

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2016

Present: CA, JM, GK, AG, MW, EC, EM, MM, SL, & ED.

Guests: ML.

Absent: MC, GP GD & DS and pledges SG & BV.

Meeting called to order at 8:01 P.M. by President CA.

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 2, 2016 Open General Meeting made by ED, 2nd by MM. Motion passed.

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (CA):

- CA thanked JM for scheduling several social events since taking over the role as V.P. and encouraged the membership support the events by attending whenever possible.
- CA to interview ED for "Meet the Member" in next issue of the newsletter, which will be published on April 13, 2016.

Vice President's Report (JM):

- JM reported positively on the membership's participation in Night of 1000 Gowns, which included CA, JM, AG, MM & DS and a couple of Onyx members.
- As applications for the club's participation in Folsom Street East on June 19, 2016 are available, JM will begin processing it after ED made a motion that the club proceeds with the application with a budget of \$250, 2nd by EC. Motion passed.
- JM will be planning more social events in the coming months, with perhaps another pool night in May at Eastside Billiards.
- JM reminded the membership that the April social event is Firefighter's Night at Ty's on April 12, 2016 from 8PM- 10PM.
- JM agreed to provide updates of the Social Committee under the V.P.'s report rather than separately going forward.
- JM expressed the importance of members attending the month conference calls, as it is likely that major decisions for upcoming events will be discussed on the calls.
- EM's cabin will not be an option for the upcoming ECMC Bikers Picnic. MW's house is still an option for the ECMC annual picnic.
- JM presented the paperwork showing that the official address of the club was changed to MW's address.
- JM mentioned that he still has to recover friendship pins from former member WC.
- The following upcoming events are confirmed:
 - May 20-22, 2016 Fire Island Leather Weekend with Excelsior (currently JM, MM, EM & CA to attend. DS and SG may attend.)
 - June 17, 2016 ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's.
 - June 18, 2016 ECMC Bikers Picnic.
 - June 19, 2016 ECMC at Folsom Street East.
 - December 3, 2016 ECMC 53rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive.

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

Road Captain-VP (GK):

- The ECMC ride scheduled for April 2, 2016 to Denino's Pizza on Staten Island was cancelled due to rain and high winds. It was rescheduled for April 10, 2016 at 10 AM.
- GK has removed "events" from the Ride Schedule. Consistent with our by-laws the Ride Schedule and Event Schedule will be maintained separately.
- GK reminded the membership that sign-up time for the Hogs for Hope Ride is between 9 AM and 11AM at the waterfall. We will meet at the Lexington Candy Shop Diner at 8:30 AM, kickstands up at 9:30 AM.
- The following Upcoming rides are confirmed:
 - 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)

- June 12, 2016 Philadelphia Gay Pride (Philadelphia, PA)
- 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) [proposed]
- August 5-14, 2016 Montreal Motorcycle Trip (Montreal, Quebec Canada) [tentative]

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Secretary's Report (AG):

- MW confirmed that no mail received.
- AG will be taking over publishing the monthly newsletter shortly.
- ECMC 's Rumblings newsletter will be published on April 13, 2016 by CA.

Treasurer's Report (MW):

- Presentation of finances.
- MW reported that the Center did not charge the club for the month of February as the meeting space was unavailable due closure of the Center because of water damage. As a courtesy, the Center did not charge the club for the month of January. We paid for only 10 meeting spaces in 2016. EM cosigned the check to the Center.
- DS still has outstanding dues for 2016.

Motion to accept the Officers' Reports made by AG, 2nd by EM. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

- There will be no t-shirts associated with the AMCC/DC Eagle event.
- EM informed the membership of AMCC club barnight that will be held at the Washington DC Eagle on July 15, 2016.
- AMCC wants the club to host their October meeting which the membership scheduled for October 15, 2016 located TBD.

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

- Inventory committee will meet at noon on May 14, 2016 at MW's house in Flemington, NJ.

Social Committee:

- Updates on the Social Committee will be presented by JM in the V.P.'s Officer Report going forward.

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. JM will consider option for location.
- CA suggested a Poker Run in either New Jersey or Pennsylvania as an option to the traditional Biker's Picnic.

2016 Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive Committee:

- Membership of this committee will be determined at a later time.

Old Business:

- EM informed the membership that the new cheese-graters from the Leatherman will be available shortly.
- A motion made by EM, 2nd by GK to extend SG's pledge period. Motion passed. SG has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 3 rides. This was the 3rd of 6 votes.

- A motion made by AG, 2nd by EC to extend BV's pledge period. Motion passed. BV has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 3 rides. This was the 1st of 6 votes.
- ML applied as a new pledge of ECMC. He will be sponsored by JM and EC. Motion made to accept the application of ML by MW, 2nd EC. Motion passed.
- EC will order two additional pledge pins.

New Business:

- Results of Old Business announced to membership and new pledge ML.
- Motion to accept the new By-Laws, which had been tabled since the club's January meeting, was presented for vote. Motion passed.

Comments on the Record:

- The next ECMC conference call will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 8:00 P.M.
- The next Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 4, 2016 at 8:00 P.M. at The Center located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y.

Comments off the Record:

- Not recorded.

Adjournment of Open General Meeting:

Motion to close the April 6, 2016 Open General Meeting made by AG, 2nd by SL. Motion passed.