

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – May 7th, 2014

Present: EC, CA, EM, SL, MW, GP, GD, DS (tardy), Phone: JM, Absent: WC, GK
Guests: KK, TP, JP, DM

Meeting called to order 8:03 PM by President EC.

Motion to accept April 2014's Meeting Minutes made by CA, EM 2nd (passed)

Officer's Reports

President (EC)

- EC reviewed recent events, including: Shipmates 40th Anniversary Run, Ride to New Hope (in place of Rusty Riders course), Hogs for Hope Ride and Retro Leather 80's Disco Dance Party

Vice President (GD)

- Upcoming events discussed:
 - o 16th – 18th May: Excelsior's Fire Island Run
 - o 24th – 26th May: ECMC Biker's Weekend
 - o 1st June: New Jersey Pride Parade in Asbury Park
 - o 6th June: ECMC Bar Night at the Rockbar. We will need help setting up, selling Jell-o Shots, raffle tickets for gift certificates and ECMC's first ever jockstrap auction. So far we have the following brothers who've volunteered to be in the auction: Chaz, Evil Ed, Scot, Gary, Darryl and Will. Any other volunteers?
 - o 20th June: Bike Blessing at Ty's
 - o 21st June: Biker's Picnic at Mark & Terry's home in Flemington, NJ
 - o 29th June: NYC Pride Parade (additional details to follow)

Road Captain (JM)

- Thanks for participation on recent rides. Over 500 motorcycles on Hogs 4 Hope!
- Ride participation spreadsheet presented.
- Upcoming rides:
 - o 10th May: Ride for the River
 - o 20th May: Ear Inn Bike Night
 - o 1st June: Asbury Park/New Jersey Pride
 - o 6th June: Rockbar NYC barnight – please ride your bikes if you can!
 - o 17th June: Ear Inn Bike Night
 - o 20th June: Bike Blessing at Ty's
 - o 21st June: ECMC Biker's Picnic
 - o 29th June: NYC Pride March

Secretary (CA)

- Chaz is in communication with Leather Archives and Museum, who have expressed an interest in having something (yet undefined) to do with our 50th Anniversary.
- Newsletter to be transmitted 8th May at 5PM. Please submit any articles, corrections and other various things prior to transmission. A draft was e-mailed earlier today.
- CA stated that pertinent postal and e-mail coming into the club will be distributed "real time" via our private Yahoo Group for prompt attention and action.

Treasurer (MW)

- Presentation of finances made.
- Our joint barnight in Philadelphia netted about \$320, after expenses.
- Investigate tax-exempt status for purchases in New Jersey (i.e. anniversary)
- **A MOTION** was made by CA to set a budget of \$320 for the Biker's Picnic, 2nd by GP (passed)

- **A MOTION** was made by CA to set a budget of \$150 to host a cocktail party at the Excelsior's Run on Fire Island, 2nd EM (passed)

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

Committee Reports

ECMC 50th Anniversary Committee Updates / Recap (Evil Ed):

24-26 MAY - Biker Weekend:

- Menus presented to club.
- Reminder this event is a net-zero expense to club.

20-20 JUN - Bike Blessing:

- EM has confirmed Ty's as host bar again this year.
- MW is all set with what he needs, will let us know if he needs anything.
- MW reminds us that we need to advertise and promote this event more.
- EM presented two large posters of our logo for our use, given to us by Ty's.
- Please be at Ty's no later than 7pm.
- EM to block off parking again this year.

21-21 JUN - Biker Picnic:

- Picnic confirmed to be at Mark & Terry's again this year.
- We expect about 30 people.
- Other than Emeritus ECMC Members, only motorcycles allowed!

22-22 JUN - Folsom St East:

- We are not participating. Information too late and unsure.

29 JUN - NYC Pride March:

- EC researching 18"x24" banners/flags for motorcycles.
- KK offered to create two six-foot banners to be carried before our group.
- CA to contact Heritage of Pride committee to alert them of ECMC's 50th Anniversary

02-10 AUG - Deal's Gap:

- Deadline of 22nd May for run applications to be ready for distribution.
- 1/2 way hotel down in Roanoke, VA, 1/2 way hotel up in Stroudsburg, VA.
- GP to investigate dining options, things to do and points of interest.

10-12 OCT - Anniversary Weekend:

- Host hotel is DoubleTree Jersey City, contract signed as per e-mails.
- A barnight at Rockbar NYC secured for 10th OCT.
- Run "theme" being researched – "5-0 Police" theme artwork by Sean Campbell?

6 DEC – Holiday Party & Toy Drive:

- Rockbar NYC date secured.

NOTE: In the month of May, the 50th Anniversary Committee Teleconference Meetings will be on **May 14th** and **May 28th** at 8pm. We need to finalize a budget and the run applications for both Deals Gap and Anniversary Weekend.

AMCC Representative (Eddie M.)

- AMCC meeting was held in Baltimore at Shipmates Run. Uneventful, AMCC sanction calendar requests and updates made. Awaiting official minutes. (Chaz filling in for EM)
- AMCC Outreach Committee: AMCC will only work on all-club barnight in Philadelphia over Labour Day weekend, but other clubs are asked to "fill in" events. Philadelphians are considering their anniversary dinner during the weekend.

Social Committee (CA, JM, EM)

- ECMC Billiards/Pool Night 22nd May 8PM at East Side Billiards. Four people showed interest, therefore CA to put on calendar.

Old Business

- EM has donated two new Cheese graters to club. As a reminder: Cheese graters remain the property of Empire City MC. Only the Sergeant at Arms or President can commission creation of them. If someone wishes to *pay* for the making of one, it will be considered a *donation* to the club and remains property of ECMC.
- EC reports that we're seeking pricing for friendship pins (traditional logo) and that we will probably use the same manufacturer as the Anniversary Run Pins.
- CA has been investigating AMA historical club membership. Five members need to be AMA members for us to qualify. A poll showed in only two current AMA members in the club.
- GD is still working with Gabriel of Excelsior MC on the creation of an ECMC 50th Anniversary commemorate CD courtesy of Excelsior MC.

New Business

- Excelsior's Fire Island Run (Uranus Needs Men) – we've been asked to host a cocktail party at the event. Budget approval done in Treasurer's report.

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

- The next Open General Meeting will be Wednesday, June 4th, 2014 from 8pm-9pm.
- Condolences expressed for the loss of EM's mother this past week.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded

Adjournment

Motion to close meeting made by CA, GD 2nd

Meeting closed at 9:08 PM