

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 2nd January 2019 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:02

Roll call:

Full members: Aaron G, Joe M, Michael M, Erik R, Geno K, Chaz A, Mark W, tardy: Scot L, Eddie M

Excused full members: Mario L, Steve G, Ed C

AWOL full members: Darryl S

Guests: Uri R, K.K., Mike D

No proxies were announced.

Michael M made a motion to accept December's OGM Minutes as written, seconded by Mark W.

Committee Reports

DC Eagle Barnight (MAL)

Members who will be at the ECMC Barnight in Washington, DC: Michael M, Joe M, Aaron G. Additional preparation and planning will be discussed on the upcoming conference call.

ECMC Installation Dinner

The dinner will be on 27th January from 18:00. Location possibilities include: a bowling party, Irish pub with a private room and others. The location will be discussed on the upcoming conference call.

ECMC Membership

Eddie M is resigning from the club, he has opted not to be an Associate nor an Emeritus member, he returned his cheese grater but no other insignia at this time. Discussion from the membership included bestowing either Emeritus or Honorary membership, which will be re-addressed in February's meeting following constitutional review by Aaron G.

Steve G is changing his membership from Full Member to Associate Member. His primary residence will determine if he is a "Local Associate" or ordinary Associate member. Aaron G will research this.

Mario L, whom has been AWOL from OGMs for months, was reminded that he needs to let the executive board know when he will miss meetings in a private discussion with Aaron G prior to this meeting. He assured the e-board that he will be participating properly in 2019.

Darryl S has been AWOL for multiple months and has not responded to any messages/calls/texts from e-

board members. This shall be discussed further in February's meeting.

Geno K was present in the meeting this month and verbally indicated to the membership that his 2018 leave of absence is over and he will be participating as a full member in 2019 and will consider other possibilities in 2020 based on his situation.

Will P's colours were indeed returned, although the Treasurer does not recall this. The Treasurer was asked to remit the deposits for Will's returned insignia.

There were no reports from the following committees:

- AMCC
- Archive Committee
- Anniversary Committee

New Business

Nominations and elections of new officers for 2019 were held. The results are as follows:

Office	Winner
President	Aaron G
Vice President	Chaz A
Road Captain	Joe M
Secretary	Chaz A
Treasurer	Scot L

Chaz will take on both the role of Vice President and Secretary, as no one would accept nomination for the office of Secretary. Considering this is our 55th Anniversary year and it will be busy for both offices, we will re-examine this decision mid-year and see if the workload can be handled effectively by one person.

Mark W made **A MOTION** to accept the officers by acclamation, as there was no competition for any of the offices. CA 2nd (passed).

Old Business

There was some discussion about members whom did not achieve their required minimum event and/or ride participation for 2018. The Executive Board had decided its course of action was to issue warnings this year but there was heated discussion about what entailed a "warning". It was made apparent that the gloves are off in 2019 and proper participation will be expected and that disciplinary actions taken against members who do not comply will be the exclusive decision of the executive board.

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Officer's Reports

President (Aaron G)

No further news to report.

Vice President (Joe M)

No further news to report.

Road Captain (Joe M)

No further news to report.

Secretary (Chaz A)

Several holiday cards were received in the mail and a card from Emil S with a donation of \$20 to the Holiday Party. The Secretary was asked to send thank you card to Emil for the donation and a sympathy card to Excelsior MC for the loss of their member Clint W.

Newsletter deadline for publication is 8th January at noon for transmission on 9th January.

Treasurer (Michael)

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

The final totals for the Holiday Party are still being determined, expenses for food were \$314.69. If anyone has any expenses, please get them to the Treasurer so we can close the books on this.

Michael accepted annual membership dues for 2019.

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

Comments on the Record

- Mark W reported that Excelsior MC had a member, Clint W had passed unexpectedly.
- Mike D (guest) said that he has been looking at various groups who meet at The Centre looking to expand his circle of friends and although he does not ride at this time, he enjoyed meeting the group and Joe M advised him on further steps to becoming a rider and possible member.
- The next club teleconference will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 16th January – the information on how to connect and participate on your phone or computer is on the ECOMC official calendar: calendar.EmpireCityMC.com
- The next OGM will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 6th February 2019 at The Centre.

A motion to close the meeting was made Chaz A, 2nd by Michael M. Meeting closed at 21:01.

Comments off the record

- Not recorded.