

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – 3rd June, 2015

Present: DS, GK, CA, MW, EM, SL, JM, AG, WC, ED(a)
Phone: GP, MM(a)

Absent: EC, TR(p), GD
Guests: K.K.

Meeting called to order 8:04 PM by Vice-President DS

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

Officer's Reports

President (EC)

- None, as EC is on holiday in UK/EU

Vice President (DS)

- Discussed ECMC cocktail party for Twilight Guard/Excelsior MC Anniversary Run, 15th-17th May
- ECMC's cocktail party and h'orderves at Excelsior MC/Twilight Guard Run in Cherry Grove, Fire Island were very well received
- It was appreciated that ECMC came en force to Rockbar NYC for the Keith Haring Food Drive
- Upcoming events:
 - o 19-JUN: 51st Annual Bike Blessing
 - o 21-JUN: Folsom Street Fair East
 - o 02-JUL: 4th of July at The Ranch (3-6 day event)
 - o 10-OCT: 51st Anniversary Dinner/Barnight/Event
 - o 16-JAN-16: Barnight at DC Eagle
- All ECMC events are in our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

Road Captain (GK)

- You can now register at <http://sirensnyc.com/> for NYC Gay Pride March
- Upcoming rides:
 - o 07-JUN: New Jersey Pride Parade (Asbury Park, NJ)
 - o 13-JUN: 20th Century Cycles (Billy Joel Motorcycle Museum), Oyster Bay, NY
 - o 20-JUN: 51st Annual Biker Picnic
 - o 28-JUN: Breakfast before the Gay Pride March/NYC Gay Pride March
 - o 18-JUL: 9/11 Flight 93 in Sommerset, PA, overnight (GP/GK to update)
 - o XX-JUL: Gia Gelatto / I Scream for Ice Cream Ride! (proposed, pushed out)
 - o 27-AUG: Toronto Trip (6-day trip), EM, JM, MM, CA, KK, Dave P (England)
 - o 27-AUG: Pennsylvania State HOG Rally
- All ECMC rides are in our calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>
- Please remember to have your bike and riding documentation (licence, insurance, etc.) ready for inspection by the Road Captain for his annual certification.

Secretary (CA)

- Mail call
- Post Office Box fee paid; however, \$154/year seems steep, so CA will look into alternatives
- ECMC website update, members asked to verify their Bike information in the "Gallery" section
- Rumbings newsletter will be transmitted 9th or 10th of June, please submit any articles now

Treasurer (MW)

- Presentation of finances

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

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (EM)

- Report from last AMCC meeting was given
- Seven ECMC members expressed interest in buying AMCC t-shirts for \$26/ea
- EM purchased more AMCC patches, but didn't have them at the meeting
- The 179th AMCC meeting shall take place at the Harbour Masters' Run in October

Bike Blessing

- CA & EM will block Christopher Street for bikes Friday morning, starting at 8am
- CA will e-mail Sirens MC and NJ Eagles to ensure they are invited
- GK has the club bullhorn and will test and bring it to the blessing
- Per EM, all arrangements been made with Ty's
- We will do 50/50 raffle, GP/KK/WC will sell tickets, EM has tickets at Ty's
- MW reports that he has the pamphlets with the prayers for naming ceremony
- MW will collect name/addresses for naming certificate(s),
- WC will create the certificates as per prior years, and
- CA will mail them

Biker Picnic

- MW & Terry P are ready. Concern about cost of meat. MW buying things on sale.
- MW ensured us that there are plenty of "Biker Picnic" pins for the event
- Committed members: AG, EM, ED, JM, GK, WC, MW, DS, CA, GP, MM
- Meet-up times/locations finalised: Sweet Life BRK@9, KSU@10, PIC@12
- Emeritus members have been invited and are excluded from bike-only rule
- CA made a **MOTION** that ECMC allow two non-riding members from two other AMCC clubs attend the Biker Picnic via a cage (car), GP 2nd (defeated) Mark will speak to them *diplomatically* and let them know they can come, but only by motorcycle.
- A reminder: This is a bike ONLY event – no 4-wheeled vehicles!

Folsom Street East

- Committed members: JM, SL, WC, DS, CA, AG, ED, GP, MM, EM
- We need all members for setup/tear-down, time in-between if flexible, be respectful
- We will require four persons at our booth at all times please
- Bikes for FSE: MM's CanAm, AG, EM, JM
- CA & DS will bring their cameras, CA will devise e-mail capture system
- Club reviewed KK's new brochures
- There is no time left to get promotional materials, we will have a drawing, items include:
 - o EM: Leather H-D Vest
 - o DS: Leather Overalls
 - o MW: Leather Shorts
 - o CA: Will check closet for items

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. We will approach the Sirens MC following the parade this month to try to get a commitment.

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

- Tabled to next month: 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 is in the final steps for ordering, manufacturer is requesting a 'vector-based graphic', not flat JPEG image. Sean (Twilight Guard) is creating this presently; however, we might be able to get them to use the JPEG. Total cost is \$600 (as budgeted), a wire transfer to the manufacturer in China will need to be facilitated when we're ready to go.
- DS/AG: present ideas to ECMC brothers regarding charity events and how we can partner up/ contribute (possible guest speaker to assist Darryl)
 - o Mr Friendly (HIV awareness campaign)
 - o Tyler Clemente Foundation for Bullying
- CA made a **MOTION** that the pledge period for TR(p) be extended, MW 2nd. (passed) July shall be his 5th of 6 allowable votes. He still needs two more qualifying rides and Road Captain motorcycle inspection/certification.

New Business

- None

Comments on the record (good & welfare)

- All club brothers, spouses, significant others and/or their special friends are welcome to attend Jose and Eugene's annual rooftop party on Saturday, 27th June at 8:30 p.m. Their address is: 255 West 95th St Apt 6C, New York NY 10025-6335
- Any members that wish to crash in Manhattan during Gay Pride Week, AG has offered space
- This Saturday, 6 June 2015 at 6PM at Ty's, there will be another Keith Haring Food Drive
- The next club conference call will be on Wednesday, 17th June 2015 starting at 8 PM
- The next Open General Meeting will be "Canada Day", Wednesday, 1st July 2015 from 8-9 PM at The Centre on West 13th Street, NYC. Wear something Canadian!

Comments off the record

- Not recorded.

Adjournment

Motion to close meeting made by EM, AG 2nd

Meeting closed at 09:06 PM