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Minutes of the Board Meeting June 10th 2016 Messkirch (Sigmaringen) Germany

Tom Hoedjes (President and Secretary)
Michael Pförtner (Road Captain)
Rolf Mühlemann (Quartermaster)
Gery Jansen (Webmaster)
Jan van Herck (Vice-President)
Stefan Streif (future Secretary)

Excused: Tom van der Kley (Treasurer)

Guests: Pierre Halleux (Regional Director 7)

1. The President opens the meeting at 21:00 h and welcomes everyone.
2. Open Positions EU Board

For the open positions of the President and the Secretary where only one candidate each. In this circumstances Tom "Sparks" Hoedjes and Stefan "Sergeant" Streif will be elected unopposed and begins with their terms in September 2016, after the European Convention.

Harris Puisais resigned per immediate from his function as Vice-President due to health problems and not being able travelling so much. The next possible election will be 2017 in September. The SOG says, it's possible for the Board to install somebody as acting Vice President for this time. Pierre and the Board Member where looking for candidates and found one in the person of Jan van Herck. Jan is member of the Chapter Belgium 2. Pierre and the Board speaks several time with Jan and he say, that he will do this job.

Resolution: Jan van Herck is appointed for acting Vice-President for the period to the next possible election.

The deployment of Tom Hoedjes in Afghanistan will start Begin July and ends somewhere in January. Definite date will be operational decided by the army. In his absence Pierre will replace him as president. He has the most knowledge of the association and will conduct the annual meeting in September. In this time the email address president@redknightsmc.eu will be forwarded to the Vice-President.



3. MAL

The MAL-Website will be under construction. In the moment it is very quiet around the site, it seems that the MAL's are not very interesting on it. The board will register this and invest no more effort in the site. In the moment on the official European Website there is a MAL-Section with the MAL-Sign and the mail address of the MAL-Representative.

From now the EU-QM will distribute all MAL Welcome Packages. In the future he will be the Single Point of Contact to handle

4. In the moment the balance of the account of the Association will be € 2042.04.

30% of the amount of this money will be reserved for the EU CON
20% will be invested in Merchandising
50% will be reserved for future events and eventualities such as funerals.

In addition, the International Executive Board spend \$1'000 for International Conventions every year for each region.

5. The Web-Site is running very well. Some members like more information on it. The webmaster says, the members and the board has to bring the information and they have to bring it if there are "Hot News"!

The board discuss which news can be published and what is not for the public. The meaning is, the Region 7 Director and/or the President of the EU-Association have to release critical news.

Resolution: in the future the minutes of the EU-Board Meetings will be published on the Website five days after the Country Representatives they will become from the EU-Secretary

The Google Calendar is still working; the Chapter Presidents has to send the information about their activities to the EU-Association President for publishing. During his deployment the President will forward his emails to the Vice-President and he will send the information to the EU-Webmaster.

6. The annual International Convention will be held in August 2016 in Wisconsin. Michael "Micha» Pförtner, Rolf "Imperial" Mühlemann and Pierre "Warthog" Halleux will be there to represent the European Association.

At the annual meeting a couple of Bylaw-Changes will submit for voting. Pierre explains the meaning of the Executive Board. The EU-Board means, that not every wording is understandable, some sentences could be changed for more clearness.

Stefan "Sergeant" Streif will find another wording for one or more items and send them to the EU-Board for formulate a Bylaw-Change were being more clearly. Deadline for sending this Change to the Bylaw-Committee is June 21st 2016.



7. The EU-Quartermaster and the International Quartermaster has some problems with the Money Accounts. Pierre explains, that the meaning of the Executive board was, that the EU-QM send the orders to the International Quartermaster. If the money is paid in the US, the International Quartermaster sends the items to the EU-Quartermaster and he sends this to the members in Europe. This isn't practicable because the cost for shipping in US and Europe are very different.

At the International Convention 2016 the Quartermasters will talk together about this problem and look for a solution.

8. The voluntary dues are paid by thirteen Chapters and one MAL. The Chapters are:

- Austria 2
- Belgium 1
- Belgium 2
- Belgium 5
- Belgium 6
- Belgium 8
- Germany 1
- Germany 2
- Germany 3
- Germany 8
- Ireland 1
- Netherland 1
- Switzerland 1

9. The Region 7 Director informs that there are some problems with paying the international dues.. If the dues not are paid at January 1st the Chapter and all his members will become in critical standing. This means, that in case of a passing away of a member of this chapter, the name of this member cannot be published at the International Memorial at Boylston MA. Also no member of that chapter can be a candidate for a position in the International Executive Board.

Pierre tells us that he has a request for two new chapters in France (France 5 and 6)

10. Pierre has very good contacts to the Country Representatives. Sparks says the same and means, that they do a very good job.

11. Sparks will send every information and papers to the new EU Secretary.

11. Next Board Meeting: Friday Evening before the International EU-Convention 2016

President closes the meeting at 22:45 h on June 10th 2016

For the protocol: Stefan "Sergeant" Streif