

## **ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2016**

Present: CA, JM, GK, MW, AG - EC, ED, SL, EM, MM, DS & BV, plus pledges MD, SG & ML and prospect WP.  
Guests: KK & JD.  
Absent: N/A

Meeting called to order at 8:03 P.M. by President CA

Motion to accept the minutes from the June 1, 2016 Open General Meeting made by EM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EC (passed)

### **Officer's Reports:**

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

- CA reported positively on Independence Day/Biker Weekend at the Ranch in Hemlock, NY.
- CA requested that secretary AG send David Heitholt (aka Flash Onyx) and K.K. thank you cards for making the photo-shoot at Folsom Street East a very successful event.
- CA stated the importance of attending the monthly conference call in order for the various committees to report their activities back to the membership.
- CA thanked K.K. for the "most amazing" confetti guns for the NYC Gay Pride March.

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

- JM reported on the success of both Folsom Street East and the NYC Gay Pride March and thanked the members who were able to attend the Biker's Picnic.
- The following upcoming events are confirmed:
  - August 17, 2016 Coney Island Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees at Staten Island.
  - September 9-11, 2016 ECMC Weekend at Aaron & Yves' home, Sagaponack, NY.
  - September 29 – October 3, 2016 Mates Leather Weekend, Provincetown, MA.
  - October 15, 2016 ECMC Hosts AMCC Meeting at the Stonewall Inn, NY, NY.
  - October 15, 2016 ECMC's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Havana Alma de Cuba, NY, NY.
  - October 15, 2016 ECMC's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Barnight at the Stonewall Inn or the Eagle, NY, NY.
  - October 16, 2016 ECMC's 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Farewell Brunch [proposed/ location TBD].
  - December 3, 2016 ECMC 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive at the Stonewall Inn, NY, NY.

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

#### **VP Road Captain's Report (GK):**

- GK reminded the membership of the ride to Provincetown, MA for Bear Weekend; the ride to Provincetown will be led by EC.

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

Pledges SG & ML have completed their three (3) mandatory rides with the club.

- The following Upcoming rides are confirmed:
  - July 9-16, 2016 Bear Weekend, Provincetown MA.
  - July 16-17, 2016 AMCC All-Club Barnight at the DC Eagle, Washington D.C.
  - July 23, 2016 Poolside at the Raven, New Hope, PA.
  - August 11-16, 2016 Montreal Motorcycle Trip, Montreal, Quebec Canada.
  - August 20, 2016 Inventory Review & Fun Ride to Dilly's (Inventory Committee) to MW's home, Flemington, NJ.
  - August 27, 2016 Ride to EM's Cabin in the woods.
  - September 9-11, 2016 ECMC Weekend at Aaron & Yves' home, Sagaponack, NY.
  - September 10, 2016 WTC Midnight Ride to Ground Zero, New York, NY.
  - September 24, 2016 Fallen Heroes Run, Easton, PA.

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

- MW confirmed that ECMC received no mail since the last meeting.
- AG reported that we extended invitations to four riders who expressed interest in joining ECMC.
- Responsibility for the publication of the ECMC monthly newsletter will transition to AG in July. MC will be the next "Meet-the-Member" interviewed for the July newsletter.

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

- Presentation of finances.
- DV paid his pro-rated annual dues.

Motion to accept all Officers' Reports made by BV, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EC - passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**AMCC Representative:**

- The next AMCC event will be the AMCC All-Club Bar Night on July 16, 2016, Washington D.C. ECMC will act as proxy for the Long Island Ravens. CA will contact Joanne to let her know that an ECMC member will be available to assist with Bar Night.
- The next AMCC meeting will be hosted by ECMC on October 15, 2016.
- Membership discussed reserving a block of rooms for attendees to the ECMC Anniversary Weekend events.

**Inventory Committee: (CA, EC, MD, JM, MW, AG, MM, & DS / ED, GK & BV are tentative)**

- Inventory committee to meet at MW's house in Flemington, NJ to access inventory and dispose of non-essential items on August 20, 2016. Following the inventory meeting there will be an additional ride to Dilly's for lunch.

**Bike Blessing Committee: (wrap-up report)**

- JM will mail Christening Certificates shortly.
- AG will send a thank you card to Ty's for hosting the Biker Blessing and the champagne and pizza they provided for our members and guests.

**Biker's Picnic Committee: (wrap-up report)**

- The actual expense for the Biker Picnic ended up being at \$255.00. CA thanked JM for his efforts in planning the event.
- All deposits for the event have been refunded to the attendees, with 100% participation.
- MW suggested that ECMC email attendees for feedback on the event, including feedback on the deposit process ECMC employed for the first time this year.

**Folsom Street East Committees: (wrap-up report)**

- "Biker-For-a-Day" photos were emailed to participants within 5 days of the event.

"Wrap-up" discussions of the Biker Blessing, the Biker Picnic and Folsom Street East will be held on the July 20, 2016 ECMC conference call.

**Annual Weeklong Trip Montreal Quebec CA: (CA, . . .)**

- The club's annual trip is scheduled to Montreal Canada for August 11-16, 2016, which will coincide with Montreal Gay Pride. CA elaborated on the cost and other details of the trip. Those members who are attending the trip must confirm by August 3, 2016.

**ECMC 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Weekend Committee: (JM, AA, . . .)**

- CA discussed the proposed schedule of events and locations for the club's Annual Anniversary Weekend, which will be discussed in greater detail on the July 20, 2016 ECMC conference call.

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

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

**Old Business:**

- Friendship pins from former ECMC member WC are still outstanding.
- CA surveyed the membership for participation in the Level II New York Motorcycle Safety Class.
- EC to order additional club name pins.
- Motion to extend full membership to SG made EC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by BV - passed.
- Motion to extend full membership to ML made EM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EC - passed.
- Motion to extend MD's pledge period made by EC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MM. Members voted to extend MD's pledge period. MD has fulfilled all full membership requirements except 1 ride. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> votes.

**New Business:**

- CA announced the results of the Old Business.
- Amendment to the ECMC Constitution regarding the term limits for all officers was re-tabled until the August 3, 2016 Open General Meeting when the final vote will take place.
- Prospect WP introduced himself to the membership and expressed interest in pledging to ECMC as a full member.
- WP to provide license, registration and proof of insurance to Road Captain GK before his first official ride with the club.
- GD resigned as a member of ECMC. CA accepted GD's resignation.

**Comments on the Record:**

- The next ECMC conference call will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 8:00 PM.
- The next Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM at The LBGT Center located at 208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, N.Y.
- GK commented positively on the "recent" article on the club in Union Magazine UK.

**Comments off the Record:**

- Not recorded.

**Adjournment of Open General Meeting:**

Motion to close the July 6, 2016 Open General Meeting made by AG, 2<sup>nd</sup> by EM - passed. Meeting was closed at 9:02 PM.