

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Vice President, Chaz A.

Motion to accept the minutes from the April 5, 2017 Open General Meeting: Darryl S., 2nd by Steve G. (P)

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

- President Chaz A. reported on the Conductors Leather Club Run /35th Anniversary Weekend in Nashville, TN.
- Chaz A. announced his marriage to K.K, which took place the prior week. Congratulations to the newlyweds.

Vice President's Report:

- V.P. Ed C. reviewed the upcoming events for the club, and reminded members that events are posted to the club calendar on our website.
- Ed C. reminded members of the upcoming Twilight Guard "Leather, Feathers & Bears" Weekend on Fire Island May 19-21, 2017 and our bar-night at the D.C. Eagle, which will occur during the National Pride March in Washington D.C. June 9-11, 2017. Steve G. arranged for the club to march with the parade's Grand Marshall.
- The following upcoming ECMC events are confirmed for May/June 2017:
 - May 26-29, 2017 ECMC Motorcycle Weekend 2017
 - June 11, 2017 National Pride March & ECMC Bar-night Washington D.C.
 - June 6, 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.
 - June 25, 2017 ECMC participating in NYC Gay Pride Parade.

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

V.P. Road Captain's Report:

- Brian V. reported on the Hog-4-Hope Ride, which took place on April 30, 2017, as he was the only member who attended.
- Approximately seven "Boston Riders" will need accommodations in NY/NJ prior to the ride to Washington D.C. on Saturday June 10, 2017 for the National Pride March. Several members offered to host the Boston riders who will travel down from Boston prior to the ride.

- The following upcoming rides are confirmed for May/June 2017:
 - May 26-29, 2017 ECMC's Motorcycle Weekend (Hemlock, NY)
 - June 2, 2017 Coney Island Bike Night
 - 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)

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Secretary's Report:

- Aaron G. reported that the club received three applications via mail for the upcoming ECMC Motorcycle Weekend, Memorial Day weekend.
- Emil Solis sent the club a card of congratulation about the ECMC article that appeared in The Metro newspaper.
- Aaron G. reminded the club to forward articles for the ECMC Newsletter by the following Sunday.
- Steve G. will be the "Meet the Member" for the upcoming ECMC Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mike M. reported on the club's finances and account activity.

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

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

- Eddie M. reported that the next AMCC will take place during the upcoming Twilight Guard "Leather, Feathers & Bears" Weekend on Fire Island 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.
- William P. received a pass from sergeant-at-arms, Eddie M. for not wearing his colors to the meeting.

Archive Committee:

- Chaz A. reported that the archive efforts will likely conclude in June, but we are still awaiting the appointment of a new curator to the Leather Archive Museum. Chaz A. completed scanning all of the photos and will finish scanning other documents shortly.

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.

Social Committee:

- Chaz A. suggested "Guardian of the Galaxy Vol 2", as a possible movie night for the club members. Anyone interested should contact Chaz. If there is enough interest a date and time will be scheduled.
- Ed C. mentioned that the Imperial Court is hosting a tea-party on July 30, 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. Ed C. and Eddie M. will follow-up and confirm with Ty's bar on Christopher Street.
- The Biker Picnic will be held at Ed M's Shack on Saturday, June 17, 2017 in Quakerstown, PA.
- Scott L. volunteered to design a poster advertising our Biker Blessing/Biker Picnic Weekend.
- Motion for a \$250.00 budget for the Biker Picnic: Mark W., 2nd by Steve G. (P).

53rd Anniversary Dinner:

- Aaron G. suggested the gay-owned restaurant "44 ½" in Hell's Kitchen NYC for the Anniversary Dinner.

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, N.Y. during a weeknight, potentially May 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Old Business:

- Ed C. club is still researching less expensive options for cheese-graters. Darryl S. may have connections within the leather community that the club could explore. More information to follow.
- K.K. and Tony P will update the club at the next meeting on the status of the Spousal T-shirts.

New Business:

- Ed C. and his spouse Tony P. along with Michael M will be sponsoring a Black Blue Party at the Oneida Campground in New Milford, PA on September 15, 2017 during Uniform Weekend with the possibility of renting the lodge house if enough people attend. More information to follow.
- Cycle for the Cause is scheduled for September 14-17, 2017. If the club can provide 8 members, it can be an exclusive ECMC event. Only three members expressed interest. More information to follow.
- A "Bike Wash" as an ECMC event was suggested by Mark W. Ed C. commented that the last bike wash netted a total of \$10.00.
- Loki D. suggested Two-Wheels Tuesday at Spiegel's on 26 1st Avenue, New York N.Y.

Comments on the Record:

- The next ECMC conference call scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. **Please note that the time has been changed to 7:30 PM**, as well as the new call-in number and pass code for the conference call.
- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. at The Center located at 208 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y.
- Steve G. may have a connection at CNN, which may provide additional club exposure.

Comments off the Record:

- Not recorded.

Adjournment of Open General Meeting:

- Motion to close the May 3, 2017 Open General Meeting at 9:07 P.M. made by Steve G., 2nd by Mark W. (P).