

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 5th June 2019 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:01

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

Guests: K.K., Jack D

Aaron asked Chaz to reach out to Mario L to see what his intentions with the club are. His voting rights have been suspended from numerous AWOLs from Open General Meetings once again.

There are still no minutes for April's meeting. Scot took notes but has not typed them up yet. Scot will get them to the Secretary shortly.

Joe M holds proxy for Michael M who is undergoing radiation therapy today in Philadelphia.

55th Anniversary Committee

9th June – Gay Pride March in Philadelphia. Chaz and Gary will attend, no other commitments.

21st June – Bike Blessing. Chaz contacted Ty's, John is ready for us, Chaz will block the spots on Friday from cars parking in our spots. Mark has everything he needs as well. If there is no provided Champagne or pizza, we will order it ourselves – there is no reason to overthink this simple event.

22nd June – Biker Picnic. We will hold the Biker Picnic at Mark & Terry's. They will purchase food and beverages and will buy-back any unused items. **A MOTION** was made by Mark to approve a budget of up to \$350 for the Biker Picnic. JM 2nd. Passed. Chaz will work with Joe to get information about the event published in the next newsletter. Meet up locations and times will be published in ONE WEEK in the newsletter for all to see, as well as online our official calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

23rd June – Folsom Street East. Aaron has arranged a double-booth and tent rental for the event. FSE will be two blocks long this year. Although we have been assured of premium placement, we will work with the FSE committee to position ourselves early in the day. Final count of bikes to be displayed will be discussed on the next teleconference call. Erik and Aaron have already volunteered theirs. We have some flashlights, MSF pamphlets, stickers and magnets to hand out. K.K. will re-design the ECMC brochure and Chaz will print. Chaz will also manufacture additional ECMC business cards.

30th June – Gay Pride March. Everyone who plans to ride needs to register! There is limited space. The registration page is <http://bit.ly/2019worldpride>

1st-4th August – United 93/Three Rivers/Arktos Run.

Chaz has reserved the entire dual-air-conditioned 8-bed (4 bunks) near the pool at Freedom Valley Campground the cost for accommodations in the cabin is \$83 per person. PayPal money requests have been sent to those who have committed to go. Any payments not made by mid-month will be released and offered to other clubs. We need to discuss more details with Lewis and Tim when they come here for pride week to hammer out the rest of the trip plans.

16th-19th August – Gay Pride Montréal. Only Chaz, Lewis, Tim, K.K. and Earl are going at this time.

7th-15th September – ECMC 55th Anniversary Road Trip to P-Town.

Results from the poll show all full members have committed to going to p-town. Chaz has asked for assistance from members to field housing in p-town to no avail; therefore, everyone will need to make their own reservations. Chaz will make his first and then tell the members where he has booked to allow for us to possibly all stay at the same place. Note: The Hogs4Hope ride will be on 15 Sept.

19th-22nd September – Cycle for the Cause AIDS Ride. Chaz is going, Erik is a 'maybe'.

11th-13th October – ECMC's 55th Anniversary Dinner.

Aaron will ensure that 12 October is still available at Elmo's and tentatively reserve it for our dinner party and we will discuss in further detail on the teleconference. We agreed that we would not plan other events (such as brunch) in advance as we do not know how many people will be able to attend.

7th December – Holiday Party & Toy Drive. (Not discussed this month.)

Officer's Reports

President

Aaron will check with AMCC to ensure that our mandatory member count has been sent to them.

Due to present issues with Aaron's family, there was no agenda for tonight's meeting.

Vice-President

A run-down of the 8th Annual ECMC Motorcycle Weekend was made, final balance sheets and receipts were presented to the treasurer.

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Road Captain

Joe will plan at least one ride and perhaps a social event for the month of July. Joe reports that suggestions are welcomed.

Secretary

Mark made **A MOTION** to accept the minutes from May 2019's meeting. Joe 2nd. Passed.

The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday, 12th June 2019. Please send any articles, photos, commentary, etc to ChazAntonelli@gmail.com

Treasurer

Hand-over of Treasurer items to Scot is significantly delayed and needs to be resolved now. Aaron will look into this and see what can be done. We have members and non-members who are all owed money from the club and they are getting very upset.

Old Business

A MOTION was made by Chaz to accept (Evil) Ed C's membership status change from fill member to associate member. Mark 2nd. Passed.

Steve G's legal address is beyond the 50 mile radius and his associate membership will be standard, not "in town" associate. Aaron will let Steve know of this as well as club participation requirements for associate members.

Chaz was reminded that the ECMC business cards are needed for FSE and to ensure they will be printed in time for the event.

K.K. asked how many confetti guns were needed at NYC Gay Pride March, Aaron reported that 15 should be sufficient.

New Business

Don, the partner of the deceased ECMC full member "Keith Batton" found his cheesegrater whilst packing to move and wanted to know if the club wanted it back. **A MOTION** was made by Mark for the club to pay for a pre-paid FedEx shipping label to return the cheesegrater in a FedEx tube. 2nd by Joe. Passed. Mark is to reach out to Don to 1) assure that the cheesegrater is in good condition and of so, 2) make arrangements for shipment.

Comments on the Record

The next club teleconference will take place on Wednesday, 19th June at 20:00. Please make every effort to dial in as we shall discuss many important business items, events and rides. The phone number and passcode are on the club calendar – if you are unable to see the meeting details on the calendar (i.e. it appears as "busy"), please reach out to Chaz on his "voice only" phone 646-827-6222 *before* the meeting. In other words, ensure you can see it NOW.

The next OGM will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 3rd July at The Centre. Due to the closeness of the 4th of July holiday, please let Aaron know if you won't be able to make it to the OGM.

A motion to close the meeting was made Chaz, 2nd by Mark. Meeting closed at 20:57.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.