

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 8th January 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:03

Roll call: Full members present: Aaron G, Scot L, Erik R, Mark W, Chaz A, Joe M. Excused full members: Michael M (proxy to Aaron G). AWOL full members: Mario L. Pledges: Jack D. Associate Members: Gary P. Guests: K.K., Uri R

A **MOTION** to accept the Secretary's minutes from December 2019 was made by MW, 2nd by ER.

Officer's Reports

President (Aaron G)

- As this is Aaron's last meeting as President and a Full Member of Empire City MC, he thanked everyone for everything.

Vice-President (Chaz A)

A run-down of recent events were discussed, including:

- ECMC 56th Holiday Party

Upcoming events are:

- 12th January – Installation Dinner at Elmo. All members indicated they would attend and the meal will be "dutch treat" (separate cheques).

Road Captain (Joe M)

- It's cold – no rides are planned.

Secretary (Chaz A)

- We received a Christmas card from The Ottawa Knights. We need to reach out to them again, they've been sending us cards and stuff for a while now...
- The next newsletter will be published on 15th January 2020. Please send any articles to Chaz on or before end of day 13th January.
- Aaron will take some photos and write an article about MAL for February's newsletter.

Treasurer (Chaz A, pro tempore Treasurer)

- Treasurer's report was presented.
- Second safety deposit box key and ECMC backpatches were returned from Michael M.
- Michael M paid \$60.00 (\$3/each) for twenty commemorative AMCC 50th anniversary lapel pins. We are unsure if this was gifted from Michel or the club needs to reimburse him.

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (Michael M)

It was reported at the last AMCC meeting that the Reading Railmen and SNC (69 Club, London) have halted operations and folded. It was further indicated that Twilight Guard also ceased operations. This was reported in the December newsletter. It was pointed out by Twilight Guard via an e-mail that Twilight Guard is still operational and kindly asked for a correction to be run in the next newsletter.

The next AMCC Meeting does not seem to be in their calendar and our rep has not indicated the date, location nor time of the 192nd meeting.

ECMC Archive Project

No news.

Old Business

A **MOTION** by Chaz A to "pause" Jack D's application for full membership until the meeting in May 2020 as Jack still needs to complete one official ride of his qualifying rides. The motion was 2nd by Mark W. This means that Jack has three remaining votes before being automatically rejected as a member. Those votes will be May, June and July 2020. Motion passed.

Nomination/Election of 2020 Executive Board.

Various persons dropped out of races, resulting in only one vote being held for the office of Treasurer between Chaz A and Gary P. The stalemate was broken by Michael M's proxy vote.

The ECMC Executive Board for 2020 will be:

President	Mark W
Vice President & Road Captain	Erik R
Secretary & Treasurer	Chaz A

Steve G and William P both owe the club their insignia.

New Business

Gary P (Associate Member, formerly a Full Member) made a request to be reinstated as a full member. This request was made via a written letter presented in person at this meeting. A vote was called in closed session and it was decided to immediately reinstate Gary back into the club. Gary was welcomed back with a warm round of applause.

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Comments on the Record

Scot has returned to work and everything seems much better now. We're all relieved and proud of Scot for pulling through this rough patch.

There is no need for a teleconference call this month, therefore the Secretary shall cancel it.

A brief discussion about conduct of meetings via teleconference was mentioned; however, this is not appropriate for comments on the record and especially when the role of chairman (president) will change next month. This is to be discussed by the e-board and/or at the next meeting.

The next Open General Meeting will be at 20:00 on Wednesday, 5th February 2020 at The Centre.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Gary P and 2nd by Scot L. The meeting was closed at 20:43.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.