

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2016

Present: CA, JM, GK, MW, AG - EC, ED, SL, EM, MM & DS, plus pledges SG, ML & BV.
Guests: MD (Loki), KK.
Absent: GD.

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

Motion to accept the minutes from the May 4, 2016 Open General Meeting made by MM, 2nd by ED (passed)

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (CA):

- Introduction of new Prospect MD (Loki) to the membership.
- CA presented the award giving to ECMC from the Ranch at Biker Weekend.
- CA thanked JM, MC, ED, SL, pledge BV and new Prospect MD for their participation in Biker Weekend, which was a successful event for the club.
- 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.

Vice President's Report (JM):

- The following upcoming events are scheduled:
 - June 9, 2016 Eastside Billiards, a club social event [later cancelled due to lack of participation]
 - June 17, 2016 ECMC's Bike Blessing at Ty's
 - June 18, 2016 ECMC's Bikers Picnic at the Tides Hotel
 - June 19, 2016 ECMC at Folsom Street East
 - August 17, 2016 Coney Island Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees at Staten Island
 - 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):

CA, as Road Captain by proxy provided a recap of Biker Weekend Ride in the President's Report.

A Ride to EM's cabin will be scheduled after work on the cabin is completed, which is expected to be done shortly.

The Ride to MW's home for the Inventory Review was cancelled and still need to be rescheduled, as well as the Ride to Dilly's.

The Ride to Jersey Gay Pride in Asbury Park, NJ was cancelled due to the high likelihood of thunderstorms.

All members have presented their license, registration and proof of insurance to the Road Captain.

Pledge SG has one more mandatory ride to complete.

- The following upcoming rides are confirmed:
 - June 5, 2016 Jersey Gay Pride (Asbury, NJ). [cancelled]
 - June 12, 2016 Philadelphia Gay Pride (Philadelphia, PA) [tentative]
 - June 26, 2016 NYC Gay Pride Ride (New York, NY).
(Registration for Gay Pride Ride as now available at the NYC Sirens website; a link to the Siren's website is provides on the ECMC website)
 - July 1-5, 2016 Canada Day & Independence Day at the Ranch (Hemlock, NY).
 - July 9-17, 2016 Bear-Weekend, Provincetown, MA.
 - July 16-17, 2016 AMCC All-Club Barnight at the DC Eagle (Washington D.C.)
(Paul Rose distributed hotel information for the weekend.)
 - 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) [tentative]

The Road Captain requests that the membership notify him of any plan vacations so rides will not be scheduled when members are not available.

As some members are unable to attend overnight rides, CA encouraged scheduling day rides, evenings and even short rides, whenever members are available. A ride just needs to be posted to the calendar 48 hours in advance in order to qualify as an "Official Ride".

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

Secretary's Report (AG):

- Terry Marzilli was mailed a thank you card for his donation for the Bikers Weekend.
- CA confirmed responses to his emails to the executive officers inboxes.
- MC will be the Meet the Member interviewed for the June edition of ECMC's newsletter Rumblings, which will be published on June 8, 2016.
- AG & CA to discuss division of Secretary's duties, including the ECMC monthly newsletter.
- MW confirmed no mail was received for ECMC.

Treasurer's Report (MW):

- Presentation of finances.
- DS paid his 2016 club dues.
- MD paid his pledge application fee.
- MW reimbursed EM for the cheese-graters.
- Reimbursement to GP for his patches was equal to his pro-rated dues.
- KK was reimbursed for his expenses for Biker Weekend.
- AG paid for forgetting his colors last Open General Meeting.

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

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

- The next AMCC meeting will be July 16, 2016 in Washington DC
- ECMC will be hosted the AMCC meeting on October 15, 2016.

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

- Inventory committee to meet at MW's house in Flemington, NJ was tentatively rescheduled for August 20, 2016 with 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. A definitive date will be determined at the July Open General Meeting.

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)

A final attempt will be made to determine the location of the megaphone.

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

- CA explained how EventBrite.com payments work for the Biker Picnic.
- Currently 10 people have registered for the Biker's Picnic at the Tides Hotel.

- Motion was made by EC to increase the number of attendees to the Biker Picnic to 35 people with the resulting budget of \$600.00, 2nd by MW. (passed).

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

- EC will permit the use of his tent at Folsom Street East. EC will bring the pens he ordered as giveaways for the event and will check if he has any other giveaway materials from past Folsom East events for the club's use this year.
- The motorcycle simulator from Motorcycle Safety School requires indoor use and thus, was tabled for use at this event. However, MSS will forward brochures for ECMC to hand out at Folsom East.
- "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, . . .) – August 5-14, 2016

- JM, EC, ED and MM, new pledge MD expressed interested in going.

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

- CA and JM reviewed the 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.

JM will report to the membership once locations have been finalized.

2016 Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive Committee:

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

Old Business:

- We still need to collect friendship pins from former club member WC.
- CA distributed friendship pins to those members who requested them.
- Motion to extend SG's pledge period made by EC, 2nd by MW (passed). Members voted to extend SG's pledge period. SG has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 1 ride.
- Motion to accept BV as full member made by MW, 2nd by MM (passed).
- Motion to extend ML's pledge period made by MW, 2nd by AG (passed). ML has fulfilled all full membership requirements except the mandatory pledge period.
- Motion to accept MD as ECMC's newest pledge made by JM, 2nd by MW (passed). Road Captain to reviewed MD's registration, license and insurance.
- DS welcomed back to ECMC and his probationary period ended upon payment of his 2016 dues.

New Business:

- CA announced the results of the Old Business.
- BV welcomed as ECMC's newest full member. BV dues will be pro-rated for 2016.
- Motion to accept the amendment to the ECMC Constitution on the term-limited of executive board members as email by CA to the club members on May 10, 2016 proposed by AG, 2nd by MM. (passed). To be voted on again at the next tow Open General Meetings.
- CA proposed a special class taught by MSS for eight or more riders on their owner motorcycles. The membership expressed interest. CA will follow-up with MSS.

Comments on the Record:

- KK congratulated on accepting a job with AT&T.
- 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. Members should contact KK if they have an interest in attending.
- Motion made by ED for KK to purchase 20 confetti guns at a total of \$60.00 for the membership to have for the Gay Pride Ride, 2nd MW. (passed)
- The next Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 6, 2016 at 8:00 PM at The Center located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
- The next Teleconference will be held on Wednesday June 15, 2016 at 8:00 PM. Call in information (number and password) is available on our website.

Comments off the Record:

- Not recorded.

Adjournment of Open General Meeting:

Motion to close the June 1, 2016 Open General Meeting made by BV, 2nd by EC (passed). Meeting was closed at 9:22 PM.