

# Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:06

Roll call: Full members: Aaron G, Chaz A, Scot L (tardy), Mark W, Erik R, Geno K, Excused full members: Joe M, Michael M, Ed C, AWOL full members: Mario L

Guests: K.K., Mark B

Aaron holds proxies for Joe M and Michael M

Erik R made a motion to accept February's OGM Minutes as written, seconded by Mark W

## Forward by President Aaron

Aaron asked Chaz to check with Michael M to verify that our annual club headcount has been transmitted to AMCC as requested.

There will be a conference call this week, so please make a note of it and please attend.

## Committee Reports

### ECMC 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

#### September Week-Long Road Trip:

After six months of harassing Crew's Quarters to a price quote, an off-the-cuff quote of \$9,000 was made by the manager of the property that accommodates up to 36 men and this is for the week *after* the week we wanted to be there. It was determined that due to the difficulty dealing with Crew's Quarters, the week we want not being available and the possibility we won't get 36 guests, we shall look at other properties in Provincetown for the week we want. Chaz will look into this. The other option is the "fend for yourself" plan, in where everyone needs to arrange their own accommodations and the club takes no risk in a loss.

#### October In-Town Anniversary Run:

Chaz A has a contract in hand from Prestige Yacht Charters, the same company we've used three times [or more] before. There is only a slight increase of \$5 per person compared with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary contract. The guarantee headcount is the same as last time, 75 people. As per last meeting, there is an approved motion for Chaz to sign a contract and have the Treasurer write a cheque for up to \$5,000 as a deposit; however, there is a question if ECMC will be hosting AMCC and that could affect attendance. Since we had ~85 people in 2014, there is concern that we might not meet our minimum. We will need to sit tight until the AMCC meeting determination has been made and at which time, we can get a smaller boat and scale back the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend in October.

There were no reports from the following:

- AMCC Representative
- Archive Committee

## Officer's Reports

### President (Aaron G)

We shall not be participating with ICNY's Night of a Thousand Gowns due to lack of interest/availability.

### Vice President (Chaz A)

Memorial Day Weekend:

ECMC's 8th Annual Motorcycle Weekend registration is still open.

Bike Blessing/Biker Picnic (21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June):

Chaz will reach out to Ty's to reserve the bar for our annual bike blessing.

We need to resolve where we shall hold our 55<sup>th</sup> Biker Picnic. It was mentioned to also reach out to Eddie Murphy to possible use his place once again.

56<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Toy Drive (7<sup>th</sup> December):

Chaz needs to reserve 7<sup>th</sup> December for our Holiday Party and Toy Drive at Stonewall Inn and we still need a contact person at Rising Ground.

### Road Captain (Joe M)

There was no report; however, it was mentioned that the Hogs 4 Hope ride (28<sup>th</sup> April) is on the calendar.

Aaron made notice that annual member motorcycle certifications will begin next month and if you have your documentation to please bring it to the meeting in April.

### Secretary (Chaz A)

Mail call: A fund-raising letter from Rising Ground, addressed to Mark W, was received at Chaz A's residential address (which was strange)

Brian V has returned all his patches to the club, which has been interpreted as a de facto resignation by the club. The patches were given to the Treasurer.

Newsletter deadline for publication is 12<sup>th</sup> March at noon for transmission on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Erik promised an article.

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Treasurer (Scot L/Michael M)

There has been no transfer of accounts from Michael to Scot; therefore, no report. Scot will work with Michael to arrange transfer of computer & assets.

The annual audit of the books needs done still.

The Treasurer needs to research Brian V's deposits for any patches and refund any deposits due as well as report to the executive board and membership if there are any missing patches or cheesegraters.

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

## Old Business

February 2019: Michael M and Scot L are to get together prior to the March meeting to arrange handover of accounts, signature cards at the bank and other club assets and information. No update.

February 2019: Membership dues were owed last month. Has everyone paid their dues? Treasurer?

February 2019: Did all members pay \$50 to the Treasurer for the Installation Dinner? *Next year, we need to pay at the venue as the transfer of books to a new Treasurer is a confusing time and we cannot be expected to keep track of this sort of thing during this transition period.*

## New Business

Aaron said that K.K. has created several logos for our anniversary year. He shall e-mail them to every member for discussion next month. The "LV" logos were rules out, as they look like "Louis Vuitton" logos.

## Comments on the Record

Chaz will be out of the country for all of April 2019. Please use caution when calling, as his phone will be on and there is a +12 hour time difference! Aaron will record minutes next month. Newsletter will be sent on time, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 via remote.

Erik R will be in Israel for the first two weeks of June.

The next club teleconference will take place at 20:00 on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please test Google Hangouts ten minutes before the call and call Chaz at +1 646.223.5960 (voice only) if you are having issues. Remember, you might have to click on a "join hangouts" button before it starts up all the way!

The next OGM will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at The Centre.

A motion to close the meeting was made Chaz A, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scot L. Meeting closed at 20:39.

## Comments off the record

Not recorded.