

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at (?) P.M. by President, Chaz A.

Motion to accept the minutes from the July 5, 2017 Open General Meeting: (?), 2nd by(?) (P)

Officer’s Reports:

President’s Report:

- President Chaz A. stated that the club’s ride to Montreal for Gay Pride is fast approaching and prompted those attending to have their reservations confirmed as soon as possible.
- Chaz A. also reminded the club of the Blue Knights NY2 (DA Bronx) Annual Suicide Run taking place on Sunday, August 13 from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, which benefits several charities.

Vice President’s Report:

- Ed C. stated that the LGBT Expo at the Jacob Javits Center is September 9-10, 2017, which has free admission this year and encouraged the membership to pick a day that we may attend as a group.
- Ed C. stated that the Black & Blue Party at the Oneida Campground is scheduled for September 16, 2017, noting that it conflicts with the event Cycle for a Cause. The event is free, but there is a fee to stay on the campground.
- Chaz A. and Ed C. 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.
- Chaz A. stated that the Harbour Master’s Sail-A-Way, at which the next AMCC meeting will be held, is scheduled for November 10-12, 2017 in Portland ME. Those attending should reserve their accommodations soon. More information about the event, including the name of the host hotel is available on the Harbour Masters website.

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

V.P. Road Captain’s Report:

- Brian V. stated the run fee for the Blue Knights NY2 (DA Bronx) Annual Suicide Run is \$35.00 per person or \$55.00 for couples for those interested in attending.
- The ride to Montreal Gay Pride is scheduled for August 17-21, 2017, but Brian V will be unable to attend. Therefore another member will have to take over the Road Captain’s responsibilities for the ride.

- The club's participation in Cycle for the Cause is scheduled for September 14-17, 2017. Approximately four members are scheduled to attend, but Brian encouraged other members to participate, if available. Brian V. reminded those participating of the upcoming mandatory training for the event.
- Brian V suggested a Fall Foliage Ride on the weekend of September 22-24, 2017 to a gay Bed & Breakfast in Maine. Four members, Chaz A, Ed M, Darryl S, and Mario L. expressed interest.

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Secretary's Report:

- There was no mail to report.
- William P. will be the "Meet the Member" for the September ECMC Newsletter.
- Aaron G. encouraged the club to actively participate in providing articles for the 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 Darryl S. (P)

Committee Reports:

AMCC Representative:

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

Archive Committee:

- Chaz A. reported that the archive effort is on-going, as the club must still contact the new curator at the Leather Archive Museum. Currently there is no rush on the project since we cannot determine if the museum will take the items we are offering.

53rd Anniversary Dinner:

- I Coppi de Matilda and the gay-owned restaurant "44 ½" in Hell's Kitchen are still viable for the Anniversary Dinner, but the anniversary committee has not yet had the time to substantively review the two suggested venues, which must be done soon as the event is fast approaching. The weekend of October 7-8 is still the proposed weekend for the anniversary dinner.

54th Annual Holiday Party:

- The Stonewall Inn has been confirmed as the venue for the club's Holiday Party in December. Scott L. will begin assigning tasks for the upcoming event. Almost every member volunteered for the event. Scott suggested a conference call on August 16, 2017 for planning of the event.

Old Business:

- Ed C. club is still searching for less expensive options for the club's cheese-graters.
- Ed C. will follow-up on the plaque for Dan and Albert for years of support for our Motorcycle Weekends.
- Chaz A. suggested a day "buddy-ride" to the Catskills for the staff of Leake & Watts. Six members are comfortable with having a rider on their bike.

- The “tabled” motion from last month’s meeting regarding member’s ability to call into the Open General Meeting was discussed. Earl D. and Mike M. proposed that members be able to call-in 3 or 4 times per year. The membership voted and the motion to allow members to call into the Open General Meeting 3 times per calendar year was voted on and the vote was a tie. The motion is tabled again for the next month’s meeting.

New Business:

- After apprising the club of recent circumstances regarding member Loki D, Ed C. made a motion to expel Loki D. from membership of ECMC. The membership discussed, then voted. The motion to expel Loki D from ECMC (P). Aaron G. will draft and send a letter to Loki informing him of his expulsion and requesting ECMC’s property back. Loki D. annual dues will be pro-rated the remainder will be returned to him upon the return of our property.

Comments on the Record:

- An ECMC conference call scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 8:00 P.M to discuss the Holiday Party.
- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 8:00 P.M. at The 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 2, 2017 Open General Meeting at 8:56 P.M. made by Steve G, 2nd by Darryl S. (P).