

ECMC Open General Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2017

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

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

Motion to accept the minutes from the September 6, 2017 Open General Meeting: (JM), 2nd by (EM) (P).

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

- President Chaz A. reminded the club that nominations of club officers for 2018 is only two (2) 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. Chaz A. graciously asked members not to nominate him for any officers' position for the 2018 board election.

Vice President's Report:

- Ed C. also asked members not to nominate him for any officers' position for the 2018 board election.
- Ed C. 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.
- October 14-15, 2017 – Ty's 45th Anniversary Party, 114 Christopher Street, New York NY.
- November 10-12, 2017 – Harbour Master's Sail-A-Way Weekend, Portland, ME.
- November 17-19, 2017 – Rochester Leather Homecoming Weekend & Toy Drive, Hemlock NY.
- December 1, 2017 – Excelsior MC's Trim-A-Tree Holiday Party at the Eagle, New York NY.
- December 2, 2017 – ECMC's Holiday Party and Gift Drive for the benefit of Leake & Watts at the Stonewall Inn, New York NY
- December 3, 2017 – the Progressive Motorcycle Show at the Jacob Javits Center
- January 13, 2018 – ECMC Bar-Night at the DC Eagle (MAL Weekend), Washington D.C. The barnight will be shared with Excelsior MC.

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

V.P. Road Captain's Report:

- Brian V. asked Earl D. to provide a recap of his experience with Cycle for the Cause. Earl D. reported favorable on the event and encouraged members to participate next year.
- Brian V reported on the Fallen Heroes Run in Easton, PA, which occurred September 23, 2017. The event was attended by Chaz A, Geno K, Brian V, Mark W, KK and Matt.
- Brian V. will be in the U.K. and thus will not be available to plan a Fall Foliage Ride for the club.
- Brian V. needs the member to check the 2017 ride attendance sheet at the end of the meeting to ensure he has an accurate account of ride participation.

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

Secretary's Report:

- The club received a card of from Paul Rose congratulating the club on its anniversary.
- William P. will be the "Meet the Member" for the November ECMC Newsletter. Aaron G. thanked Chaz A. for publishing the ECMC newsletter for the past several months.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ed C. provided the balances for the ECMC accounts.

Motion to accept all of the Officers' Reports: (DS), 2nd by (MW) (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.
- Chaz A. stated that the club should expect to receive a ballot in the mail to vote for an amendment to the AMCC by-laws.

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 this weekend at the gay-owned restaurant "44 ½" in Hell's Kitchen on October 8, 2017 at a price of \$39.95 per person. While it appeared that the club has the thirty (30) person minimum to secure the price per person, Mark W made a motion that if the thirty (30) person minimum is not reached, that the club paid the difference, 2nd by ED. (P)

54th Annual Holiday Party:

- 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. A conference call with Leake & Watts to discuss the efforts expressed in our email is currently being scheduled.

- The advertisement for the Holiday Party will be emailed on October 18, 2017.

Old Business:

- Chaz A. suggested that Ed C. abandon the search for additional cheese-graters. If any member elects to return his cheese-grater, Michael M will determine if that member gave the club a deposit on the cheese-grater and return it.
- 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 the club table a day “buddy-ride” to the Catskills with the staff of Leake & Watts.
- The second letter sent to Loki D. return receipt required has not yet been returned nor has the club received the signed notice of delivery.
- Chaz A. suggested an event to Philadelphia PA at the invitation of former full member, Gary P.
- ED withdrew his motion from August’s meeting regarding member’s ability to call into the Open General Meeting.
- As an amendment to the VPs report Ed C. provided details on the Blue & Black event at Oneida Campground and suggested it as a club event next year. Ed C. will investigate and get back to the club.

New Business:

- 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:

- Chaz A. reported on his brother’s recovery and rehabilitation.
- Aaron G. reported on Yves’ recovery.
- The next ECMC Open General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 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 October 4, 2017 Open General Meeting at 8:52 P.M. made by (DS), 2nd by (MW) (P).