

## ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2016

Present: JM, GK, AG, MW, EC, EM, GD, MM, WC DS & SL, plus pledge SG

Guests: Brian V.

Absent: CA, MC, ED, & GP

Meeting called to order at 8:06 P.M. by Vice President JM

Motion to accept the minutes from the February 3, 2016 Open General Meeting made by MM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EM (passed)

### Officer's Reports:

#### **President's Report (JM for CA):**

- WC has elected to resign from Empire City MC, which was accepted by the membership.
- EC made a motion to waive WC's unpaid 2016 dues, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EM (passed)

#### **Vice President's Report (JM):**

- JM spoke with Mike of the Stonewall Inn and confirm December 3, 2016 for the club's Christmas Party/Toy Drive.
- AG's proposed ECMC weekend at Aaron & Yves' Beach House in Sagaponack, NY for September 9-11, 2016 conflicts with the Midnight ride to Ground Zero and thus will be moved to the following weekend of September 16-18, 2016.
- The second orientation meeting for Night of 100 Gowns occurred on March 1, 2016. Currently CA, JM, AG, DS & MM plan to attend as security volunteers on March 12, 2016. EC may attend.
- The following upcoming events are confirmed:
  - March 18-20, 2016 Long Island Ravens Run
  - May 20-22, 2016 Fire Island Leather Weekend with Excelsior (currently JM, MM & EM to attend. DS and SG may attend.)
  - June 17, 2016 ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's
  - June 18, 2016 ECMC Bikers Picnic (EM offered his cabin as an alternative to MW's house as the location for the ECMC annual picnic. Final location TBD at a later time.
  - June 19, 2016 ECMC at Folsom Street East
  - December 3, 2016 ECMC 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive

All events posted to the ECMC calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> by CA.

#### **Road Captain-VP (GK):**

- GK requested to be notified of the rides in which each member plans to participate in 2016.
- Members must present their license, motorcycle registration and insurance to GK before the first official of the season. GK strongly suggested that each member who has not presented these items to him already bring them to April Open General Meeting.
- The following Upcoming rides are confirmed:
  - April 2, 2016 Denino's Pizza (Staten Island, NY)
  - April 24, 2016 HOGS for Hope (Croton-on the Hudson, NY)
  - May 1, 2016 Hogs 4 Hope rain date
  - May 28-30, 2016 ECMC's Biker Weekend (Hemlock, NY)
  - June 5, 2016 Jersey Gay Pride (Asbury, NJ) [proposed]
  - June 12, 2016 Philadelphia Gay Pride (Philadelphia, PA) [proposed]
  - June 26, 2016 Gay Pride Ride (New York, NY)
  - July 1-5, 2016 Canada Day & Independence Day at the Ranch (Hemlock, NY)
  - July 23, 2016 Poolside at the Raven (New Hope, PA)
  - August 5-14, 2016 Montreal Motorcycle Trip (Montreal, Quebec Canada) [tentative]
  - TBD EM's Cabin.

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### **Secretary's Report (AG):**

- MW confirmed that no mail received.
- JM informed the membership that the official address for ECMC has been changed to MW's address, as confirm by USPS.
- AG informed the membership that the club's domain names and webhosting support privileges with atspace.com have been renewed for 2016.
- ECMC 's Rumblings newsletter will be published on March 9, 2016 by CA.

### **Treasurer's Report (MW):**

- Presentation of finances.
- BV paid for his membership application.
- MW presented a check to EC for the Folsom Street pens and a check to AG as reimbursement for payment on the atspace.com renewal.
- There are still outstanding dues owed by members for 2016.
- SL and MM performed the annual financial audit. There were no issues.
- CA to follow-up with the Center about the closure during last month's meeting, as ECMC was not notified. JM to follow-up with CA.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **AMCC Representative:**

- EM will represent ECMC at the AMCC meeting to be held on March 19, 2016 at the Long Island Ravens Run weekend. EM will report on the all AMCC club barnight at the DC Eagle on July 16, 2016 at the next Open General meeting. Eight members expressed interest in the t-shirt associated with the AMCC/DC Eagle event, which will have the AMCC logo along with all the associated clubs.

#### **Inventory Committee: (AG, CA, DS, MM & MW.)**

- Inventory committee will meet at noon on May 14, 2016 at MW's house in Flemington, NJ to access inventory and dispose of non-essential items. The date was still viable for five members. EC may be able to participate. JM and WC will not be participating.

#### **Social Committee: (AG, CA, DS, EC, EM, JM, MM & MW.)**

- Pool night at the Stonewall Inn with the Drag Queens is cancelled.
- The following social events are confirmed:
  - March 10, 2016 Stonewall Inn social night for ECMC.
  - March 17, 2016 ONYX will be hosting its St. Patrick's Day event at Evolve.
  - April 12, 2016 ECMC at Ty's for Fire Flag.

#### **Constitution & By-Laws Committee: (AG, CA & SL.)**

- There were no additional comments from the membership on the revised By-Laws.

#### **ECMC Biker's Picnic Committee:**

- MM, EM, MW SG & JM volunteered for the committee.

#### **2016 Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive Committee:**

- Membership of this committee will be determined at a later time. The budget for the 2016 Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive is \$1000.00. There will be a walk-through of the Stonewall Inn by JM and AG to determine the best layout for the party. The date of the walk-through will be determined at a later time.

### **Old Business:**

- EM informed the membership that there is a delay on the three additional cheese-graters as the Leatherman had to order additional studs, noting that three different sizes of studs are used on the cheese-graters.

- A motion made by MM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MW to extend SG's pledge period. Motion passed. SG has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 3 rides. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 6 votes.
- A motion made by MM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EC to accept BV as an ECMC pledge. Motion passed.
- As there were no additional comments regarding the revision of the By-Laws, the issue was re-tabled until the April Open General at which time the vote to accept the new By-Law will take place.

**New Business:**

- Results of Old Business announced to membership and pledges SG and BV.
- A motion was made by EM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AG to host a barnight at the Fire Island/Excelsior Run with a budget of \$150.00. Motion passed.

**Comments on the Record:**

- The next ECMC conference call will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.
- The next Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 6, 2016 at 8:00 P.M. at The Center located at 208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, N.Y.
- The club welcomed DS back to the club.
- The club wished EM and MM Happy Birthday.

**Comments off the Record:**

- Not recorded.

**Adjournment of Open General Meeting:**

Motion to close the March 2, 2016 Open General Meeting made by EC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by DS. Motion passed.