

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – February 5th, 2014

Present: CA, EM, SL, MW, EC, DS (tardy), Phone: GP, JM, Absent: GD, GK, WC
Guests: KK K., Jack D., Tony P.

Meeting called to order 8:03 PM. Approval of minutes deferred to March 2014 OGM (Open General Meeting), as there were no hard copies available for review.

Officer's Reports

President

- Summary of DC Eagle/MAL Barnight on 18th January, 2014
- EC expresses appreciation for election to his new position and promises to keep an open ear for all.

Vice President

- Not present this meeting; however, the president reminded everyone that the Installation Dinner shall be on 23rd February 2014 from 3pm-6pm in Queens at Malagueta.
- Upcoming events:
 - o Long Island Ravens' Run, 14th-16th March
 - o Shipmates Run in Baltimore, 11th-13th April
- Presentation of 2013 member participation to be made next month.

Road Captain

- Upcoming rides:
 - o Ride (weather permitting) Sunday, 9th March – note: DST begins.
 - o Ride (weather permitting) Friday, 14th March to Long Island Ravens' Run
 - o "Hogs for Hope Run" on Sunday, 27th April. ECMC meet up point will be at the Lexington Candy Shop (on Lexington Avenue, NYC), kick-stands up at 8:00 AM.
 - o Ear Inn Biker Gatherings begin on Tuesday, 18th March. Reminder: Bike nights will now be on the 3rd Tuesday of each Starting in March and ending in October
- JM expressed that he would like to have [riding] actions each meeting.
- Reminded everyone that the first ½ hour of the twice-monthly 50th Anniversary Committee is dedicated to ride discussion.
- First priority this year is to plan as many rides as possible, particularly to benefit getting DS's three mandatory rides for full membership.

Secretary

- Mail call:
 - o Christmas card from Paul Rose
 - o Christmas letter from Tip and Iron Guard
 - o Two thank you letters from Leake & Watts for the holiday party benefit
- If anyone would like anything included in the monthly e-mailed newsletter, please sent (via e-mail) to CA before 5:00 PM on 7th February 2014 for inclusion. Stories, opinion, events you'd like to review are all welcome.

Treasurer

- The Eventbrite cheque for the holiday party arrived and will be deposited.
- Presentation of finances made. We're in a very healthy situation financially; however, the President mentioned that this is no reason to stop the work we've been doing in regards to raising money as we have many upcoming expenses. We should mind our spending.
- We are out of cheesegraters, a motion to have more made will be in New Business.

Motion to accept officer's reports made by CA, 2nd by MW.

Committee Reports

ECMC 50th Anniversary Committee

Chairman: TBD, Members: ALL ECMC, Meets: 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month 8PM-9:30PM (via teleconference*)

EVENT 1: 24th-26th May, Motorcycle Weekend (Memorial Day Weekend)

- Accommodations at 'The Ranch' (Al & Dan's) are confirmed.
- Run application presented to club and accepted for publication.

EVENT 2: 20th-22nd June, Bike Blessing/Biker Picnic Weekend

- Friday, 20th June: Bike Blessing at Ty's
 - o EM to confirm with John that we can have the date.
- Saturday, 21st June: Biker Picnic
 - o Confirmed that MW & Terry's home reserved for event.
- Sunday, 22nd June: Folsom Street East Fair
 - o Wait and see if it will happen this year, revisit in an OGM (Open General Meeting) if we intend to have a booth again this year. President noted that it was very successful in 2012.

EVENT 3: 2nd August-10th August, 50th Anniversary Bike Tour to the 'Tail of the Dragon'

- Reservations for two houses are made. Each house has five bedrooms and four bathrooms. Each room may be configured for king bed or double beds.
- One house will be designated a "quiet cabin" and a tick-box will be added to the run application to allow people to select that option.
- Run application needs to be created soon as people are planning their 2014 travels.
- Most members are planning on attending this event (show of hands).

EVENT 4: 10th-12th October, Hotel based Anniversary Party & Dinner Cruise in NYC

- CA investigating hotels, asked members for assistance in locating inexpensive hotels (preferable in Manhattan, possibly Brooklyn or Queens). Requirements: 20-30 rooms with king or double beds (about 70 guests), complimentary 24x7 hospitality suite provided by hotel in return for booking commitments.
- MW investigating 'Majestic Princess' for the Dinner Cruise. Will make arrangements for a personal tour of the boat and will let entire club know when and where the tour shall be. If no one can go with MW, he will take photos and report back.
- It is confirmed that we shall be hosting an AMCC meeting on 11th October in NYC.

EVENT 5: 6th December, 51st Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive

- EC to contact Rockbar NYC to secure the night for our party.

ECMC Branding Committee

Chairman: EC, Members: JM, CA, KK, Meets: Sporadically, Next meeting 12th February @ 8PM (via teleconference*)

- Due to the fact there are only a few backpatches left, we need to raise the priority of this committee to resolve unsettled issues. A "WebEx" (computer graphic & audio) conference will be held on 12th February following the Rides and 50th Anniversary Committee meetings – please ensure that your system can support WebEx, visit <http://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html> to test your computer/connection today! If you have problems, let CA know.



AMCC Representative

Chairman: EM, Members: N/A Meets: Sporadically, Next meeting 12th April at Shipmates' Run

- EM has prior commitment and asked EC/CA to cover for him. No pressing issues.

Social Committee

Chairman: CA, Members: JM, EM Meets: Sporadically

- Upcoming Events:
 - o Onyx Barnight at Rockbar NYC 14th February (unconfirmed)

Old Business

- EC, Friendship Pins: Run-down on vendors/costs, etc. (on hold until branding done)
- CA, AMA historical membership (brought forward 1 month)
- It was voted that DS' pledge period has been extended for the 5th time.
 - o Per ECMC by-laws (Article I, Section A § 1.j.iii), we must either accept or reject DS as a member on his 6th vote for membership (next month's OGM). As DS is not yet eligible for a full membership because he has not completed his three official club rides, we will need to consider a vote to "suspend the rules" (see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suspension_of_the_rules) to allow for additional pledge time to allow for good riding weather so this important step can be completed.

New Business

- A motion was made by MW to "create an alternative ECMC decal/sign for use on the front of motorcycles for parade use". 2nd by CA (passed), (discussion held), sent to committee. MW to form committee and get back to the membership with a plan and budget.
- A motion was made by CA to "commission creation of two additional cheese graters at The Leatherman". 2nd by MW (passed), estimated cost ~\$300.00

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

- The next Open General Meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th, 2014 from 8PM-9PM.
- MW: Thanks to CA for the cool officer patches.
- GP: Housing available in Philly for Philadelphians' Gear Night at Bike Stop, 9th February.
- SL: Consider revising Article I, Section A § 1.j.iii of the by-laws to take non-riding season into account for pledge period.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded

Adjournment

Motion to close meeting made by CA, 2nd by SL

Meeting closed at 9:05 PM