
Empire City M/C – Open General Meeting - 11 July 2012

Meeting called to order at 20:00

Present: SL, BK, MW, EM, CA, AH (late)

Teleconference: (no one)

Guests: David L.

Corrections to meeting minutes for May & June:

1. May: Page 2, Wearing of Club T-Shirts is optional, not “not optional” (BK)
2. June: Page 1, Roll Call is spelled “Roll”, not “Role” (BK)
3. ???: Comment about Inferno or Olympia being expensive (AH)

Motion to accept minutes as corrected, MW, 2nd EM

Officer's Reports

President's Report

1. Let's remember to keep in touch with the Sirens M/C, they have invited us to play pool (boys vs girls). Comment from Mark W. that we did this in the past, as well as bowling in the winter. Let's continue to pursue this.
2. 4th of July at the Ranch was fantastic! Two firework shows and loads of rides around the finger lakes area. Next year, please consider joining in! July 4th 2012 will be on a Thursday and the event will be from July 4th through July 7th.
3. Meetings need to be orderly! We only have one hour a month to discuss club business. Outbursts and discussion without having being “given the floor” shall be warned once then ejected from the meeting upon further outbursts. Consider communicating via our Yahoo Group or in person more often.
4. Riding season is in full-swing! There are some rides planed – let's ride!

Vice President's Report

1. Folsom Street East - was a success and we are happy to report every member made an appearance sometime throughout the event. Our exhibit was a huge attraction and we received lots of compliments and some new interest in Empire City MC from event participants. In addition to those interested in possibly becoming club members, we collected over 75 email addresses (please confirm the total number of emails addresses) to add to our distribution list for future events. The photo shoot opportunity drew lots of positive attention from admirers to people who actually own their own bikes. We successfully distributed, via email, the photos we took of participants on the bikes at the event.

2. New York City Pride Parade - we had a total of 10 bikes, 6 of which were actual ECMC members (Mark Wind, Alexander Hadel, Eddie Murphy, Joe Mitchell, Chaz Antonelli and Evil Ed) and 4 friends of ECMC (3 of the 4 have expressed their interest in joining our club). We also had 3 additional passengers who are friends of ECMC and 1 ECMC member who rode on the back of Evil Ed's motorcycle. In total we had 14 participants representing and supporting ECMC during the parade. Empire City was very well represented in this year's parade and we look forward to even larger representation at next year's parade.
3. Alexander H. mentioned that there are various "leather events" we may also wish to consider down the road.

Road Captain's Report

1. Hillside Motorcycle/Leather Weekend trip. Chaz has arranged a meet-up at Dinosaur BBQ. Only Eddie and Chaz going.
2. AMCC Multi-Club Barnight in Washington, D.C. trip down has been planned and advertised by Chaz, the trip home is being planned by Scot. Scot is planning a stop in Delaware at Winterthur.
3. Scot would like to plan a day trip to New Jersey. Per show of hands, 5th August is best date for everyone. Scot will plan the trip.

Secretary's Report

1. Question: Have "thank you" cards been sent to: K.K., Al & Dan, and John at Ty's?

Treasurer's Report

1. Treasurer provided written report to view.

Motion to accept all officer reports, EM, 2nd BK

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (Eddie)

1. The next AMCC meeting will be in October at the Harbour Masters run in Ogunquit, Maine. Eddie shall be present.

AMCC Outreach & Motorcycle Committees (Chaz)

1. There is discussion of an AMCC Outreach Committee meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. during the AMCC Multi-Club Bar Night Weekend. No confirmation provided at this time from the committee.
2. A ride to the AMCC Multi-Club Barnight is planned. Details are on our website, facebook group page, google calendar and AMCC facebook page (as well as other places). Please register by e-mailing Chaz. Scot L. shall plan the trip home.

Old Business

1. Constitution & Bylaws (tabled from June '12):
 - a. (MOTION from Ed M to replace existing bylaws with new Constitution and Bylaws, 2nd by Ed C, discussion took place and several points of order were made. Hard copies of the new documents were passed out to all members. The hard copies are exactly the same as the soft copy versions which were e-mailed to all members on 14th of May 2012. As this is a serious issue, the motion was tabled to July's meeting for further discussion and a vote.
 - b. MOTION from Ed M to dispense with the existing bylaws, 2nd by Ed C. This motion was also tabled to July's meeting for further discussion and a vote.)

A brief 'round-robin' discussion in where each member was allowed to make a brief statement was executed. It was decided that in due respect to current bylaw requirements (three months of presentation before additions/changes of bylaws), as well as allowing members who were not present at the meeting to speak, both of these motions have been tabled for a final vote in August's' meeting.

2. Cocktail party at Rams' Run needs to be discussed/planned by Vice President.
3. ECMC friendship pins still need to be discussed/designed budgeted and ordered.

New Business

1. MOTION that David L. is accepted as an ECMC pledge made by EM, 2nd MW.
 - a. DL rode with EM and CA to the City Cruisers' "Ride Before Pride" up the 9W and also was a guest with our club in the Heritage of Pride March in June. DL will also be joining us on the ride to Washington, D.C. in August.
 - b. EM reports that DL resides "just across the Hudson"
 - c. AH made addressed his sponsors (EM and EC) that it is important that DL get to know the other members of the club and ride with us.
 - d. Motion carried. DL to receive pledge pin from EC (VP) ASAP.

- e. DL presented his valid driving licence, registration and proof of insurance to SL (RC).

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

1. Upcoming ECMC rides:
 - a. 13-JUL: Hillside Campground/NEPA's Motorcycle Weekend (Chaz)
 - b. 21-JUL: Deep River Ancient Muster (Chaz)
 - c. 11-AUG: NYC to Washington, D.C. (Chaz & Scot)
 - d. 23-AUG: NYC to The Ranch (Rams' Run) (Chaz)
 - e. 26-AUG: Rams' Run to Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Chaz)
 - f. 28-AUG: (Iron Butt) Toronto -> Buffalo -> NYC (Chaz)

2. The next Open General Meeting will be 1st August 2012 from 8pm-9pm.

Comments off the record

Well, they sure as hell wouldn't appear here, would they?! ;-)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, BK, 2nd MW

Meeting adjourned at 20:56.

Respectfully submitted,
Chaz Antonelli, in lieu of JM (SEC)