

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 3rd July 2019 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:01

Roll call

Full members present: Aaron G, Chaz A, Scot L (tardy), Mark W, Erik R.

Excused full members: Michael M. (proxy to Joe M).

AWOL full members: Mario L, Joe M, Geno K.

Guests: K.K., Christian W

Membership: Last month Aaron asked Chaz to reach out to Mario L to see what his intentions with the club are and his voting rights were suspended at June's meeting from numerous AWOLs from Open General Meetings. Chaz reached out to Mario (text) but has heard nothing in return.

55th Anniversary Committee (2019 Events/Rides)

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

We shall depart New York City on Thursday morning to go to the United 93 Crash Site Memorial, after which, we will go to Michael Natale's home in Coal Centre, PA to meet up with some members of Three Rivers MC and spend the night. Mike's home is similar to The Ranch in where there are multiple beds and amenities.

On Friday morning we will leave Mike's home and head on a mixture of highways, interstates and back roads to Freedom Valley Gay Campground, along with some of our other motorcycling friends.

Chaz reserved the entire dual-air-conditioned 4 bunk cabin near the pool at Freedom Valley Campground. The cost per bed in the cabin is \$83 per person. Speak to Chaz for details. The Arktos Run Fee web page is up and running at <http://bit.ly/Arktos2019> – all those who wishing to participate on the run (food, beverage, run packet, etc.) need to register now.

16th-19th August – Gay Pride Montréal. At this time, Chaz, K.K., Lewis, Tim and our ex-member Earl are all going.

7th-15th September – ECMC 55th Anniversary Road Trip. Following the conference calls and July's OGM, Provincetown was determined to be too costly and alternative suggestions were requested to be presented at this meeting. Only Chaz had such a suggestion, the Gargoyle House in Vermont. Both Chaz and Michael have stayed there in the past and it's a nice place. It's a B&B so some rooms are shared and there are two bunk beds in another room. The

main house can accommodate up to 16 persons (if all double beds have two people in them). Additional space is available in the cabin in the woods (it's quite a fancy cabin too! It was just built a few years ago.) The cost for accommodations and breakfast for the entire week, per person was set at \$100. This is a great price. Ron (the owner) needs a commitment from at least EIGHT people by 4th July 2019 to block off the week for ECMC. Gargoyle House is located 3½ miles west of the New Hampshire border and 31 miles from the start of the Kancamagus Highway.

19th-22nd September – Cycle for the Cause AIDS Ride. Chaz and our ex-member Earl is going, Erik is a maybe.

12th October – ECMC's 55th Anniversary Dinner. Aaron has reserved Elmo's for our Anniversary dinner. He will put a deposit down before the next OGM. All other weekend plans have been cancelled due to AMCC meeting not being in NYC.

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

Officer's Reports

President

No report this month.

Vice-President

A run-down of recent events was discussed, including: The ECMC Bike Blessing, The ECMC Biker Picnic, and Folsom Street East.

The VP needs to have at least eight commitments for Gargoyle House in Vermont and will send an e-mail (enforced by a text message) with a cut-off of 12 o'clock noon on 4th July for responses at which time, Aaron will choose if we are to send a \$800 deposit.

Road Captain

Road Captain was absent from the meeting.

Mark has provided all the Bike Christening forms to Joe M for creation of the certificates.

We discussed our participation in the Philadelphia Pride and New York City 50th Anniversary of Stonewall Marches.

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Secretary

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

Scot made **A MOTION** to accept the minutes from June 2019's meeting, Erik 2nd.

The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday, 10th July. Erik promised an article about the Gay Pride March in Tel Aviv.

Please send any articles, photos, commentary, etc to ChazAntonelli@gmail.com before end of day on Monday, 8th July.

Treasurer

Michael shipped the chequebook and Treasurer's computer to K.K., who in turn handed it off to Scot at the meeting.

Scot now has the bare minimum to perform the job as treasurer – additional materials for the treasurer are still due to Scot (i.e. bank statements, patches, friendship pins, cheese graters, etc.) We also need to go to the bank and sign new signature cards.

Old Business

Chaz & K.K. produced ECMC business cards which turned out quite nice. They were distributed at the meeting and extra cards are being held by K.K.

Multi-fold brochures to promote membership were produced by K.K. & Chaz for all the events over Pride Week, they were really nice. Erik & K.K. have what's left of them.

Not Discussed, but still active from June 2019: Don, the partner of the deceased ECMC full member "Keith Batton" found his cheese grater 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 cheese grater in a FedEx tube. 2nd by Joe. Passed. Mark is to reach out to Don to 1) assure that the cheese grater is in good condition and of so, 2) make arrangements for shipment.

New Business

Max, a podcaster for the show "Off The Cuffs" (an S&M-based podcast) approached ECMC at Folsom Street East looking to interview the club. Liz, the booking agent for off the cuffs reached out to the secretary (Chaz) asking if someone were available to come into the studio located in Sayville, NY on a Tuesday night. Questions about relevance were brought up as we're a riding club, not an S&M club. Chaz is to reach out to Liz to ask why they wanted to interview us and if we were relevant to their show.

Comments on the Record

The next club teleconference will take place on Wednesday, 17th 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, 7th August at The Centre.

We had a few minutes to chat with our guest Christian W about his riding experience and interest in the club.

A motion to close the meeting was made Chaz, 2nd by Mark. Meeting closed at 20:32 (that's not a typo!)

Comments off the record

Not recorded.