next Executive Board meeting. Grievance Committee, No Report

Old Business; Rex Baker brought up the issue of the Death Benefit Fund distribution. Per the DBF By-Laws, when the fund reaches a certain level, the fund can roll over 50% of the interest in the savings account to the Clubs general fund, also, the amount of the payout shall double, both items have to pass by a unanimous vote of members present at an Annual Meeting. After much discussion, a motion was made and passed to not roll over the interest. And a motion was made to double the payout from \$200.00 To \$400.00 for a natural death and from \$400.00 To \$800.00 If death is

involved with a motorcycle. That motion also passed. The Committee will review the DBF By-Laws. By-Laws changes read; Article IV, Funds. Add: The financial fiscal year of the Treasurer shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, for ease of IRS reporting. Motion Passed. Constitution, Article V, Lifetime Trustees. Add Rex Baker and Douglas Kelley. Passed. Cover Organizational Page, Change from 2 to 4 Lifetime Trustees. Passed. Constitution, Article VI, International Executive Board. Change wording concerning Ex-Board authority. Motion failed and sent back to the By-Laws Committee for clarification.

New Business; Convention 2009 was discussed. A motion was made to waive Article 1 of the By-Laws and allow the Convention to be held on the last week of July. Motion passed. Motion made to accept the proposal of the Deadwood South Dakota, Chapter # 34 on the week of July 28<sup>th</sup>. Host hotel is in Leads SD but most of the Convention activities will be held at the Deadwood Lodge. The days of the Convention will be July 28, 29 and 30. Giving members three day on each side for travel. Chapter will be informed of requirements.

Treasurer inquired if we could find out who sent a check that bounced from a Chapter. Membership will look into it. New International Officers were discussed because it's felt that some of the existing Officers would like a break. Time for fresh blood. Ken White from Chapter # 24 Minn. Would like their Chapter to host another Convention in 2011. The 2009 Convention locations were discussed,. Nothing solid yet. Rex mentioned that Members- at- Large dues are now due. Past President Steve Beno's is very ill and in a nursing home. His address will be available after the meeting.

Good Of The Order. Ken McClintock has tickets for the 32 Degree Dyslexia Learning Center. A hat will be passed at the Banquet Dinner to assist one of our members in distress.

A lady from the Fellows Riverside Gardens spoke about the Mill Creek Metro Parks Systems were the afternoon trip is planned. The Grand Master of the State of OHIO will be at the Annual Banquet Dinner and be our guest speaker.

There being no further business to come before the membership, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Attested, Dick Morse. International Secretary.

\* Handouts available upon request.

## 2008 Web-Site invite

The Masonic Motorcycle Club has a new International Web-Site. It has room for all our Chapters, and the cost will be paid by International at no cost to the Chapters. Each Chapter will be responsible for their own Web-Sites. You will be able to make changes whenever needed. You can upload your Chapter Newsletters, Photographs, Calender of events, Communications and Announcements. To get your own portal and sign on, you must first contact the International Web-Master at; [dougkelley@masonicmotorcycleclub.org](mailto:dougkelley@masonicmotorcycleclub.org) Again, this new system is FREE to all Chapters. There is very little to learn to complete this, Just have internet access. It's called, DotNetNuke and is a Content Management System. (CMS). Now is the time to get your Chapter on the Internet and promote your Chapter and MMCI. OK let me help you get set up.

On the International part of the sight there is a forum for all members to " Talk " to each other. It is only can only be used for the members of MMCI. To access the forum and the "hidden part", you need to log in. To use the forum, you must fill out the feedback form on the forum page and ask to sign up. Once you have applied and the Moderator has to activate your account, you will see the remainder of the forum after you log in.

When you sign up, you will be asked your real name, E-Mail address and Chapter number. These item must be accurate. When the Moderator receives this information, it will be checked against the Master Roster. If your information is correct, you will be granted access to the forum. Also if you would like a different name to appear when you sigh on, please give that info and a password if you want. Ladies of MMCI you can have your own sign- on to the forum, follow the same directions by sending your own name, E-Mail and the name of the Active MMCI member and Chapter number as reference. The Moderator will send a confirmation E-Mail when you are activated. You may E-Mail the Moderator by filling out the feedback form to check on your status.

Good Luck, Doug Kelley

## NEWS, GOSSIP AND STUFF

**Welcome;** The International Executive Board and the Membership would like to welcome our newest members and we hope you will enjoy the Fellowship of the Club. We had our Annual Convention in Boardman Ohio and it was great seeing our fellow members and families again.

**Convention;** Speaking of the Annual Convention, Ohio Chapter # 3 did a nice job keeping everyone busy during our stay at the Hampton Inn in Boardman. The highlight was the Grand Master, of the State of Ohio, Ronald L. Winnett joined us and was the keynote speaker at the Annual banquet He and his wife became an Honorary members of Chapter # 1 and also took part in the "Brothers of the Open Road Ceremony". Also, we had several members ride in from Minnesota. One of their members wandered over to the Honda Dealer across the street and drove out on a new Gold Wing. All in all, we hope everyone had a great time.

**Thoughts;** We should keep Steve Beno's, Past International President in our thoughts and prayers. The last we heard, he is still in the nursing home, hanging on day to day. Also, we have heard that Harry Moore from Chapter # 14 is not doing well and we send him well wishes.

Members of Chapter # 25 held a benefit Poker Run for Past International President, Gary O'Neal who suffered from a brain tumor last Spring. He is doing a lot better but still has a few after effects from the Surgery. His son brought him the Convention and we were really glad to see him up and around. Great

scooter, Gary!

**Web-Site;** Check out the item concerning our Web-Page, We continually try to keep it available so that all our members are well informed of the activities of the Club. Also, Cliff is keeping our store supplied with MMCI merchandise

**Dues;** It's that time of the year that we have to remind the same several Chapter to submit you annual dues for 2009. The Members at Large have been good this year in getting your dues in on time. Chapter # 8 is growing. 36 new members this year. Good to see representation at the Convention

**DBF;** It's very heart warming to see how generous that our Members- at -Large have been this year in supporting the Death Benefit Fund. The Committee is keeping an eye on the country's economical situation to make sure our investments are safe.

**Executive Board Meeting;** The next International Board meeting is going to be on November 1st, 2008 at the Quality Inn, 7666 Route # 434 in the town of Apalachin, New York Easy off Exit 66, Route 17, (New # 86.) Reservations **1-607-625-4441**. 4:00 PM meeting and bring your own refreshments for the hospitality room. ( Lounge PJ contest. )

We still have a few warm days left up here in the North, so I guess I will go for a ride. See ya next month.

Uncle Dick