

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 4th September 2019 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:01

Roll call

Full members present: Aaron G, Chaz A, Joe M, Scot L, Mark W, Erik R

Excused full members: Michael M (proxy to Aaron G)

AWOL full members: Mario L

Guests: K.K., Jack D, Mark B

Committee Reports

55th Anniversary Dinner: Elmo's has been booked. Aaron will visit to choose menu options. A non-binding vote to determine if we should have sit-down or buffet-style; however, it might have to come down to price.

56th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive: Chaz has booked the 2nd floor of Stonewall Inn for the event on 7th December. As determined on the last conference call, we will seek to have the event catered due to low membership. Aaron will provide some names and numbers of caterers for Chaz to get quotes from.

2019 Events & Rides

19th-22nd September – Cycle for the Cause AIDS Ride. There's still time to participate – hurry!

28th September – Bicycle Hospital for Special Surgery Benefit (Safety)

29th September – The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

3rd-6th October – Mates Leather Weekend XXIII

5th October – Long Island Chicken Run (and classic bikes!)

12th October – ECMC's 55th Anniversary Dinner. We'll have more information on this soon, tickets need to be set up.

8th-10th November – Harbor Masters of Maine - 37th Sailaway. Book your reservations at The Elms now, before all the rooms are taken! You can do this online at <https://elmsmaine.com/>

7th December – Holiday Party & Toy Drive.

Officer's Reports

President

No report this month.

Vice-President

A run-down of recent events were discussed, including: Montréal Gay Pride 2019 and 2020.

Road Captain

A run-down of recent rides were discussed, including: Western NJ Ride, Hamptons Ride

Upcoming rides were mentioned and discussed (see 2019 Events & Rides section of these minutes for details on other upcoming rides/events)

Secretary

We received a letter with photo (e-mail) from a former member who said they look forward to the monthly newsletter. Their photo will be featured in this month's upcoming newsletter.

There are still no minutes for April 2019's meeting. I am assuming these are lost forever at this point.,

Joe made **A MOTION** to accept the minutes from August 2019's meeting taken by Aaron, Chaz 2nd.

The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday, 11th September. Please send any articles, photos, commentary, etc to ChazAntonelli@gmail.com before end of day on Monday, 9th September for inclusion.

A get well card and Dunkin' Donuts gift card are to be sent to Evil Ed, who broke his leg and had surgery.

Treasurer

Scot is trying to get the accounts in order, but still has no statements nor access to statements.

Scot and Aaron will work with Chase to get the accounts updated with current officers.

A backpatch from Mel was returned to the club.

Old Business

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. Mark reached out to Don, but has yet to hear back from him.

New Business

Two membership applications were presented:

Jack DeLorenzo, a long-term hanger-on has applied for full membership. His application was accepted

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and he is a pledge as of September 2019. His pledge pin will be provided by Chaz, who has some of them.

Mark Baker applied for an in-town (local) associate member. His application was accepted and the vote for his local associate membership will take place in October's Open General Meeting.

Comments on the Record

Erik has mentioned Empire City to a New York Times Reporter for consideration of writing an article about ECMC.

The next club teleconference will take place on Wednesday, 18th September at 20:00. 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

The next Open General Meeting will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 2nd October at The Centre.

A motion to close the meeting was made Mark, 2nd by Scot. Meeting closed at 20:51

Comments off the record

Not recorded.