

# Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:02

## Roll call

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

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

AWOL full members: Mario L

Guests: K.K., Chris F

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## Officer's Reports

### President

Aaron reports that our former member Geno K has broken his kneecap and could use some attention, so in addition to reaching out to Ed Caraballo, our associate member with a multiple leg fracture, please also reach out to Geno and let him know you're thinking about him.

### Vice-President

A run-down of recent events were discussed, including: Black & Blue Ball (no one went, as it conflicted with Cycle for the Cause)

Upcoming events are:

- Our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet
- Mates Leather Weekend (no one going)
- Harbour Masters' Banquet in Portland, ME

### Road Captain

A run-down of recently attended rides were discussed, including:

- Moto Crew for Cycle for the Cause
- Hogs 4 Hope Ride
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fallen Heroes Ride
- Moto Crew for HSS Cycle Event
- The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride

Upcoming rides were mentioned and discussed:

- Chicken Run (this coming Saturday)
- Rumble for Ronald Benefit Ride
- Weiner/Biketoberfest Ride

Joe asked that suggestions for a fall foliage ride (or any other rides to close out 2019) be sent to him by e-mail for consideration and planning.

## Secretary

We received a card from Emil congratulating us on our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with a cheque for \$55. A thank you card is to be sent to him.

The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please send any articles, photos, commentary, etc to [ChazAntonelli@gmail.com](mailto:ChazAntonelli@gmail.com) before end of day on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October for inclusion.

## Treasurer

New banking regulations require that either the President or the Secretary of the club go to Chase to begin the registration of authorised signatures for our chequing and savings accounts. All officers plus Michael M will be on the account until the next election and Chaz will go to Chase to sort this out.

Scot read off the balances from the bank statement, which arrived via postal mail.

We're still picking up the pieces of this office and there has been no official report nor audit for 2018 yet.

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## Committee Reports

**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner:** Elmo's has been booked and the menu is set. We need 21 people to break even and we need a final headcount by Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October so Elmo's can prepare for our banquet. Please help promote our event!

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive:** The second floor of Stonewall Inn is booked for the event on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Chaz implored that members need to send catering company/person suggestions to him, as we have none at this time. Chaz reached out to Rising Ground and told them that, as usual, they could bring five persons for free to the event. We also asked that they kindly invite their former employee, Deborah, to the event so we can say goodbye to her.

The President of Excelsior MC reached out to us about combining our efforts to promote both their Trim-A-Tree event on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December as well as our Holiday Party. They also gave us a warning that there will be a contest at Rock Bar the same night as our Holiday Party.

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## Old Business

A **MOTION** by Chaz A to accept Mark B's application for in-town Associate membership was presented and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark W. Passed. Welcome to ECMC Mark B! Our Treasurer needs to provide a single small ECMC patch in exchange for a deposit as well as retroactively bill for annual dues starting October and ending in December. Next year's Associate dues will be billed in full in January 2020.

A **MOTION** by Chaz A to extend Jack D's application for full membership was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark W. Passed. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> vote of 6 total votes, full membership cannot be granted until the 3<sup>rd</sup> voting cycle and Jack has completed his mandatory rides. So far, Jack has ZERO of three required official club rides.

September 2019: Erik has mentioned Empire City to a New York Times Reporter for consideration of writing an article about ECMC. No news on this at this time.

## New Business

None.

## Comments on the Record

The next club teleconference will take place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 20:00. The phone number and passcode are on the club calendar. There might not be a need for this call, we will make a determination on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and if not required, we will remove it from our calendar. If removed, you should get a cancellation e-mail notification. Just to be safe, go to our official calendar at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com> and verify that it is still there before dedicating your time to it.

The next Open General Meeting will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at The Centre.

Chris F introduced himself to the club and told us a bit about himself.

A motion to close the meeting was made and the meeting was closed at 20:39.

## Comments off the record

Not recorded.