

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2017

	Officers	Members	Guests
Present:	Chaz A. – President Ed C. – Vice President Brian V. – Road Captain Mike M. – Treasurer Aaron G. – Secretary	Earl D. Steve G. Scott L. Mario L. Joe M. Eddie M. Darryl S. Mark W.	Jack D. K. K. Emil S. – Emeritus Member
Absent:		Loki D. Geno K. William P.	

Meeting called to order at 7:57 P.M. by President Chaz A.

Motion to accept the minutes from the January 4, 2016 Open General Meeting: Mark W., 2nd by Darryl S. (P)

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

- Our bar-night at the D.C. Eagle during M.A.L. Weekend was such a success that President, Chaz A. proposed that the club host two additional bar-nights at the D.C. Eagle in 2017. Chaz A. also proposed two additional ECMC events in New York City this year.
- Chaz A. suggested the club consider an ECMC point system, which might help assist members with deferring the some of the cost of attend ECMC events.

Vice President's Report:

- V.P. Ed C. informed club members of the Pennsmen Run scheduled for March 3-5, 2017 in Harrisburg Pennsylvania.
- V.P. Ed C. reminded club members of the event "Gay Gotham", an exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York located at 1220 5th Avenue New York, NY scheduled for February 4, 2017 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Chaz A. notified the club of available group discounts for those interested in attending.
- The Philadelphians will hold their annual Mr. & Ms. Leather at the Bus Stop on Saturday, February 11, 2017.
- Ed C. reported that the club will be present in Washington D.C. for the National Pride March & Protest scheduled for June 11, 2017, and proposed a bar-night on Friday, June 10, 2017 at the D.C. Eagle.
- The following upcoming events are confirmed:
 - June 16, 2017 ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's.
 - June 17, 2017 ECMC Bikers Picnic. (Location TBD at a later time.)
 - June 18, 2017 ECMC attending, but not participating in Folsom Street East.
 - December 2, 2017 ECMC 53rd Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive at the Stonewall Inn.

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

V.P. Road Captain's Report:

- The following upcoming rides are confirmed:
 - April 6-9, 2017 Bears, Biker & Mayhem (Gettysburg, PA)
 - April 30, 2017 HOGS for Hope (Croton-on the Hudson, NY)
 - May 26-29, 2017 ECMC's Motorcycle Weekend (Hemlock, NY)
 - June 4, 2017 New Jersey Pride Parade (Asbury Park, NJ)
 - June 11, 2017 Ride to Washington D.C. for the National Pride March & Protest (New York to Washington, D.C.)
 - June 17, 2017 ECMC's Biker Picnic (Location TBD at a later time.)
 - June 25, 2017 Gay Pride Ride (New York, NY)
- Chaz A. recommended that club members attending the National Pride March & Protest make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.
- Brian V. asked if club members were interested in a weekend at the Gargoyle House in Newbury, Vermont.
- Chaz A. asked if club members were interested in returning to Montreal Pride for a second year.
- Steve G. suggested a Biker Blessing Ride that takes place on Long Island. More information to come.

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Secretary's Report:

- The club received a Christmas card from Paul Rose.
- The February/March ECMC newsletter, which will be published on or about February 23, 2017.
- Chaz A. will be the "Meet the Member" for the February/March ECMC Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mike M. reminded club members to pay their 2017 annual club dues.
- Mike M. reported on the club's finances and account activity.
- The annual club audit of financials was completed, including new signers on the club's accounts and inspection of the club's safety deposit box. Nothing additional to report.

Motion to accept all of the Officers' Reports: Joe M., 2nd by Mark w. (P)

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

- Eddie M will be attending the next AMCC meeting scheduled for March 3-5, 2017 and hosted by the Pennsmen in Harrisburg PA.
- The club's still needs to request AMCC's opinion on the donation of other club's colors to the Leather Archive.

2017 ECMC Calendar Committee:

- Aaron G. reported that has broken even on the cost of the calendars and have about 20 calendars to gift to friends of the club.

Archive Committee:

- Chaz A. reported that the club's archive efforts are now scheduled to conclude by April of 2017.

Memorial Day Motorcycle Weekend:

- Plans are in the developmental stage. More information to come, but Chaz A. has already contacted the Lima Country Club Lima, NY.

Social Committee:

- The Pub Crawl with Excelsior Club is tentatively scheduled for February 17, 2017 at the Phoenix Bar, New York, NY.
- Chaz A. reported on the clubs trip to the New York Transit Museum on January 29, 2017.
- Chaz A. informed the club of the tile mosaic of Patrick and Thor of the Iron Guard on the wall of the 2nd Avenue train station.
- Trip to "Gay Gotham" reported under the President's Report. Meet-up will be at 12:00 noon at the Lexington Candy Shop for those having brunch and at 1:00 P.M. for those only attending the exhibit.
- Chaz A. reported on the event "Excelsior Club Night Out" at the Excelsior Bar in Brooklyn, NY.
- The club's "Modern Pinball" Event will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at Modern Pinball New York NY.
- Ed C. reminded club members of Onyx's Pre-Valentine Love Leather & Lace at Evolve New York NY on February 9, 2017.

2017 Biker Weekend and 2017 Biker Picnic:

- More information to come shortly.

Old Business:

- Mark W. submitted the application for the meeting room at the LBGT Center, but ECMC has yet to receive the bill.
- Aaron G. report that the club's website hosting dues with Atspace.com were paid. Receipt for reimbursement is forthcoming.
- Progress to the cheese-graters and one vinyl cheese-grater will be followed-up on shortly.

New Business:

- Ed C. suggested the club start doing a cost projection "budget" report for anticipated annual expenses.

Comments on the Record:

- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 1, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. at The Center located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
- The next ECMC conference call scheduled March 15, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

Comments off the Record:

- Not recorded.

Adjournment of Open General Meeting:

- Motion to close the February 1, 2017 Open General Meeting made by Mark W., 2nd by Darryl S. (P).
- Meeting was closed at 8:54 PM.