

# Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:05 via teleconference

## Roll call:

Full members present: Mark W, Erik R, Chaz A, Michael M, Gary P, Earl D. Full members excused: none. Full members absent: Mario L, Scot L. Pledges: Jack D. Guests & Associate Members: Aaron G, Joe M.

A **MOTION** to accept the Secretary's minutes from last month's OGM was made by Gary P, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl D.

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## Officer's Reports

### President (Mark W)

- There is an extension to register for the river tube ride hosted by Hunterdon County HOGs. The new deadline to register is 15 July.

### Vice-President/Road Captain (Erik R)

Cancelled Events Update:

- NYC Pride March is cancelled
- DC Eagle has shuttered forever
- Bear Pride Albany is cancelled (new info)

Upcoming Events & Rides:

- Weekend rides (as announced on calendar)
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – ECMC Bike Blessing T.B.D.
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – ECMC Biker Picnic T.B.D.
- 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.

### Secretary/Treasurer (Chaz A)

- This month's newsletter was completed early and will be sent out early.
- The next will be published on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please send any articles to Chaz before end of day 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Presentation of the club's finances was made.
- Earl's \$100 should be \$75 for annual prorated dues, and \$25 for 1 backpatch, 1 small ECMC front patch and 1 AMCC patch. Treasurer will fix this.
- Mike C (associate member) is the only member who has not yet paid his 2020 dues.

## Committee Reports

### AMCC Rep

- No news from AMCC at this time. Many more events, including Philadelphian's Tri-Cen, have been cancelled.

### Shirt Committee

- Gary P will poll membership for quantity and size(s) desired from membership for mechanic's shirts.
- Gary P needs to locate a graphic designer to re-create the original ECMC t-shirts for the public. Then we can look into mass manufacturing them and selling them.

### ECMC Archive Project

- Chaz A could use some help scanning all the sorted documents please.

## Old Business

- Erik reports there is no news about the "My Big Gay World" media enquiry.
- Mark lent a set of ECMC Colours to Excelsior MC for their leather display. Mark will ensure that he gets them back. (has this happened?)
- 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: Mark W reached out to Mario to determine what his intentions are with the club (re: chronic absenteeism from the meetings and failure to meet minimum ride and event requirements in 2019). Mark only determined that he intends to pay his dues and apparently did not address the issues with his participation. Mark will reach out again before June's meeting to ask about these issues.
  - Vote 4 of 6 for Jack D's application for full membership was voted upon and extended another month. Jack still needs to complete one official ride of his qualifying rides.

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## New Business

- No new business

## Comments on the Record

- Joe went for a ride last weekend and posted photos on his facebook page.
- Michael M and Evil Ed went riding in Florida together to Saint Petersburg.
- Gary took his bike to his local mechanic to see it overwhelmed with bikes awaiting spring maintenance – it was insane.

The next Zoom Teleconference will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 20:00 at The Centre, 208 W 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Erik R, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary P. The meeting was closed at 20:37.

## Comments off the record

Not recorded.