

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2016

Present: CA, JM, GK, MW, AG - EC, ED, SL, EM, MM &, plus pledges SG, ML & BV.

Guests: KK & TP.

Absent: GD & DS.

Meeting called to order at 7:58 P.M. by President CA

Motion to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2016 Open General Meeting made by JM, 2nd by MW (passed)

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (CA):

- CA stated the importance of attending the monthly teleconference call, as many decisions concerning upcoming events, rides and other club activities will be discussed and finalized on the call.
- CA expressed concern regarding the number of attendees currently signed up for Biker Weekend, which is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.
- CA requested that secretary AG send Terry Marzilli a thank you card for his donation of \$40.00 for the club's Biker Weekend.

Vice President's Report (JM):

- The following upcoming events are confirmed:
 - May 17, 2016 Stonewall Inn (an ECMC social event)
 - May 20-22, 2016 Fire Island Leather Weekend/Excelsior Run
 - May 26, 2016 Eastside Billiards (an ECMC social event)
 - June 17, 2016 ECMC's Bike Blessing at Ty's
 - June 18, 2016 ECMC's Bikers Picnic (location TBD)
 - June 19, 2016 ECMC at Folsom Street East
 - August 17, 2016 Coney Island Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees at Staten Island [tentative]
 - September 9-11, 2016 ECMC at Aaron & Yves (Sagaponack, NY) [tentative]
 - December 3, 2016 ECMC 53rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive

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

VP Road Captain's Report (GK):

GK thanked JM for filling in as Road Captain for the Hogs for Hope Ride on April 24, 2016.

GK, CA, KK & ML attended the Bike Blessing at the Manhattan Harley Davidson dealership on April 30, 2016.

GK requested the membership update the ride attendance sheet, which he distributed via email and also inform him of any planned vacations that may conflict with future scheduled rides.

Any members who have not presented their license, registration and proof of insurance to the Road Captain must do so as soon as possible. (CA, JM, AG & MW)

Pledge ML has completed his three (3) mandatory rides with the club. Pledges SG & BV has each completed two (2) mandatory rides.

- The following Upcoming rides are confirmed:
 - 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 NYC Gay Pride Ride (New York, NY)
 - July 1-5, 2016 Canada Day & Independence Day at the Ranch (Hemlock, NY)
 - July 16, 2016 AMCC All-Club Barnight at the DC Eagle (Washington D.C.)
 - July 23, 2016 Poolside at the Raven (New Hope, PA)
 - August 5-14, 2016 Montreal Motorcycle Trip (Montreal, Quebec Canada) [tentative]
 - September 9-11, 2016 ECMC at Aaron & Yves' Home (Sagaponack, NY) [tentative]

- September 10, 2016 WTC Midnight Ride to Ground Zero (New York, NY)

The club has tabled planning an event with the Out Cycling Bicycle Club for June 12, 2016 as there is a conflict with our trip to Philadelphia Gay Pride.

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Secretary's Report (AG):

- MW confirmed that the only mail received was the \$40.00 donation check from Terry Marzilli for the Bikers Weekend.
- AG will be the Meet the Member interviewed for the May edition of ECMC's newsletter Rumbblings, which will be published on May 11, 2016.
- AG & CA to discuss division of Secretary's duties, including the ECMC monthly newsletter.

Treasurer's Report (MW):

- Presentation of finances.
- DS still owes his annual club dues.

Motion to accept all Officers' Reports made by EC, 2nd by EM (passed).

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

- The next AMCC meeting will be hosted by ECMC on October 15, 2016.

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

- Inventory committee to meet at MW's house in Flemington, NJ to access inventory and dispose of non-essential items on May 14, 2016. [tentative]. CA proposed a ride from NYC to MW's house in Flemington, NJ and after the inventory meeting an additional ride to Dilly's for lunch.

Bike Blessing Committee: (CA, JM, MW . . .)

The tasks for the Bike Blessing on June 17, 2016 have been assigned as follows:

- Mark parking spots "Reserved" in front of Ty's (CA, EM)
- Christening Certificate Registration (JM)
- Blessing Brochures (MW)
- Liaison to Ty's, including food, beverages and decorations (EM)

Biker's Picnic Committee: (JM, MW, EM, MM & SG)

- The budget for the Biker's Picnic was set at \$350.00 during the Club's conference call on April 20, 2016.
- As a potential new location for the Biker's Picnic is the Tides Hotel in Asbury Park which has offered private use of their pool for the event for \$444.00. JM will confirm with Ryan of the Tides Hotel the number of guests that will be covered by the amount, but believes the amount is for 35 persons. JM will also confirm if the price includes salads, fruit and dessert. JM suggested that the additional amount over the original \$350.00 budget may be worth developing a relationship with the Tides Hotel for a later ECMC event.
- A majority of members expressed some interest in having the Biker's Picnic at the Tides Hotel.
- If there is a potential to lose the date at the Tides Hotel before the monthly teleconference schedule for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 the membership may be asked to vote by email on having the event at the Tides Hotel.
- Motion to spent up to \$450.00 on the Biker's Picnic if held at the Tides Hotel made by EC, 2nd by MM (passed).

Folsom Street East Committees: (JM, . . .)

- EC will permit the use of his tent at Folsom Street East. Additionally, EC will bring the pens he ordered as giveaways for the event. EC will check if he has any other giveaway materials from past Folsom East events for the club's use this year.
- "Biker-For-a-Day" photo shoot will again be a part of ECMC participation's in Folsom East. AG, ED and MM have volunteered their bikes for the event.

Annual Week-Long Trip Montreal Quebec CA: (CA, . . .)

- The club's annual week-long trip is scheduled to Montreal Canada for August 5-14, 2016, which will coincide was Montreal Gay Pride.

ECMC 52nd Anniversary Weekend Committee: (JM, AA, . . .)

- CA discussed the proposed schedule of events for the club's annual anniversary weekend.
 - The AMCC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at The Center or another location TBD.
 - The anniversary dinner is tentatively scheduled for 6:00 PM on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at a "sit-down and serve" restaurant. Havana de Cuba is the proposed location, but the final location is still TBD. The price quoted to JM to have the event at Havana is \$45.00 per person, which will include menu items for our vegan members and the other members with dietary restrictions.
 - The bar night is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 PM on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at either the Eagle or Ty's, but the final location is still TBD.
 - The farewell brunch is tentatively scheduled for 12:00 PM on Sunday, October 16, 2016, but the final location is still TBD.

2016 Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive Committee:

- Details for the Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive will be determined at a later time.

Old Business:

- The 3 additional cheese-graters are done. MW will provide EM with a check to reimburse him for the cost of the new cheese-graters. Additionally, we have the cheese-grater of former member WC; however we still need to collect friendship pins from him.
- Motion to extend SG's pledge period made by EC, 2nd by EM (passed). Members voted to extend SG's pledge period. SG has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 1 ride.
- Motion to extend BV's pledge period made by AG, 2nd by MM (passed). Members voted to extend BV's pledge period. BV has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 1 ride.
- Motion to extend ML's pledge period made by EC, 2nd by MW (passed). Members voted to extend ML's pledge period. ML has fulfilled all full membership requirements except the mandatory pledge period.
- GP requested to reduce his participation in ECMC from full membership "on reserve" to an Associate Member, as he is no longer able to fulfill the requirements for full membership. Motion to accept GP's request to become an Associate Member made by EC, 2nd by EM (passed). GP will owe dues as an Associate Member.
- DS still owes his 2016 club dues, which have now been outstanding for 4 months. DS is now on a mandatory probationary period of 2 months due to the outstanding dues. AG will contact DS about his outstanding dues and that his attendance at the June Open General Meeting is expected.

New Business:

- CA announced the results of the Old Business.
- CA proposed the Coney Island Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees at Staten Island as a social event for Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at \$55.00 per person.
- EC requested additional friendship pins. Other members who need more friendship pins may request them and the pins will be distributed at the next Open General Meeting.
- MW will determine which members have given a deposit for their cheese-graters, as it is likely that some long-time members received their cheese-graters before deposits were required.

Comments on the Record:

- The next ECMC conference call will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 8:00 PM.
- The next Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 8:00 PM at The Center located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
- AG owes the club \$10.00 for attending the meeting without colors.
- ED did not receive a cheese-grater when he became a full member.

Comments off the Record:

- Not recorded.

Adjournment of Open General Meeting:

Motion to close the May 4, 2016 Open General Meeting made by SL, 2nd by AG (passed). Meeting was closed at 9:14 PM.