

# Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:06

Roll call:

Full members: Aaron, Joe, Michael, Chaz, Scot, Mark, Erik. There were no proxies and only Steve had contacted the Executive Board about being absent. All other full members were unexcused absences.

Guests: Bruce W. (Excelsior MC), Chaz V. (Excelsior MC), Joe G. (Excelsior MC), James B. (Excelsior MC)

Mark made a motion to accept November's OGM Minutes as provided. Seconded by Michael (passed).

## Committee Reports

### Holiday Party & Gift Drive committee

Joe reminded everyone that the Holiday Party and Gift Drive was this coming Saturday and for ALL FULL MEMBERS to be at Stonewall Inn at 17:00 for set-up.

Also, please remember to:

- Wear a long-sleeve red button-down shirt
- Bring your "Santa Hat" if you have it
- Bring your door prizes
- Bring your gifts/gift-cards for Rising Ground
- Cash box

Online ticket sales have been slow, only 23 tickets sold as of 16:00 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Ticket sales end at 23:30 on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Chaz will bring guest lists, front-door paperwork, door prize slips and audio-video stuff. Joe will bring food to pass and wristbands (which were donated by Chaz). Aaron will bring toasters to re-heat food.

### AMCC

Michael reported that there has been no AMCC activity since the last meeting in Baltimore and that the next AMCC meeting will be hosted by the Bay State Marauders in the Boston area in March 2019.

### Archive Committee

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

### DC Eagle Barnight (MAL)

More information on the barnight will be discussed on the conference call and next month's OGM.

### Anniversary Committee

No news.

## New Business

The club suspended Mario's voting privileges for consecutive greater than four unexcused absences from our Open General Meetings. Neither has Mario participated in the minimal number of events or rides for the calendar year. Mario has not met the requirements to retain full membership status, nor has not communicated what his membership or participation intentions are going forward. Mario is discussing these issues via e-mail with Aaron.

A general discussion about consequences for members who have not fulfilled the calendar year event and/or ride requirements to retain their full membership. As the constitution and by-laws do not specify any specific penalty nor punishment, it is up to the Executive Board to determine how this will be handled. This will be addressed further at the next meeting, including the Executive Board's decision on how to handle this serious issue.

First round of nominations for officers was held, the results are as follows:

Office	Nominee	Presented By
Treasurer	Scot	Mark
Secretary		
Road Captain	Joe	Chaz
Vice President	Chaz	Joe
President	Aaron	Chaz

As you can see, there was no successful nomination for the role of Secretary. Nominations and elections will be held next month.

## Old Business

Third and final presentation of by-law modifications was made. A MOTION was made by Scot to accept the modifications as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaz (passed)

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## Officer's Reports

### President (Aaron)

No further news to report.

### Vice President (Joe)

No further news to report.

### Road Captain (interim R/C Joe)

No further news to report.

### Secretary Chaz (in Steve's absence)

There was no postal mail.

Newsletter deadline for publication is 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at noon for transmission on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Erik was tasked with writing an article about the upcoming Toys for Tots event and Mark was asked to write a "year in review" article for the newsletter.

### Treasurer (Michael)

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

Michael reminded everyone that annual dues for 2019 will be accepted now.

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

## Comments on the Record

- Excelsior MC thanked Empire City MC for allowing them to attend our OGM. They also reminded us that they were holding Trim-a-tree this Friday at The Eagle. They also mentioned that their annual Fire Island Run would be taking place in May as usual.
- The next club teleconference will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December – the information on how to connect and participate on your phone or computer is on the ECMC official calendar: [calendar.EmpireCityMC.com](http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com)
- The next OGM will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at The Centre.

A motion to close the meeting was made Chaz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark. Meeting closed at 20:43.

## Comments off the record

- Not recorded.

## Post-Meeting Executive Board Meeting

- Not recorded.