

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 1st April 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:02 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members present: Mark W, Erik R, Chaz A, Gary P, Mario L, Michael M. Pledges: Jack D. Guests & Associate Members: Mark B, Joe M, Aaron G, Earl D
Excused full members: Scot L.

A **MOTION** to accept the Secretary's minutes from March 2020 was made by Erik R, 2nd by Gary P.

Officer's Reports

President (Mark W)

- Round the virtual room to check in on everyone to see how they are contending with COVID-19.
- A **MOTION** to make a \$500.00 donation from Empire City MC to the "Guys at Ty's" go-fund-me fundraiser to benefit the bartenders at Ty's. 2nd by Gary P (passed)

Vice-President/Road Captain (Erik R)

- There are already a bunch of cancelled events due to COVID-19 including: Folsom Street East, L.A. Pride Parade, L.I. Raven's Run
- Still hopeful that ECMC Motorcycle Weekend and NYC Pride March will still take place.
- It's getting time to ride! Mark W has already been out for a few short rides, we should plan on a club ride that mitigates close contact very soon (as soon as it gets warmer).
- Please send photos of your Driving Licence, Insurance Card for your motorcycle(s), Motorcycle registration(s) to Erik R for the annual Road Captain Certification.
- Hogs 4 Hope has been postponed – there is no new date on their website at this time.
- Mark is gathering information about the river tube ride hosted by Hunterdon County HOGs.

Secretary/Treasurer (Chaz A)

- The next newsletter will be published on 8th April. Please send any articles to Chaz before end of day 6th April.
- Presentation of the club's finances was made, the report had an error – all expenses were *added* to the grand total, not *subtracted*, a new Treasurer's Report will be sent forthwith.
- Mark B did not overpay his dues by \$5, the \$5 was for his ECMC Patch Deposit.
- Chaz will send 3rd round of dues notices.

Committee Reports

AMCC Rep

- No report this month

Shirts Committee

- The Shirt Committee met last month and agreed that if the "mechanic's shirts" have backpatch, front patch and AMCC patch, they would qualify as your cut (colours).
- Gary P sent photos of a mock-up mechanic's shirt and it looks good! We'll move forward with this and work on logistics at the next teleconference call.
- If we want to make classic ECMC T-Shirts, the first thing we need is to clean up the artwork from the photo we have, then we can get it priced from various suppliers.

Old Business

- Jack D's application for full membership remains on hold until the meeting in May as Jack still needs to complete one official ride of his qualifying rides.
- Erik reports there is no news about the "My Big Gay World" media enquiry. He shall reach out to them by telephone.
- Mark lent a set of ECMC Colours to Excelsior MC for their leather display. Mark will ensure that he gets them back.
- Sirens MC Pool Tournament (Erik) is on hold until the COVID-19 issue has ended.
- Closed session took place after the meeting is closed and addressed the following:
 - Mario L's status: Mark W will reach out to Mario to determine what his intentions are and see if we can somehow better accommodate him to be more participatory with the club.
 - Earl D has applied to reinstatement to the club as a Full Member. A **MOTION** to accept Earl back as a full member was made by Chaz, 2nd by Erik and passed unanimously. Welcome back Earl!

New Business

- We will replace WebEx with Zoom Teleconferencing, starting as of the upcoming monthly teleconference call. Please test your mobile, tablet, laptop, computer whatever you use to connect and reach out to Chaz to check within the next 14 days.

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Comments on the Record

- Erik, Chaz and K.K. got their motorcycles out of storage yesterday!

The next Zoom Teleconference will take place on 16th April at 20:00 – link to connect and password can be seen at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

Unless COVID-19 prevents a face-to-face meeting, the next meeting will be 6th May at 20:00 at The Centre, 208 W 13th St, New York City as well as by Zoom Teleconference – link to connect and password can be seen at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chaz A and 2nd by Erik R. The meeting was closed at 21:01.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.