



**Red Knights, Minnesota 1
Meeting #1
March 20, 2004**

Attendees: Peter & Norma Renneberg, Dave Hammer, Linda McMillan, Dirk Bjornson, Patrick Sheehan, Dan & Mary Deike, Gene Grueschow.

Constitution and By-Laws packets were passed out to those in attendance.

Robert's rules of order shall be followed.

The Chapter will follow the rules and by-laws of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club, and will maintain the spirit of the Organization.

Charities are to be determined by the Charter at a later date.

Colors -

Uniforms - The preliminary pricing provided by D. Hammer was about \$125.00 for the red leather vest, satin lined. A black leather vest could be purchased for about \$50.00, with patches sewn on locally. It was suggested that a black leather vest with Red Knight patches would be the official uniform of our Chapter.

It was suggested that for this year that everyone purchase a Red Knight tee shirt as a ride and function uniform. G. Grueschow will check on having shirts silk screened on red shirts.

It is recommended that each member purchase the center patches, upper rocker, flags or decals this year. In the future, we should have some these in stock. Gene Grueschow will coordinate the initial order for shirts, flags, hats, etc. This order will be placed by March 31, 2004 so contact Gene ASAP. The lower rocker (Chapter 1 MN) shall be ordered for the Chapter by P. Renneberg.

Classification of members - All Members that signup at or prior to the December meeting of 2004 will be considered Charter members.

All others will be Active, Social or other RK International approved classification.

New members - Patrick Sheehan, Darrin Bramwell, Amy Carlson

Meetings - It was determined that our Charter will have quarterly meetings.

It is recommend the first Thursday of March, June, September and December be the meeting days.

Quorum for meetings: Chapter voting privileges will be limited to the Chapter Officers and Active members of the Chapter. A simple majority vote by those in attendance will determine the outcome, provided the following conditions exist.

- 1) The meeting notification has been emailed to membership. If member does not have email, then an attempt will be made to contact them by one of the Chapter members.
- 2) The dated notification of meeting is done so on a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting by the Chapter President or Chapter Officer.
- 3) That at least one Chapter Officer and XX Active Members are present
- 4) The meeting agenda with the voting subject is identified.
- 5) Minutes are kept of the meeting.

Elections - Yearly Election of Chapter Officers will be at the December meeting.

Current Chapter Officers

President - P. Renneberg

Vice President - D. Hammer

Secretary - N. Renneberg

Treasurer - N. Renneberg

Road Captain - Rotating

Road Captains - Will arrange a date and trip. In most cases, they will lead.

Their main purpose will be to keep everyone safe and set up the details of a trip. The Road Captains will be rotated monthly, giving each member a chance to plan a trip. A Road Captain schedule be determined by the Chapter President.

Dues

New Membership dues shall be paid immediately. Yearly dues shall be paid at the December meeting. The international dues are due by March 31 each year. The Chapter President will insure all dues and fee are paid.

Charter Year Dues

International - 1st year \$8.00, 2nd year and after \$7.00. All other dues \$4.00.

Chapter - No additional dues for Charter, Social or others that sign up by the December 2004 meeting.

2005 and after, the yearly dues will be as follows:

Active - \$20.00

Social - \$5.00

Other - \$5.00

New membership dues after the December 2004 meeting will be as follows.

Active - \$25.00 (Must provide email address)

Active - \$35.00 (No email address provided)

Social - \$5.00

Accepting new members - All members, active or retire, of the fire service that have access to a street legal motorcycle and licensed to ride, are eligible to join this Chapter.

All members are subjected to be voted out of our Chapter for contact detrimental to the rules, by-laws or spirit of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club, on a case by case basis.

Motorcycle Runs - Discussion on various rides available. Some were:

State Fire Convention

Red Wing June 12

Eagan 4th of July

Burnsville Fire Muster Sept 11

It was suggested that we, as a group, make a ride for a good cause. Ramsey County Burn Center was suggested.

Promotions - We do not want to man a booth at conferences.

It was suggested that, we as a group, have an annual ride to promote our club to new members. The second or third weekend of August was recommended.

New members will also be recruited by sending out fliers to neighboring fire departments. Dave Hammer will create a flyer. L. McMillan and P. Sheehan will pass out flyers to their fire service contacts. I will ask the Eagan Fire Chief to pass out flyers at the Dakota Chiefs conference.

P Sheehan would like a patch in Plexiglas to use as a promotional tool.

When ordering tee shirts from the Red Knights, they run small. So order one size larger. Also, if you should know of any other problems, please share.

A list of Red Knight Chapters was passed around. Minnesota 1 was on it.

D. Hammer has set up a web site for our chapter, with links to other RK sites and registration information. <http://rkmcmm1.home.att.net> PC's at each Eagan Fire Station could have a short cut to our chapter web page.

D. Hammer will purchase a 3'X5' RK flag for parades or other special functions.

Ride sponsors will be used if available and provided that International or Chapter rules are not compromised or violated.

I am trying to have the minutes and ride information posted on the web site.

P Renneberg