

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2016

Present: CA, JM, GK, MW and AG - ED, SG, ML, MM and DS, plus pledges MD and prospect WP.

Guests: KK.

Absent: EC, SL, EM and BV.

Meeting called to order at 8:13 P.M. by President CA.

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

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (CA):

- CA takes a final roll-call of those members interested in the ride to Montreal scheduled from August 11, 2016 through August 16, 2016. CA will cancel the hotel rooms he reserved as each of the four members attending the ride indicates they have made their own hotel arrangements. The departure time for the Montreal ride will be Thursday morning, August 11, 2016 at the Candy Counter at 9:00 A.M. for breakfast and 10:00 A.M. for departure. Members are also reminded to bring their passports.
- CA takes a roll-call of those members assisting the Inventory Committee and attending the Fun Ride led by MW to take place after inventory of the club's property is completed. (AG, MM, WP, MD, MW JM & GK) The departure time for the Inventory Ride will be Saturday morning, August 20, 2016 at GK's home in Staten Island at 10:00 A.M.
- CA takes a roll-call of those members interested in the Ride to Eddie's Shack scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 2016. (CA, MD, MW JM & GK). The departure time, route and meet-up locations for the Ride to Eddie's Shack will be determined by the Road Captain at a later time.
- CA takes a roll-call of those members interested in the ride and weekend at Aaron & Yves' Home in Sagaponack, NY. (SG, MD, WP, MM & JM). The departure time for the ride will be determined at a later time.
- CA takes a roll-call of those members interested in the ride/weekend trip to the Three Rivers' 25th Anniversary & United 93 Ride. (CA, MD, WP, MM & ML).
- No member expressed interest in the Fallen Heroes Run scheduled for September 24, 2016 but JM advised individual members to contact Matt Kent for more information about the ride.
- CA discussed the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2016 and the ride's restrictions to certain types of motorcycles.
- CA takes a roll-call of those members attending the Mates Leather Weekend in Provincetown, MA scheduled from September 30, 2016 through October 2, 2016. (CA, MD, ML & MM). CA will investigate hotel accommodations for the weekend.
- CA stated the importance of attending the monthly conference call in order for the various committees to report their activities back to the membership.

Vice President's Report (JM):

- JM provides a recap of Bear Week in Provincetown, MA.
- The following upcoming events are confirmed:
 - August 17, 2016 Coney Island Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees at Staten Island, NY.
 - September 9-11, 2016 ECMC Ride & Weekend at Aaron & Yves' Home, Sagaponack, NY.
 - September 30 – October 2, 2016 Mates Leather Weekend, Provincetown, MA.
 - October 14 -16, 2016 ECMC 52nd Anniversary Weekend and AMCC's 182nd Meeting.
 - October 14, 2016 ECMC Weekend Opening Barnight at Ty's Bar at 114 Christopher Street, New York, NY.
 - October 15, 2016 ECMC hosts AMCC's 182nd Meeting at the Stone Wall Inn, 2nd Floor at 53 Christopher Street, New York, NY.
 - October 15, 2016 ECMC 52nd Anniversary Dinner locations T/B/D.
 - October 15, 2016 ECMC 52nd Anniversary Barnight at the Stone Wall Inn, 2nd Floor at 53 Christopher Street, New York, NY.
 - October 16, 2016 ECMC's 52nd Anniversary Farewell Brunch at the Skyline Diner at 402 West 34th Street, New York, NY.
 - November 26, 2016 Bucks MC's 43rd Annual Santa Saturday at Paradise at 101 Asbury Ave, Asbury Park, N.J.

- December 3, 2016 ECMC 53rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive at the Stonewall Inn, 2nd Floor at 53 Christopher Street, New York, NY.
- Members discussed Cowgirl's Hall of Fame as a possible location for the ECMC 52nd Anniversary Dinner, including the menu, beverage and vegan options and potential cost.
- All events posted to the ECMC calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> by CA.

VP Road Captain's Report (GK):

- GK recapped the July 23, 2016 ride to the Pool Party at Raven in New Hope, P.A.
- The following Upcoming rides are confirmed:
 - August 11-16, 2016 Montreal Motorcycle Trip, Montreal, Quebec Canada.
 - August 20, 2016 Inventory Committee Review at Mark's Home & Fun Ride to Dilly's.
 - August 27, 2016 Ride to EM's Shack.
 - September 9-11, 2016 ECMC Ride/Weekend to Aaron & Yves' Home.
 - September 10, 2016 WTC Midnight Ride to Ground Zero, New York, N.Y.

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Secretary's Report (AG):

- MW confirmed that ECMC received no mail since the last meeting.
- DS will be the next "Meet-the-Member" interviewed for the August newsletter.

Treasurer's Report (MW):

- Presentation of finances.
- EC was reimbursed for the ECMC name-tags he ordered.
- EM requires ECMC to issue a new check for one he lost. MW will attempt to have the stop payment fee forgiven by the bank.

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

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative: (EM)

- A recap of the AMCC meeting in Washington DC was tabled for the current meeting in the absence of EM.

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

- As discussed under the President's Report.

Montreal Road Trip: (CA, JM, EC, ED, MM and MD)

- As discussed under the President's Report.

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

- As discussed under the President's Report. CA advocated moving forward with Cowgirl's Hall of Fame as the location for the Anniversary Weekend Dinner.

2016 Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive Committee: (JM, AG, . . .)

- Details for the Annual Holiday Party/Toy Drive will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Old Business:

- Friendship pins from former ECMC member WC are still outstanding.
- CA briefly discussed the email he recently received regarding the Level II New York Motorcycle Safety Class, the details of which will be discussed at a later time.
- Membership discussed the pledge application of prospect WP.
- Motion to extend MD's pledge period made by MM, 2nd by AG (passed). Members voted to extend MD's pledge period. MD has fulfilled all full membership requirements except the 3 month mandatory pledge period. This was the 2nd of 6th votes.
- Motion to accept the application for full member of WP made ED, 2nd by MM (passed). Members voted to accept the pledge application of WP. WP's sponsors are JM and GK.

New Business:

- CA announced the results of the Old Business.
- Amendment to the ECMC Constitution regarding the term limits for all officers passed by four-fifths 4/5 of full voting membership.
- JM handed-out Christening Certificates from the Biker Blessing to the membership.
- Congrats to MM who will retain his title as Southeast Leather Sir for another year.

Comments on the Record:

- There will not be an ECMC conference call held in August of 2016 due the conflict with Coney Island Cyclones vs. Staten Island Yankees game.
- The next Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 8:00 PM at The LBGT 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 August 3 2016 Open General Meeting made by ED, 2nd by AG (passed). Meeting was closed at 9:21 PM.