

Empire City MC – Open General Meeting Minutes – 6th March 2013

Meeting called to order by the President at 8:09PM.

Attendance In person: CA, GD, MW, EM
On teleconference: JM, EC, GK, WC, GP
Guests: none

Approval of February 2013's minutes, EM 1st, EC 2nd

Officer's Reports

President's Report

- Positive response from ECMC Biker Weekend from several people and clubs.
- Minutes need to be produced and presented no later than 7 days after meetings.
- Review of Presidential commitments for 2013:
 - o Ensuring and assisting the Vice President to plan and execute at least four fund-raising barnights in 2013.
 - o Ensuring and assisting the Road Captain to plan and execute at least two rides per riding month in 2013.
 - o Assisting the Secretary that minutes/club correspondence and minutes are produced in a timely manner.
 - o Ensuring the financial stability of the club, seeking that we raise at least \$2,000 from events/barnights.
 - o Ensuring the growth of the club by bringing on at least one new pledge for full membership in 2013.
 - o Fostering camaraderie within and outside of the club by planning and promoting social events (i.e. bowling, darts, billiards, movie nights, 'ear inn' gatherings, etc.)
 - o Work with the e-board and membership to lay the ground-work for our 50th anniversary.

Vice President's Report

- Cocktail Party at Raven's Run has a \$150 budget. EC will chat with KK about food options.
- The flyer for the "Retro Leather Disco Party" (Philadelphians/ECMC) will be completed later this week by the Philadelphians. Everything remains on target for this 13th April event.
- ECMC Motorcycle Weekend committee formed, consisting of EC, JM and CA. Run applications and route need to be worked on firstly.
- ECMC Bike Blessing & Biker's Picnic committee formed, consisting of EC, JM, EM and MW. The general plan is the traditional bike blessing at Ty's on Friday 21st June, followed by the Bicker Picnic at Mark & Terry's on the 22nd. Discussion with the committee and Ty's to include possibility of selling Jell-O shots, 50/50 raffles, and drinks specials.

Road Captain's Report

- The Road Captain produced three documents, the first being a listing of possible/suggested rides for the upcoming month. He indicated that this list will be revised and presented at each meeting for review by the general membership.
- The second document was a map consisting of four rides for the month of March 2013:
 - o 1) Ride to the Long Island Raven's Run (15-17 March),
 - o 2) An encapsulated pleasure ride within LI during the LIRR run*,
 - o 3) A Bear Mountain ride on 23 March and
 - o 4) A trip to New Hope, PA** 31 March.
- *It was suggested that the Road Captain reach out to John Dietz and Mike Conley of the Long Island Ravens (LIRR) prior to advertising/executing an independent ride during their event.
- **It was mentioned that on 31 March, there is to be an "Easter Egg Hunt" at The Raven in New Hope, PA and that we should tweak our ride to include that event. MW will reach out to JM to discuss the Raven event.

- Motorcycle training courses in New Jersey, Ronkonkoma and ones provided through Williams H-D were discussed – JM provided a list of classes in New Jersey. It was agreed that JM and MW would work together to present the most feasible choices at April 2013's Open General Meeting and at that time we would consider our best options.
- The President reminded all members that annual ECMC Road Captain certification needs to be conducted at April 2013's meeting and to bring your Driving Licence, Registration and Insurance Card for this purpose.

Secretary's Report

- Due to a work conflict, SL (Secretary) was absent and no report was presented.
- It was mentioned that JM and SL need to swap post box keys and officer badges.

Treasurer's Report

- MW reported our general ledger has a balance of \$3962.70 and our Accident Fund has a balance of \$1,346.14 as of 6th March 2013.
- Repayments to the Accident Fund from GP are on schedule.
- Our installation dinner at the Raven in New Hope only cost the club \$30.
- The annual audit committee was formed consisting of EM and GD and they shall review the 2012 finances with MW and present their findings at April's Open General Meeting.

Motion to accept the Officer's Reports was made by EM and 2nd by GD

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (EM)

- EM reported on AMCC's 172nd meeting held 23 February 2013 in Philadelphia.
- All AMCC clubs were represented at this meeting.
- New officers for AMCC were elected.
- EM pointed out that just as ECMC has/had difficulties with Bylaws, so too, the AMCC has issues from time to time with theirs, and this is par for the course.

Motorcycle Committee (CA)

- CA reported that the "M is for Motorcycle" campaign continues and that four AMCC clubs (Bucks MC, Empire City MC, Harbour Masters and Long Island Ravens) have replied with the names and e-mail addresses for AMCC club members who own and ride motorcycles. A third request will be sent from AMCC to member clubs. The current (incomplete) listing of these names and e-mails has been submitted by CA to the AMCC Secretary for distribution.

Old Business

- The three DC Eagle barnights we requested have all been declined, as we were late to respond. Other clubs beat us to all the available dates. Two other dates were requested for the fall of 2013, but no confirmation has been received at this time.
- EM strongly encouraged that we look at bars in the NYC area to host barnights. EC and EM will discuss this 'offline', pursue options and report back to the club.

New Business

- No new business was presented.

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

1. MW: ECMC had very good representation at the Pocono Warriors' Anniversary Dinner.
2. MW: Bill Marley of the Pocono Warriors unexpectedly passed. MW attended his services.
3. The next Open General Meeting will be 3rd April 2013 from 8pm-9pm.

Motion to close the meeting was made by EM and 2nd by MW

Minutes respectfully submitted in brotherhood,
CA in lieu of the absent Secretary, SL