

Empire City Motorcycle Club – Open General Meeting March 7, 2012

Meeting called to Order by CA

Attendance: CA, MW, BS, EM, AH, EC, SL, JM

Motion made to approve January's meeting minutes by MW, 2nd by EM. Passed.

Officers Reports:

President's Report

The President gave a brief summary of Executive Board Meeting Held 2/6/12. This included 6 commitments/goals which the president will attempt to achieve.

- Completion of By-Laws by 2nd Qtr 2012.
- Encourage officers specifically the Vice President and Road Captain to improve club participation on upcoming rides and events.
- Strive to improve ECMC's "Image" in our community and with clubs of similar interest.
- Increase the ECMC's funds in the treasury to \$5,000.00 by year end.
- Listen to all member concerns by maintaining an "Open Door Policy".
- Providing each Officer with expectations this year which are focused on improving participation, communication, and member interaction.
- Last but not least the President thanked all members for their participation and asked for patients with the changes occurring in the club. Most of which is related to the Bylaw committee, ride and event planning.
- Secretary requested to develop a list of each members preferred route of communication and times. Information will be gathered at end of meeting.

Vice President's Report

Club Calendar:

Review of upcoming events and club calendar to track events and attendance. The current document was handed out for the club members to review. It was requested that all members review this

document to confirm its accuracy and update the club about their planned attendance to upcoming events. MW requested the VP to update the information on the calendar to reflect that he attended the Poconos Warrior's Event. The VP requested that all members communicate to him via email to update the club calendar.

Upcoming Events:

- Raven's Run 2/16 -18. ECMC will be hosting a cocktail party at the Raven's Run on 2/17 at 2:30pm
- Rehoboth Ride and Shipmates 30th Anniversary Weekend both occurring during weekend of April 20-23
- Hogs for Hope ride from Catskills to NYC followed by a party.
- Excelsior's 37th Anniversary Weekend to Fire Island
- Rochester Rams' Run
- ECMC Biker Weekend starting with the Bike Blessing
- Folsom Street East

Folsom Street East:

- VP expressed interest in the club setting up a booth at the Folsom Fair. The plan is to set up a booth and interact with the crowd telling them about ECMC. Have a few motorcycles available for people to get their picture taken on a bike, send them their photo via e-mail, allowing us to collect their e-mail to send them further club information and events.
- AH stated his concern that the VP had entered into a contract without actually receiving authorization from the membership to do so. CA and EC explained that the decision was made due to time constraints and that the VP and President took financial responsibility for the moneys spent reserving a slot/location at Folsom.
- AH stressed the importance following the clubs tradition of requesting club approval before going into contract or engaging with other clubs. BS agreed that this should have been discussed in more detail given the high volume of emails concerning less important issues and events.
- EC agreed that E-mails pertaining to upcoming events will be sent but that some decisions are time critical. For example, if the membership has been advised of an event via e-mail and does not respond then the people responsible for planning should be allowed to proceed.

- AH stated that no votes should be made via e-mail and revealed that he and BS know individuals who are involved with organizing the Folsom Street Fair.
- CA requested order
- CA stated the work of planning an event is typically left to a committee not the general membership.
- MW applauded the volume of plans and proposals that are being reviewed while attempting to clarify AH's point that the club membership will need to vote on agreement to participate in a given event. Ultimately all involved in this discussion agreed on the merit of participating at the Folsom Street Fair.

Ear Inn Biker Gathering:

- VP commented on the visit to the Ear Inn to interact with NJ Eagles.

Fund-Raising Event:

- VP commented on fundraiser, a possible Retro Disco dance in October.

Motion to Accept Vice President Report: MW 2nd AH

Road Captain Report:

Upcoming rides:

- Rehoboth ride with NJ Eagles, 4/20-4/22. Attending: MW, EC, JM, CA, AH, EM, BS, SL. SL to determine NYC meet-up location and time. NYC contingent to meet up ECMC and NJ Eagle riders at Cheesequake rest stop on Garden State Parkway (mile marker 124) at 10:30 AM. We'll cross via ferry at the 2:30 sailing. The club will take the return leg of the Ferry trip and not ride thru Delaware. Ferry Trip is \$54.00 round trip.
- Ravens Run: EC, JM, SL, and CA to ride to Long Island. Meeting location: The Dinosaur BBQ for lunch at 2:00pm CA requested to know who would be attending the Raven's Run Cocktail party. Result: EM, MW, CA, EC, JM, SL, and club guests: Tony Pokol and KK.

Motion to accept Road Captains Report: EC 2nd MW

Secretary's Report

- Mail Bag
- Receipt to the Treasurer for the monthly room rental at "The Center".
- Correspondence for organizers of Albany Pride shared with the club.

Motion to accept secretary's report: AH 2nd EC

Treasurer's Report

- All dues are paid in full.
- Installation dinner: 20 Guests. Expense: 914.50, Income 826.00
- CA reimbursed \$95.00 for Ravens Run programme advertisement
- Request to audit/review the second half of ECMC financial record at Mark's NYC residence. JM and EC will schedule and review.
- Signature Card: Completion of form pushed out to the April meeting
- Information on a safety deposit box: Our current bank does not have security boxes. Action: Treasurer to follow up on pricing and availability at other HSBC banks.
- Conduct club Inventory at Mark's NJ residence. EC and JM will review.
- MW voiced an idea about displaying club awards and trophies.

Motion to accept treasurer's reports: EM 2nd BS

Committee Reports

Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

- Drafts submitted.
- Committee currently discussing the section on reserve members.

Biker Weekend Committee:

- CA request SL to set up a Committee. Members BS, SL, CA, MW, EM joined the committee.

Biker weekend general options:

- Blessing: Ty's
- BBQ - Ride out to Marks and Terry's (Marks place may not be available)
- BBQ/Overnight - Barry's Farm
- BBQ - Emeritus Members (Charles Savage) and AH places in LI.
- BBQ/Overnight - The Ranch in Hemlock, NY
- Committee meeting announcement forthcoming.

AMCC representative:

- Upcoming meeting at Ravens Run. EM will report in April

AMCC Outreach and Motorcycle Committee:

- Two members left on the committee, CA and Mike Conley (LI Ravens) due to the Spartans Leaving AMCC
- CA to reach out to riding members of other clubs to increase biker awareness and participation at AMCC events.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion for ECMC to participate in Folsom Street Fair. EM 2nd AH. Passed.

Full agreement however we must consider planning and logistics. We need:

- Pamphlets and Giveaways
- Schedule for motorcycles access
- Schedule shifts for members to work the event.
- Take actions to protect motorcycles and booth visitors.

Amend motion to reimburse EC \$125 expense for the Booth Rental. EM 2nd BS Passed.

Amend motion reimburse EC for \$75 for additional spot at Folsom EM 2nd AH. Passed.

Next meeting 4/4 2012, pre-meeting dinner at Good Stuff Dinner at 7pm

Good and Welfare

Barry announced a Ride to Florida. Two week East Coast Run

Motion to End meeting. EC 2nd BS

Action Items:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>	
Modify Contact list	JM	
Complete		
Planning and Scheduling for Folsom	EC	
In Progress		
Audit of Club finances 2nd half 2011	MW, JM, EC	
Scheduled		
Club Inventory at Mark's NJ place	MW, JM , EC	
Scheduled		
Planning of Ride for ECMC Biker's Weekend	SL	SL
In Progress		
Gather pricing on security boxes	MW	
In Progress		