

## ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – July 5, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 8:02 P.M. by Vice President, Chaz A.

Motion to accept the minutes from the June 7, 2017 Open General Meeting: Joe M. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darryl S. (P)

### **Officer’s Reports:**

#### **President’s Report:**

- President Chaz A. encourages the membership to utilize <https://calendar.google.com/calendar> to learn about rides and events . . . due to some recent communication issues. If you have suggestions for a ride or event, please communicate with Vice President, Ed. C. and Road Captain, Brian V. respectively. EVERYONE is welcome to propose potential activities for the club.
- Chaz A. reported on the success of the “bouncy castle” that the club provided to the Leake & Watts Summer BBQ on June 29, 2017 as a donation. The Blue Knights also represented at the event.

#### **Vice President’s Report:**

- Filling-in for Ed C. - Chaz A. reminded the club of the forth-coming 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ at Mel & Jose’s on July 8, 2017 in Asbury Park, N.J.
- Chaz A. stated that the NY LGBT Expo at The Jacob Javits Center on September 9-10, 2017 has been posted to the club calendar. Please note that admission to this event is free this year.
- Chaz A. stated that the Black & Blue Party at the Oneida Campground is scheduled for September 15-17, 2017. While brother Ed C hosts the event, it conflicts with the event Cycle for a Cause.
- Chaz A. stated that the Mates Leather Weekend in Provincetown MA is scheduled for September 29 - October 1, 2017. A ride to the event is possible depending upon the weather.

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

#### **V.P. Road Captain’s Report:**

- Brian V. reported that there aren’t any rides currently scheduled in July, but suggestions for rides are welcome. If rides are scheduled, they will be posted to the club calendar.
- The ride to Montreal Gay Pride is scheduled for August 17-21, 2017. Chaz A, Joe M, and Darryl S expressed interest.

- The club's participation in Cycle for the Cause is scheduled for September 14-17, 2017. Approximately four members are scheduled to participate.

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

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- Since Mark W. is absence, there is no mail report.
- Aaron G. encouraged the club to actively participate in providing material for the ECMC Newsletter.
- Steve G. will be the "Meet the Member" for the upcoming June/July ECMC Newsletter. William P. will be the member profiled in the August ECMC Newsletter.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Mike M. reported on the club's finances and account activity. Mike M. highlighted the club's fund-raising activities at the DC Eagle during the National Pride March in June.
- Eddie M. declined reimbursement by the club for the Biker's Picnic expenses.

Motion to accept all of the Officers' Reports: Darryl S., 2<sup>nd</sup> by William P. (P)

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **AMCC Representative:**

- Eddie M. reported that the next AMCC will hosted by the Harbor Masters in Portland ME during the Sail-A-Way weekend, November 10-12, 2017.

##### **Archive Committee:**

- Chaz A. reported that the archive effort will likely conclude in a few weeks. Chaz A. completed scanning all of the photos and will finish scanning other documents shortly.

##### **2017 Biker Weekend (Biker Blessing & Biker Picnic):**

- Chaz A. reported that Mark W's suggestion to park the bikes pointed into the sidewalk worked great at the Biker Blessing.
- Chaz A. reported on the circumstance (inclement weather), which led to the unfortunate cancellation of the Biker Picnic.

##### **53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dinner:**

- Aaron G. suggested the gay-owned restaurant "44 ½" in Hell's Kitchen NYC for the Anniversary Dinner, but the anniversary committee has not yet had the time to substantively review the two suggested venues, the other being I Coppi de Matilda.

##### **54<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party:**

- The Stonewall Inn has been confirmed as the venue for the club's Holiday Party in December.

#### **Old Business:**

- Ed C. club is still researching less expensive options for cheese-graters.

- Ed C. will follow-up on the plaque for Dan and Albert for years of their generous support for our Motorcycle Weekends.
- The photo-booth for NYC Gay Pride was cancelled due poor organization by the venue.

#### **New Business:**

- Chaz A. suggested a ride to the Catskills with the staff of Leake & Watts as passengers.
- Guest, Sam introduced himself to the membership and expressed interested in the club.
- Earl D. made a motion that the club revisit the policy of allowing members to call-in to the Open General Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie M. Mike M. suggested to table the motion until the next meeting in order that guidelines for calling into the Open General Meeting could be vetted, possibly on the up-coming monthly conference call.

#### **Comments on the Record:**

- The next ECMC conference call scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. **Please note that the call is at 8:00 PM.**
- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. at The Center located at 208 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, N.Y.
- The membership discussed ECMC's participation in the NYC Gay Pride Parade.
- The membership congratulated Eddie M. on his successful surgery.

#### **Comments off the Record:**

- Not recorded.

#### **Adjournment of Open General Meeting:**

- Motion to close the July 5, 2017 Open General Meeting at 8:45 P.M. made by Darryl 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aaron G. (P).