

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 7th November 2018 – Minutes

Roll call:

Full members: Aaron, Michael, Chaz, Scot, Mark (proxies for Joe, Steve, Eddie, Evil Ed, Geno)

Pledges & Guests: Erik, Jack D, K.K., Uri R

Following opening of meeting at 20:00, Aaron discussed full member participation requirements, addressing concerns about some members who have fallen behind in rides and events. Aaron will be following up one on one with some members to discuss this.

Proxies were announced and Michael made a motion to accept October's OGM Minutes as provided. Seconded by Scot (passed).

Committee Reports

Holiday Party & Gift Drive committee

Aaron received a note from Joe asking that members sign for different jobs during the holiday party and made these suggestions:

Mark Wind - Door prize list
Michael Mattes - Tickets /front door
Chaz - Audio Visual / Emcee
Aaron - Food Prep (we need to find out if KK and Jon would be willing to help??)
Joe M. - Chinese Auction with Jack D.
Joe M. and Scot- Relief Team.
Aaron/Eddie Murphy/ Joe M. - Menu, Food purchase, storage, transport.

Flyers to promote the Holiday Party were provided for members at the meeting. A copy of the flyer will also be in this month's newsletter.

AMCC

The AMCC meeting was held in Baltimore at the COMMAND Run. They welcomed MAUL as a new club to AMCC. The next AMCC meeting will be hosted by the Bay State Marauders in the Boston area in March 2019. At the next AMCC meeting, ECMC needs to request to host an AMCC meeting in October 2019 in writing and ECMC needs to request Columbus Day Weekend (11th-14th October 2019) for their 55th Anniversary In-Town Run & Dinner Cruise.

Archive Committee

Status quo at the moment. Chaz will have more time this winter to sort and scan the documents.

Anniversary Committee

We need to finalise our week-long 55th Anniversary Ride plans on the next teleconference call (in two weeks). Most of the in-town run is cookie-cutter from our 50th Anniversary. K.K. will begin work on a logo.

Old Business

Second presentation of by-law modifications were made – vote for adoption will be next month.

As there are no dollar values specified in the by-laws for deposit requirements for club colours, a simple majority vote was held on **A MOTION** made by Michael and 2nd by Chaz to increase deposits on insignia effective 1 January 2019 to wit:

- Cheesegraters \$200 (was \$100)
- Backpatch \$30 (was \$15)
- Front patch \$10 (was \$5)
- AMCC patch \$10 (was \$5)

Motion passed.

New Business

It was reminded that **next month will be the first round of nominations for new officers** and that Michael is ineligible to hold the office of Treasurer again as he at his term limit. Also, as Steven will be seeking Associate Membership, he will be ineligible to hold the office of Secretary.

Closed session commenced.

Upon return of guests, it was announced that Erik R was accepted as a full member of ECMC. Congratulations Erik! Be sure to join us for celebratory libations at Ty's on Thursday 8th November at 19:30.



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Officer's Reports

Vice President Aaron (in Joe's absence)

No report

Road Captain Aaron (in Joe's absence)

Bike 'n Hike #2 will take place this Saturday, 10th November if the weather is favourable. Mark will reach out to Chaz to determine a route and location for hike near the NJ/PA border. Chaz will convey information to all members about the ride no later than Friday afternoon.

Secretary Chaz (in Steve's absence)

We received a card congratulating us on our 54th Anniversary from the Ottawa Knights (Ontario, Canada)

Newsletter drafts were presented, a four-page newsletter at this time. Articles/photos/stories were solicited by Chaz to the membership. Deadline for publication is 13th November 2019 at noon for transmission on 14th November 2019.

Treasurer Michael

A summary of the club's financials was presented. The report was not questioned.

There was no motion to accept the Officer's Reports.

Comments on the Record

- Reminder to members to solicit or provide door prizes for the Holiday Party and provide item descriptions to Mark for inclusion in the ongoing list.
- Mark mentioned "National Pen"
- Michael mentioned that some members of Excelsior MC would like to attend one or more of our Open General Meetings. There was no objection.
- Mark mentioned that if anyone would prefer to pay for the Holiday Party by cheque that he will be accepting them at his address and communicate cash received to Chaz for inclusion with the door entry list.
- Mark mentioned an alternative credit card processor is available. He was asked to investigate this and discuss it with Treasurer or Executive Board outside of the OGM.
- K.K. mentioned that it would be nice to present some of our event dates to participants of our Holiday Party so they can save the dates in their personal calendars. (Post-meeting: Those 2019 dates are in the newsletter)
- Last weekend on the "Warm Weekend ride to Suffern, NY", Aaron dropped his bike whilst riding in formation at about 43 NY-59, Monsey, NY. Aaron was unharmed; however, his Victory is totalled due to cost of replacement parts.
- The next teleconference will be 20:00 on Wednesday, 21st November (see the ECOMC calendar for call-in details).
- The next OGM will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 5th December 2018 at The Centre.

A motion to close the meeting was made by our newest member, Erik and 2nd by Mark. Meeting closed at 20:49.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded.

Dates	Ride/Event	Proposed Ride/Event	Aaron G	Chaz A	Darryl S	Eddie M	Erik R	Geno K	Joe M	Mark W	Michael M	Scot L	Steve G	Mario L	Brian V	Evil Ed	Gary P	Lewis K	Mike C	William P
Mar 23-25	Event	Long Island Raven's Run																		
Apr-29	Ride	Hogs 4 Hope 9am - 4pm		X					X	X										
May 11-13	Ride	Aaron's 50th Birthday Ride	X						X			X	X		X					
May 25-28	Ride	ECMC's Motorcycle Weekend		X					X			X						X		
Jun-04	Ride	Jersey Pride						X	X					X						
Jun-10	Ride	Philadelphia Pride		X													X			
Jun-15	Event	ECMC's Bike Blessing	O	O			O	O	O	O		O				O		O		
Jun-16	Ride	ECMC's 54th Annual Free Biker Picnic (bikes only)	X	X		X	X			X		X				X	X	O		
Jun-17	Event	Folsom St East 21st Anniversary	O	O			O		O							O		O		
Jun-24	Ride	NYC Gay Pride March		X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				
Jul-07	Event	Mel and Jose's Annual BBQ (event)		O		O	O		O	O										
Jul-07	Ride	Mel and Jose's Annual BBQ (ride portion)		X			X		X											
Jul-14	Ride	Leake & Watts Buddy Ride																		
Jul-20	Ride	Vision Zero Run																		
Jul-22	Ride	Delaware River Run																		
Aug 3-5	Ride	Arktos Bear Run		X					X			X			X					
Aug-12	Ride	Annual ECMC ride																		
Aug 16-20	Event	Gay Pride Montreal		O	O															
Aug 16-20	Ride	Gay Pride Montreal (ride portion)		X																
Aug 31 - Sep 4	Ride	Joshua's home High Falls NY																		
Sep-03	Ride	ECMC Labour Day Ride on Long Island	X				X		X			X								
Sep-09	Ride	9/11 Run for Richie (pre-meet at IHOP)																		
Sep 14-16	Event	Black and Blue Weekend at Oneida Campground	O	O			O		O		O		O			O				
Sep-14	Ride	Ride to Oneida Campground		X			X		X											
Sep-15	Ride	Ride from Oneida to Nicholson and back		X			X		X		X									
Sep-15	Event	Iron Guard Anniversary Dinner																		
Sep 20-23	Ride	Cycle for the Cause		X																
Sep-22	Ride	6th Annual Brad Fox/Joe Wargo Fallen Heroes					X							X						
Sep 27-30	Event	Mates Leather Weekend #22									O									
Sep-30	Ride	The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride					X													
Oct-13	Event	ECMC Barnight at Ty's																		
Oct-14	Event	ECMC 54th Anniversary Dinner	O	O		O	O		O	O	O	O			O		O			
Oct-20	Ride	Fall Foliage Ride (Rain Date 21st)					X		X			X								
Oct-21	Ride	Staten Island Ride					X	X	X											
Nov 2-4	Event	C.O.M.M.A.N.D. MC Run / Maryland Leather Weekend									O					O				
Nov-03	Ride	Warm Weekend Ride to Suffern, NY	X	X			X													
Nov-10	Ride	Bike & Hike [tentative]																		
Dec-08	Event	ECMC's Annual Christmas party and Toy Drive																		
		Total number of rides this year ---	4	12	0	1	11	3	9	3	2	6	2	2	3	2	2	1	0	0
		Total number of events this year ---	4	6	1	2	5	1	5	3	4	2	1	0	1	4	1	3	0	0
		Required rides ---	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1
		Required events ---	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
		Ride Participation Requirements Met ---	0	8	-4	-3	7	-1	5	-1	-2	2	-2	-2	1	1	1	0	-1	-1
		Event Participation Requirements Met ---	1	3	-2	-1	2	-2	2	0	1	-1	-2	-3	-1	3	0	2	-1	-1
		Member provided license, insurance and registration ---	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

Club participation requirements:

- Full members: 3 events, 4 rides
- Local Associate members: 2 events, 2 rides
- Associate members: 1 event, 1 ride