

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2017

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

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

Motion to accept the minutes from the August 2, 2017 Open General Meeting: (EM), 2nd by (MW) (P).

Officer’s Reports:

President’s Report:

- President Chaz A. stated that the end of the riding season is fast approaching; however, recommendations for rides are still welcome.
- Chaz A. also reminded the club that nominations of club officers for 2018 is three (3) months away . . . begin considering who you might want to nominate and for which office. Keep in mind that those officers who have served two consecutive terms cannot be nominated for the same office.

Vice President’s Report (Chaz A. for Ed C.):

- Chaz A. stated that the LGBT Expo at the Jacob Javits Center is September 9-10, 2017, which has free admission this year.
- Chaz A. stated that the Black & Blue Party at the Oneida Campground is scheduled for September 16, 2017. The event is free, but there is a fee to stay on the campground.
- 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.
- Chaz A. informed the club the Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for October 8, 2017 . . . cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. More to be discussed about the Anniversary Dinner under Committee Reports.
- December 1, 2017 – Excelsior MC’s Trim-A-Tree Holiday Party at the Eagle
- December 2, 2017 – ECMC’s Holiday Party and Gift Drive for the benefit of Leake & Watts
- December 3, 2017 – the Progressive Motorcycle Show at the Jacob Javits Center

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

V.P. Road Captain’s Report:

- Chaz A. reported on the success the ride to Montreal for Gay Pride and the great weather. Chaz A. suggested putting it on the calendar again for 2018.

- Brian V. reported on the Blue Knight Run.
- Brian V suggested canceling the Fall Foliage Ride as it now conflicts with our Anniversary Dinner scheduled for October 8, 2017, but could be rescheduled for the end of the riding season if there is enough interest.
- The club's participation in Cycle for the Cause is scheduled for September 14-17, 2017. Approximately three members are scheduled to attend.
- Brian V stated that the Mates Leather Weekend in Provincetown MA is scheduled for September 29 - October 1, 2017.
- Mark W. reminded the club of the Fallen Heroes Run in Easton, PA scheduled for September 23, 2017. Mark W., Joe M., Chaz A. and Brian V. expressed interest in attending.

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Secretary's Report:

- The club received a card of thanks from the family of Steve G. on the passing of his father.
- William P. will be the "Meet the Member" for the September ECMC Newsletter. The next newsletter will be published September 13, 2017.
- Chaz A. and Aaron G. encouraged the club to actively participate in providing articles for the ECMC Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mike M. was absent, so the Treasurer's Report was postponed until the next Open General Meeting.

Motion to accept all of the Officers' Reports: (JM), 2nd by (MW) (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.

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.

53rd Anniversary Dinner:

- The Anniversary Dinner will be held at the gay-owned restaurant "44 ½" in Hell's Kitchen on October 8, 2017 at a price of \$39.95 per person. There is a minimum of 30 persons.

54th Annual Holiday Party:

- The Stonewall Inn has been confirmed as the venue for the club's Holiday Party in December. Aaron G. drafted an email to send to Leake & Watts with questions to Debra on how the club can better target the needs of the people they service with our annual "gift" drive. On club elected to 'rebrand' the drive as a gift drive as toys may no longer be the focus.
- MW made a motion that the club charge \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door for the Holiday Party, 2nd by ED. (P)

- There will be a conference call on September 20, 2017 at 8:00 PM to further discuss the Holiday Party.

Old Business:

- Ed C. club is still searching less expensive options for the club's cheese-graters.
- Ed C. is still to 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, but noting that the end the riding season is fast approaching.
- Aaron G. will draft and send a second letter, with return receipt to Loki requesting the return of ECMC's property back.
- Motion made by ED to re-tabled the motion from last month's meeting regarding member's ability to call into the Open General Meeting, 2nd by EM. (P)

New Business:

- Chaz A. was approached by the New York Jets with a proposal to have an ECMC event, in which the club would buy discount tickets through the ticket office to resell at full price to make money for the club. Chaz A. and Ed C. to come back to club with more information.
- Next year the July Open General Meeting would be on the 4th of July and therefore must be rescheduled for another date.

Comments on the Record:

- Brian V. forgot to mention the ride to the Raven during the Road Captain's Report.
- Joe M. mentioned that Gary P. was very grateful for all the club's support after his sister passed away.
- An ECMC conference call is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 8:00 P.M to discuss the Holiday Party.
- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 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 September 6, 2017 Open General Meeting at 8:46 P.M. made by (SL), 2nd by (MW) (P).