

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – April 5, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Vice President, Ed C.

Motion to accept the minutes from the March 1, 2017 Open General Meeting: Mark W., 2nd by Darryl S. (P)

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

- Vice President Ed C. introduced journalist Joseph J to the membership. Joseph J. is a contributing writer to Metro newspaper and is doing an article on the club.
- Members interested in attending the Tribeca Film Festival to see to international premiere of Tom of Finland movie should get in touch with Gabriel R. of Excelsior MC NYC for tickets and arrangements to go as a group on April 23, 2017.
- Members interested in the Rusty Rider Course should get in touch with President Chaz A. Potential dates times and locations are listed in the April 2017 meeting agenda.
- V.P. Ed C. reported on the Pennsmen KCR 2017 event that took place in Harrisburg PA on March 3-5, 2017. The event was attended by Ed C., Mike M. and Eddie M.
- President Chaz A. who attended the Conductors Leather Club Run in Nashville TN will report on the event at the next open general meeting.
- Mark W. attended and reported on the Pocono Warrior 39th Anniversary Dinner that took place on March 25, 2017 in Philadelphia PA.

Vice President's Report:

- Chaz A. and Ed C. reported that the club will hosting a bar-night at the D.C. Eagle on Friday, June 10, 2017 during the weekend of the LGBTQ National Pride March in Washington D.C.
- The following upcoming ECMC events are confirmed:
 - June 16, 2017 ECMC Bike Blessing at Ty's.
 - June 17, 2017 ECMC Bikers Picnic at Eddie M. Shack in Quakertown PA
 - 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 30, 2017 HOGS for Hope [rain date: May 7, 2017] (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 10, 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)
- Club members are reminded to present their license, registration and proof of insurance for the 2017 riding-season BEFORE the first officially scheduled ride of the 2017 season, which will be the HOGS of Hope run on April 30, 2017.

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Secretary's Report:

- The club received one application via mail for the ECMC motorcycle weekend, Memorial Day weekend
- Darryl S. will be the "Meet the Member" for the April ECMC Newsletter, which will be published on or about April 19, 2017.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mike M. reported on the club's finances and account activity.
- Mike M. stated that with the exception of one associate member, all club members have paid their 2017 annual club dues.

Motion to accept all of the Officers' Reports: Darryl S., 2nd by Mark W. (P)

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

- Eddie M. reported on AMCC meeting that took place on March 3-5, 2017 and hosted by the Pennsmen in Harrisburg PA. Ed C. was voted in as AMCC President and Mike M. was voted in as AMCC Secretary. The membership congratulated both Ed C. and Mike M. on their new AMCC positions.
- President, Chaz A. requested AMCC's opinion on the donation of other club's colors to the Leather Archive. While AMCC has no issues with donating the memorabilia of defunct clubs to the Leather Archive, the counsel suggested that ECMC reach out to the clubs still in existence for their opinion on the donation on their memorabilia. The next AMCC meeting will be held during the Twilight Guard's Fire Island Run "Leather, Feather and Bears" on May 19-21, 2017. On the March ECMC conference call a motion was passed to spend \$150.00 on the bar-night hosted by ECMC during this event.

Archive Committee:

- Chaz A. will report on archive efforts at the next open general meeting.

Memorial Day Motorcycle Weekend:

- Memorial Day Motorcycle Weekend is scheduled for May 26-29, 2017 at the Ranch in Hemlock NY. The event is advertised on the ECMC website. The event is limited to 25 guests at \$40.00 per person and arrival is by motorcycle ONLY.

54th Annual Holiday Party:

- The Stonewall Inn or Gym Bar is possible venue for the 54th Annual Holiday Party. More information to come shortly. Scott L. is working on scheduling a club visit to Leake & Watts Services headquarters in the Bronx, NY.

Social Committee:

- V.P. Ed C. suggested a day cruise around Manhattan as a possible ECMC event in 2017.

2017 Biker Weekend (Biker Blessing & Biker Picnic):

- The ECMC Biker Blessing will be held at Ty's on Christopher Street on Friday, June 16, 2017 in New York City. The Biker Picnic will be held at Ed M's Shack on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in Quakerstown, PA.

Old Business:

- Due to the increased cost of producing leather cheese-graters with our current supplier, the club will research less expensive options.
- The ECMC trip to Montreal CA is scheduled for August 17-21, 2017 to coincide with Montreal Gay Pride weekend. More information will be provided by Chaz A. shortly.

New Business:

- Earl D. notified the club that he has applied as an associate member of the Philadelphians MC.
- A new committee will be created for organize the ECMC Anniversary Dinner scheduled for Fall 2017.
- Steve G. suggested scheduling some rides on weekdays to accommodate members who work Saturday and/or Sunday.

Comments on the Record:

- The next ECMC conference call scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Please note the new call-in number and pass code for the conference call.
- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. at The Center located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
- Darryl S. who attended Night of 1000 Gowns in March reported that ECMC was notably missed in the event.
- Guest and journalist, Joseph J. reported on the news article he is writing on the club for Metro NY newspaper.

Comments off the Record:

- Not recorded.

Adjournment of Open General Meeting:

- Motion to close the April 5, 2017 Open General Meeting at 8:28 P.M. made by Joe M., 2nd by Mario L. (P).