

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 3rd June 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:05 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Mario L (left after 10 minutes and did not return), Gary P, Michael M, Chaz A, Mark W. Late to join were: Erik R, Earl D. Absent without excuse: Scot L. Associate members: Lewis K. Pledges: Jack D. Guests: Snaky, Jay (applicant), Jim S (Philadelphians)

A **MOTION** to accept the Secretary's minutes from last month's OGM was made by Gary P, 2nd by Chaz A.

Officer's Reports

President (Mark W)

- Concerns about NYC's 8pm curfew and riding.

Vice-President (Erik R)

Cancelled Events Update:

- 19th June: ECMC Bike Blessing
- 11th July: Mal & Jose's 4th of July Party
- 14th August: Gay Pride Montréal
- 3rd-8th September: Delta Run

Upcoming Events:

- None

Road Captain (Erik R)

Past Rides:

- Discussed briefly as per agenda

Upcoming Rides:

- 12th-13th June: NY-30 Ride. Snake would like to propose a ride and stay-over at his place in Bloomingburg, NY (Erik to work out details)
- 20th June: Biker Picnic (Snake offered his place to host, we counter with using his property as a meet-up then going to a local burger joint where ECMC will buy everyone lunch. Erik to work out details with Snake.)
- 18th July: Brooklyn Dumpling Automat Run and Long Island
- 25th July: Delaware River Tubing Trip w/ Hunterdon HOGs (still happening!)
- 14th August: Gay Pride Montréal – although the parade is cancelled, still planning on going up to enjoy the ride and the weekend in Quebec (if the border it open!)

Other Road Captain Business:

- 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. So far, Chaz A, Gary P, Mark W and Joe M have.

Secretary (Chaz A)

- June's Newsletter will be published on 10th June, please submit articles by Monday, 8th June by 17:00.

Treasurer (Chaz A)

- Presentation of the club's finances was made.
- All 2020 dues from all members are paid.

Committee Reports

AMCC Rep (Michael M)

- Presently not meeting. There is chatter about setting up a Zoom Teleconference

Shirt Committee

- Gary P will poll membership for quantity and size(s) desired from membership for mechanic's shirts and provide them to Chaz for processing. Two associate members desire shirts with only Associate patch.
- Sean (Twilight Guard) has offered his services to re-touch the original design. There has been no mention of cost at this time, but in any case, it will need to wait until after the COVID-19 issue is over.

ECMC Archive Project

- Chaz A could use still 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.

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- Closed session took place after the meeting is closed and addressed the following:
 - Michael M has submitted a request to extend his Leave of Absence another six months in writing. His request was approved. His current LOA now continues until 6th January 2021.
 - Earl made a **MOTION** accept Jack D as a full member, Gary P 2nd. This is Jack's 5th vote of 6 allowed votes. Discussion about his riding abilities and behaviour was held for some time. Michael M was asked to act as scrutineer to collect the secret ballots. Jack was accepted as a full member.
 - Jay Davis presented an application for Associate Membership. All requirements for Associate Membership were met and his two sponsors are Chaz A and Gary P. A vote was taken and Jay was made an associate member.
 - Mario L: Mark W reached out to Mario once again to determine what his intentions are with the club as his chronic absenteeism from meetings and failure to meet minimum ride and event requirements in 2019 have everyone wondering what's going on. Mario expressed to Mark that he "paid his dues", but the membership is more concerned that he is always MIA. We have asked Mark to reach out to him one final time to explain the rules of the club to him and if there is no improvement, to take further disciplinary actions, and quite possibly expulsion if there is no change.

both Philadelphians' and Nighthawks' facebook pages shortly.

- Jay Davis spoke, indicating that he has a HD Road King and has been riding for 4½ years.
- Lewis K expressed delight with the recent ECMC 9th annual Motorcycle Weekend and said that the rides and food were amazing and thanked everyone who helped make it a success.

The next club teleconference will take place on 17th June 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 1st July 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, 2nd by Gary P. The meeting was closed at 20:55.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.

New Business

- No new business was presented.

Comments on the Record

- Guest Jim S of the Philadelphians indicated that he joined our meeting, as with COVID-19, it's allowed him to attend many meetings of AMCC clubs he was unable to attend in person previously. He said hello to the group. Also, the Philadelphians and Nighthawks of Virginia are planning a "virtual cocktail party" on Zoom teleconference to be announced on