

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – 7th January, 2015

Present: EC, DS, WC, GP, GD, EM, MM(a), GK, SL, MW, CA, AG(p)
Guests: TP (tf), TR (prospect), K.K.

Phone: ED(a)
Absent: JM

Meeting called to order 8:05 PM by President EC.

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

Officer's Reports

President (EC)

- EC summarised Twilight Guard's Bar Night from 3rd January 2015. It might be the last barnight at that location due to the possibility of Triangles closing.
- Michael Sharkey of OUT magazine has his photos and article online at <http://j.mp/ecmc-out> ; **however**, some members were duplicated whilst others were left out. In addition, we would like to know where the rest of the photos are, so we can see them. EC to investigate.
- His website is <http://msharkey.com/> click on "Brotherhood Of Men"
- Hard copies of OUT magazine to be on newsstands nationwide 13 January 2015.

Vice President (EM)

- Gary Reynolds' (the former Manager of the 9th Ave) is having a retirement party on Sunday, 25th January at the 9th Avenue Saloon from 3PM – be sure to wear your club colours!
- ECMC's 51st installation dinner will be held at 6PM on Sunday, 25th January at "L Coppi Di Matilda" located at 647 East 11th St in NYC. ECMC members, associates and pledges will be paid for by the club (as per motion approved in December's OGM); however, guests are \$40 per person (tax and tip included). There will be a cash bar. **Please RSVP with Secretary.**
- Long Island Ravens' 23rd Anniversary Run, "To Kill A Raven" will take place in Ronkonkoma, NY from 20th-22nd March. There are "full weekend" and "dinner only" packages. Register at <http://www.liravensmc.org/> – "early bird" reduced prices end 7th March.
- Our brother DS will be competing for the Mid-Atlantic Leather title 16th-19th January in Washington, DC. Please consider going and supporting our brother!
- As always, all ECMC events are in our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

Road Captain (JM)

- What!! Are you crazy!?!? There are no upcoming rides until the snow melts.
- All ECMC rides are in our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

Secretary (CA)

- Mail Call – Rewaco USA sent a brochure about their new trikes (three-wheeled motorcycles). More information (for those interested) is on their website: <http://www.rewacousa.com/>
- January's newsletter will be transmitted immediately after MAL so we can scoop the story on it first! Please take photos and notes for us to include – keep it short and sweet.
- CA is looking for additional stories and photos on other events members went to. **Please consider submitting some** (for example, the Ravens' holiday party).

Treasurer (MW)

- Presentation of finances made
- A donation in the amount of \$100.00 was received from Al Rizzo & Dan Marty in the mail.
- A **MOTION** by MW to put the \$100 gift into our accident fund, EM 2nd was defeated. An amendment to the **MOTION** was made by MW to donate the \$100 to Leake & Watts Services instead. (motion passed in its revised form) MW will reach out to Leake & Watte, CA will sent thank you and a receipt to Al and Dan.

- A **MOTION** by EM was made to transfer \$1,000.00 from our general ledger to our accident fund, DS 2nd (motion passed) MW will execute the transfer as soon as possible.

A motion to accept officer's reports made by DS, WC 2nd

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (EM)

- Next AMCC meeting, the 177th will be in Philadelphia on 14th February 2015.

Social Committee (CA, JM, EM)

- Gary Reynolds party, note: Gary was the partner of former ECMC member John Lawrence.
- Social committee to resume under new leadership in February 2015.

Old Business

- Friendship Pins:
 - o Pin examples were circulated. It seems that we quite liked the locking, non-screw backing and would like those to be on the backside.
 - o CA and EC have been courting quotes from China manufacturers for prices for 1,000 pins. The average price at this time is just under \$600.00 USD.
 - o A **MOTION** by EM to use our traditional club logo on the new friendship pins and that we plan to order 1,000 pins, GP 2nd (passed)
 - o More on this in February's meeting. We should be ready to order by then.
- The pledge period for AG(p) was extended. February will be his 3rd of 6 allowable votes.
- Second round Elections/Nominations results:

OFFICE	NOMINEE	MOTIONED BY	SECONDED BY	NOTES
Treasurer	MW GP	CA EM	GK MW	Withdrew
Secretary	CA	EM	GD	
Road Captain	GK	JM	CA	
Vice President	DS JM EM	CA GK CA	EM GD GD	Added 2nd
President	EC JM	EM GP	DS DS	

	<-- Indicates incumbent
BOLD RED	<-- Indicates winner

New Business

- Tito Rodriguez was acknowledged as a PROSPECT and that EC and DS shall be his sponsors. He did not have a completed application with him this month, but will bring one next OGM. CA shall invite TR to meetings, installation dinner and events via our Google Calendar.

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

- The next Open General Meeting will be Wednesday, 4th February 2015 from 8pm-9pm at The Centre, 208 W 13th St in New York City.
- Night of a Thousand Gowns will be 11th April 2015.
- Paul Rose is still having difficulties recovering from his extensive cancer surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. Please do not call him, as it is difficult for him to speak. Please do reach out to him via e-mail at 6l2a5pr@comcast.net (that's six "L" two "A" five "PR") and wish him well. He's hurting. Paul has been a long-time supporter of ECMC and AMCC.
- CA reminds everyone that he sent out a private e-mail on 5th January to all members and our private Yahoo Group about the issues with the Rochester Rams. Please read it.
- CA reminds everyone to RSVP for the installation dinner so we can provide a head-count.
- The **ECMC CLUB SEAL** and **HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS** were given to MW for secure storage in the club's safety deposit box.
- EC mentioned ECMC inventory and what to do with it. At the next OGM we will form a committee to determine what should be kept, tossed, stored and where.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded

Adjournment

Motion to close meeting made by EM, DS 2nd

Meeting closed at 9:08 PM