

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc.

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Minutes of the Board Meeting September 9th 2016 Namur Belgium

Jan van Herck (Vice-President)
Tom van der Kley (Treasurer)
Stefan Streif (Secretary)
Michael Pförtner (Road Captain)
Rolf Mühlemann (Quartermaster)
Gery Jansen (Webmaster)

Excused: Tom Hoedjes (President)

Guests: Pierre Halleux (Regional Director 7) Acting Chairman

1. The acting Chairman opens the meeting at 19:10 h and welcomes everyone.
2. The treasurer presents the annual report:

Iron Butt Programm:	150 EUR	106 EUR
Grand Tour Programm:	10 EUR	
Voluntary Dues:	738 EUR	
Patches/Pins Sold:	30 EUR	
Bureau Material:		14 EUR
Others:		143,52 EUR

Total:	928 EUR	263,52 EUR
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Saldo at the Date of Eucon 2016:	2.116,52 EUR
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Tom means, that it's awful that we have 41 Chapters and only 15 of them had paid the voluntary dues.

Ireland 1 has called € 150 Dues for the England-Ireland-Meeting 2016 from the Association.



Aurelie from Belgium 4 also has called the Dues (30% of the Amount of the account of the Association) for the EU-Convention 2016.

3. Pierre explain the agenda of the annual Meeting. The secretary should prepare a list with all Chapters. For the Roll Call he call every chapter and the present chapter representative will become a green band. This band will be the authorization for voting.

Wauzi from France 2 has won the challenge of the Round Table of the Knights. The tradition of this challenge means that the chapter of the winning Knight has to organize the next meeting. The meeting traditionally will be at the first weekend in August. In this time in the region of France 2 it's impossible to find an area to have the meeting to a payable price. In this circumstances Wauzi will organize the Round Table of Knights 2017 at Thun (near Bern, in Switzerland).

After the official meeting TomTom will show us a presentation for the next International Convention of Red Knights at Syracuse NY.

4. A Swiss 1% MC has organized a Party for her 45th annual last month. They have also invited a chapter of RKMC Switzerland to this Party and some members of them was there whit the colors of the Red Knights. After the Party some local TV-Stations send pictures from this event where you can see the Color of Knights and a few days later the chapter posted this pictures on his Facebook account.

Dutchy (Country Representative) ask the president of the chapter to remove the pictures from Facebook and explain him the rules of dealing with 1% clubs. At the moment the answer of the chapter is owing and the International Board will react if it's necessary.

In this context the Board invite the Chapter Presidents to read the directive of the International Board about dealing with 1%-MC and to inform their Members about this. (see <http://redknightsmc.com/Site/downloads/ProtocolDealingClubs.pdf>)

5. For the European Award Pierre became one suggestion but as recently as in July. So we have no candidate for the award in 2016.
6. The SOG says every changing has to be presented at the annual meeting and voted one year later at the next European Annual Meeting. So we present the proposal from Region 7 Director this meeting.
7. Several times some patches and rockers would be presented for sale on Ebay. This will be against the SOG and against the trademark license. So the International Secretary Jack Jarvis send a letter to the person how offer this articles on Ebay and tell him the consequences.
8. Pierre explain the official ceremony of Saturday.



9. Imperial has created a box to collect voluntary dues. Tom van der Kley will inform the members during the Saturday-Ceremony and place the box on a table. Imperial take home the box after the convention and send the money inside to Tom.

Pierre inform about the answer of the International Board for the question “What is a Firefighter?”: In the opinion of the International Board a firefighter has to have worked (professional or voluntary) in the fire-line under the command of a Fire-Chief or an Industrial Security Director. He must have a Firefighting-Instruction.

10. Next Board Meeting: February 2017 at Giessen Germany. Goal is that Sparks will be back from Afghanistan at this time.

The acting Chairman closes the meeting at 20:15 h on September 9th 2016

For the protocol: Stefan “Sergeant” Streif