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Minutes of the Annual Meeting 9th September 2017 Querxenland, Germany

Meeting called to Order at 17:00h

Roll Call of Officers and Chapters:

Present Chapter Representatives:

- Austria 2
- Austria 3
- Austria 4
- Belgium 1
- Belgium 2
- Belgium 4
- Belgium 6
- Belgium 7
- Belgium 8
- Croatia 1
- France 5
- Germany 1 (after voting and election)
- Germany 2
- Germany 4
- Germany 6
- Germany 7
- Germany 10
- Germany 11
- Germany 14
- Ireland 1
- Italy 1
- Netherlands 1
- Slovenia 1
- Switzerland 1
- Switzerland 2
- Switzerland 3
- Switzerland 4
- MAL-Representative

Total possible votes:	46
Represented votes:	27 (28)
Majority: ($\frac{1}{2} + 1$)	14 (15)

International Guest: International Vice-President Spike Ostiguy

Call of Officers:	European President:	Tom Hoedjes
	European Vice Pres:	Jan Van Herck
	European Secretary:	Stefan Streif
	European Treasurer:	Tom Van der Kley
	European Road Captain:	Michael Pfoertner
	Region 7 Director:	Pierre Halleux

Presidents Opening remarks:

The President welcomes all participants.

Moment of Silence for all Red Knights passed away and all fallen Firefighter last year



Rules for Meeting:

- Sergeant at Arms:** Flolo (Germany 2)
- Must check in/out with Sergeant at Arms**
- 5 minutes speaking on issue**
- Voting, raising hand (President of Chapters in good standing + MAL Representative) with the green band.**

Election of Officers:

- Election of Treasurer**
There are no more candidates than **Tom van der Kley** for Treasurer. Therefore he is **elected unopposed**
- Election of Vice President**
There are two candidates for Vice-president:
 - **Jan van Herck** Belgium 1, Acting Vice-President European Association
 - **Aurélie Meunier** Secretary and President Belgium 4

Election:	Distributed ballot paper	27
	Returned ballot paper	27
	Valid votes	27
	Jan van Herck	13
	Aurelie Meunier	14
	Elected for Vice-president is Aurélie Meunier	

Old Business:

- Standard Operating Guidelines Changes and Amendments**

Proposal amendment from Regional Director Region 7:

- Now, we find this in our Europe Association SOG:
 - SECTION 3:10 EUROPE,

A vacancy in office may be declared by the European Executive Board if a Member of the Board has an in - excused absences for two or more meetings or if a member becomes inattentive to the duties of the office that he/she holds. The Association Executive Board may make a temporary replacement until the election of another Chapter Rep. of the constituent Chapter.



- I propose this change (copy from International Bylaw):
 - SECTION 3:05 VACANCY

Any vacancy in the Europe Association Executive Board occurring during the year will be filled via nominations to email voting process with the exception of vacancies occurring within 180 days of normal completion of the term.

The Europe Association Executive Board may nominate a qualified candidate for the position.

The process shall be as follows:

1. The Presidents of all Chapters/MALs impacted by the vacancy shall be notified within 15 days of any vacancy occurring within the Europe Association Executive Board.
2. An election to fill the vacancy shall be completed within 90 days of the occurrence if the vacancy inclusive of the 15 days to notify Chapter Presidents/MALs plus 30 days for open nominations, 30 days to establish voting lists and 15 days of open voting.
3. If the vacancy occurs within 90 days of the Europe Association Business Meeting for which the vacant position would normally be elected and there are no candidates nominated as a result of the normal election process, the 90 day election process indicated above shall be initiated at the closing of Europe Association Business Meeting.
4. In the event that a qualified candidate is not nominated following the process stated above the position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the Europe Association Executive Board. This appointment may be made at the conclusion of the 30 day period starting on the date of notification of impact Chapter Presidents/MALs.
5. Those appointed to fill vacant positions shall not enjoy the reelection privileges as an Incumbent as outlined in these By-Laws.

Result of the Voting:

in favor	27
against	0
abstain	0

The changes has been **accepted**



Report of the treasurer

	IN	OUT
Iron Butt Programm:	120,00 EUR	
Arrangement Padre:		70,00 EUR
Grand Tour Programm:	0,00 EUR	
Subside EUCON 16		635,00 EUR
Voluntary Dues:	660,50 EUR	
Iron Butt Patches		88,06 EUR
Patches/Pins Sold:	0,00 EUR	
EUCON 2015 SWISS 2		405,00 EUR
Bureau Material:	0,00 EUR	
European Patches		480,23 EUR
European Assc Pins		457,00 EUR
Others:		135 EUR
Total:	780,50 EUR	2270,29 EUR

Saldo at the Date of the EUCON 2017: **896,73 EUR**

Budget 2017/2018

In the moment the balance of the account of the Association is € 896,73
 Business year will go from 1th July till 30th June
 30% of the amount of the 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.

Europe Association Voluntary Dues

Only 17 of 46 Chapters and 5 of 88 MAL have paid the voluntary dues to the European Association of the Red Knights MC. The Chapters are:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| - Austria 2 | - Germany 14 |
| - Germany 1 | - Germany 16 |
| - Germany 2 | - Belgium 1 |
| - Germany 3 | - Belgium 3 |
| - Germany 7 | - Belgium 4 |
| - Germany 8 | - Ireland 1 |
| - Germany 9 | - Switzerland 1 |
| - Germany 10 | - Switzerland 3 |
| - Germany 11 | |

At the question, why some Chapters don't pay the voluntary dues, Belgium 1 explain why they pay it...



□ **Delinquent Chapters**

There is one delinquent Chapter in Region 7:

- England 1

□ **New Chapters and MAL since September 2015**

New Chapters: 5 (44 Members)

- GERMANY 14 (9/2016) (15 Members)
- SLOVENIA 1 (11/2016) (7 Members)
- FRANCE 5 (4/2017) (8 Members)
- FRANCE 6 (7/2017) (7 Members)
- GERMANY 16 (8/2017) (7 Members)

New MAL: 22 Members

ENGLAND:

- THOMSON KELVIN (3/2017)
- BLACKLEE ALAN (5/2017)
- MILLER LINDSAY (6/2017)
- MILLER GRAIG (6/2017)

DENMARK:

- KRAGBAECK JENS (10/2016)
- WINTHER LOTTE (10/2016)
- KRAGBAECK JANE (11/2016)
- JACOBSEN MICHAEL (2/2017)
- JENSEN LOTTE (5/2017)

GERMANY:

- KRÜTZKAMP JOHANNES (11/2016)
- BEDEMAN BENJAMIN (3/2017)
- GRUBER ULF (3/2017)
- MAURER STEFFEN (4/2017)
- SCHWÄGER CHRISTIAN (4/2017)
- HASMANN ANJA (5/2017)
- HASMANN GORDON (5/2017)
- WALTER JAN (6/2017)
- HOEFKEN JOERG (6/2017)
- HARTMANN NIKOLAUS (6/2017)
- THOKE SVEN (8/2017)

SWITZERLAND:

- BOSS ERIC (9/2016)
- FRISA YOANN (3/2017)



Today we have:

- 913 members in the European Roster (good and bad standing) but
- 773 (on 808) Chapter Members on good standing (and removal of US Live Members)
- 88 (on 105) MAL Members on good standing

Total: 861 European Members (25% are presented at the EUCON 2017)
46 Chapters

Report International Annual Meeting 2017 at Syracuse NY

The International Vice President Spike Ostiguy present the newest information from the Red Knights MC International Convention 2017, held in August at Syracuse NY. One of the most important information is, that the Red Knights has bought a house in Boylston MA. The property of these house is just beside the Red Knights Memorial and the idea is to change a bit of our property with the Town of Boylston to secure the Memorial. More information you will find in the letter of the International President Chris Gadway <http://www.redknightsmc.com/presidentletter.htm>

EU Meeting 2018

The European Annual Meeting 2018 will be held at Trabolgan near Cork in the south of Ireland. Ireland 1 will organize this event. More information you will find at the homepage of the Chapter (<http://benbasset.wixsite.com/redknights-ireland-1/about1-c505>) or enjoy a short presentation on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGvSnfaW0V8>)

EU Meeting 2019

The European Annual Meeting 2019 will be held at Wolfenbüttel, in the north of Germany. Germany 2 will organize this event. More information will follow as soon as possible.

International Convention 2020 in France

The Red Knights MC International Convention 2020 will be in August 2020 at Laon, in the north of France. It will be hosted by France 3 and organized by the Red Knights European Association. More information will follow as soon as possible. For questions, please ask the Region 7 Director Pierre Halleux or the President of the European Association Tom Hoedjes. They will be the Single Point of Contact.



Iron Butt Program

Seventeen Knights had send their fees and data to the European Secretary at the end of 2016. They received tree Awards in Gold, eight in Silver and six in Bronze.

Since the beginning totally fifty-six participants have been awarded. For the next year, the board has created a new patch. It will have the half size of the old one and shows a golden star.

During the European Board Meeting of 8th September 2017 the European Board has changed the Rules of the Iron Butt Award. From now the award is open for every Red Knight in the World.

New Business:

- No new Business

Remarks:

Knights of the Round Table KORT

2016 first time a Red Knight won the KORT-Competition. Traditionally, the KORT 2017 should be organized by the winner of 2016, Wauzi from Chapter France 2. At the first weekend in August the KORT was hosted at Thun in the center of Switzerland, near Bern. And 2017 also the winner is a Red Knight. Christoph Behling from Germany XI takes the highest score and bring home the Trophy to the south of Germany. He will organize the KORT 2018 near Freiburg. More information will follow as soon as possible.

Translation of SOG and Bylaws

Martin Buresch, President of Austria 2, asks for a translation of the SOG and the Bylaws of the International Board and the European Association in every language of the European Chapters. There are more than five different languages at this moment. The European Board answers him, that the English version will be the original and the only valid version of this papers but it's free for everybody to make a working paper in his own language.

Invitation to present the Red Knights

Tom van der Kley informs that we have an invitation to present the Red Knights at the Weber Rescue Days 2018 with an Exhibition Stand. Red Knights who are interested to help him can contact the European Treasurer Tom van der Kley. He will also be Single Point of Contact for this event.

The European President closes the Meeting at 18:40h on 9th September 2017

For the protocol: Stefan "Sergeant" Streif