

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – 6st May, 2015

Present: EC, EM, AG(p), MM(a), SL, WC, ED(a), JM, MW, CA, GK
Phone: DS, GP
Guests: Chance N*, Tony P, David C, K.K.

Absent: TR(p), GD

Meeting called to order 8:03 PM by President EC

Motion to accept April 2015's Meeting Minutes made by JM, WC 2nd (passed)

Officer's Reports

President (EC)

- On Sunday, 21st June we will have a double booth at Folsom Street East. EC is in contact with Dave Hughes, one of the coordinators of FSE. Dave is working to assign us to booth on the south side of the street, closest to 11th Ave for easier access.
- The club's focus has been internal for the past few years in respect to fundraising, this year we should externalise this and do more charitable things.
- On 21st May, Rockbar will have a non-perishable food drive to help the Keith Haring Food Pantry. We will meet at Ty's on the 21st and walk to Rockbar as a group (departing at 7:30pm) with donations in hand. If you can't be there with us, please arrange to bring your non-perishable food donations to MW's Manhattan flat, 10 W 15th St, and leave with the doorman for MW to collect and bring to Ty's on Thursday the 21st. (Please see last page).
- DS and AG have a few more events in the works and will have more information at next conference call on 20th May.

Vice President (DS)

- Discussed ECMC cocktail party for Twilight Guard/Excelsior MC Anniversary Run, 15th-17th May
- Upcoming Events:
 - o 20th May – ECMC Conference Call, please join!
 - o 21st May – Keith Harding Food Drive (Ty's → Rockbar NYC)
 - o 19th June – ECMC's 51st Annual Bike Blessing (Ty's Bar on Christopher Street)
 - o 20th June – ECMC's 51st Annual Bikers Picnic (MW's Home in NJ)
 - o 21st June – ECMC double booth at Folsom Street East (544 W 27th St, NYC)
 - o 16th Jan 2016 – ECMC DC Eagle Bar Night (yes... that's 2016)
- All ECMC events are in our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

Road Captain (GK)

- There were two official club rides since April's meeting: Staten Island and Hogs 4 Hope.
- Please remember to have your bike and riding documentation (licence, insurance, etc.) ready for inspection by the Road Captain for his annual certification.
- Our 2015 Deal's Gap ride has been cancelled due to low participation interest.
- Be aware that there are technical issues with the Siren's MC PayPal website where you pay to register for the 2015 Manhattan Gay Pride March. You can pay in person.

- Further discussion about the Somerville/Three Rivers Leather Club/Pittsburgh ride will take place on the upcoming conference call on 20th May. GP and GK are working on this.
- Upcoming Rides:
 - o 22nd-25th May – ECMC Biker Weekend, The Ranch, Hemlock, NY
 - o 7th June – NJ Pride Parade, Asbury Park, NJ
 - o 13th June – Billy Joel Motorcycle Museum, Long Island
 - o 20th June – ECMC's 51st Annual Bikers Picnic, MW's Home in NJ
 - o 28th June – Manhattan Gay Pride March
 - o 18th-19th July – 9/11 Flight 93 Memorial in Somerset, PA
 - o 27thAug-1stSep – ECMC Toronto Trip
 - o 18th-20th Sep – Ocean City Bike Week, Rehoboth, DE & Ocean City, MD
 - o 18th-28th Sept – Chaz' "Loop The Lake" Ride
 - o October 11th - Concrete Canyon Run
 - o All ECMC rides are in our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

Secretary (CA)

- Mail Call:
 - o Application sent via postal mail for Associate Membership by Alan G (Snake)
- May Newsletter:
 - o Distribution to take place 8th or 9th May 2015.

Treasurer (MW)

- Presentation of finances

A motion to accept officer's reports made by EM, JM 2nd

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (EM)

- The 178th AMCC meeting shall take place on Fire Island at the Excelsior/Twilight Guard Run
- Sad news: Carl Harrell passed away Saturday 2nd May. He was a former member and past-president of Excelsior MC. There will be a memorial service 5th or 6th June. He will be buried in his home state of Virginia. His husband was Jerry Synder. As we get more information we will pass it along. Jerry is also looking for Marvin's phone number if anyone has it.
- We need more AMCC patches. EM reports they have been requested.

Social Committee (EC, MM, EM, AG, DS, CA, JM, MW)

- MW still waiting to hear back from Sirens MC about Sirens/Empire City pool tournament with \$100 being donated by the losing team to go to the charity of winning team's choice. There is a chance this event might take place following biking season.
- Bike ride to Gia Gelato this spring to say thanks. They did the catering for our run.

Inventory Committee (EC, DS, MW, CA, MM, AG, WC)

- **ON HOLD.** We need to choose a dates when we will available to go to Mark's house in Flemington, NJ to review club inventory and resolve (meaning get rid of items no longer in good condition or non-essential).

Old Business

- Friendship Pins: CA apologises for not having this completed. He was out of the country most of April. The agreed budget was set at \$600 for 1,000 pins; therefore, he shall simply place the order this month and have results at the next OGM.
- Committed ECMC volunteers for Folsom Street East include: AG, EM, SL, WC, ED, GK, JM, CA, ED and DS.
- AG was accepted as a member in full of Empire City MC. Congratulations AG!! His patches, insignia and cheese grater were presented by the executive board. His name tag is on order.
- The pledge period for TR(p) was extended. June shall be his 4th of 6 allowable votes. He still needs two more qualifying rides and Road Captain motorcycle inspection/certification.

New Business

- EM made a **MOTION** that ECMC spend up to \$350 food, beverages and other supplies required for the ECMC Biker Picnic to be held at MW's home. MW 2nd (passed).
- CA made a **MOTION** that ECMC spend up to \$300 for promotional materials for Folsom Street East (this does not include the booth rentals) EM 2nd (passed).
- Our friend and hanger-on, AG (Snake) applied to be a "local associate member" of ECMC. There are some additional requirements for local associate members which have not yet met by Snake. CA will work with AG (Snake) to get this completed.

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

- The next club conference call will be on Wednesday, 20th May starting at 8:00pm.
- The next Open General Meeting will be Wednesday, 3rd June 8pm-9pm at The Centre, 208 W 13th, New York, NY
- Our VP, DS will be running next month's meeting due to EC's absence.
- Next month's meeting should primarily focus on the
 - o Bike Christening
 - o Biker's Picnic
 - o Folsom Street East
 - o The NYC Gay Pride March
- * Chance N (guest) was asked his intentions by EC. He replied that he moved to NYC from northern Maine 10 years ago, rides a full-dress Honda Gold Wing.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded.

Adjournment

Motion to close meeting made by CA, AG 2nd ← *AG's first action as a new full member!*

Meeting closed at 09:09 PM

Keith Haring Food Pantry Program

The drive is seeking these items:

- Low sodium canned goods (vegetables, beans, soups, tomato sauce)
- Canned fish (tuna, sardines, salmon)
- Canned fruit, apple sauce (in juice or no sugar added)
- Peanut butter
- Shelf-stable milk or soymilk, powdered milk
- Dried fruit, nuts, trail mix, granola bars, crackers
- Juice boxes
- Rice, pasta, dried beans, quinoa
- Hot and cold cereal
- Tea bags, hot chocolate
- Dried herbs and spices



The Keith Haring Food Pantry Program, located at GMHC, provides nutritional counseling and also distributes hundreds of food packages per month which are specifically tailored to meet the unique nutritional needs of HIV-positive individuals. If a GMHC client runs out of food, we are able to provide an emergency food package.

The Short Term Pantry (also known as the emergency pantry) provides shelf stable, mostly ready to eat foods to individuals in need of immediate or emergency food assistance. *Short term pantry bags are available to anyone in need.*

The Long Term Pantry is a coordinated food assistance and nutrition education program that aims to improve the health and well-being of HIV+ individuals and their dependent children. You must be a [GMHC Client](#) to participate in the Long Term Food Pantry program.

[Click here](#) for more information.

For more information on the Keith Haring Food Pantry Program, please contact 212-367-1409 or nutrition@gmhc.org.