

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

Meeting called to order at 20:01 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Mark W, Erik R, Chaz A, Earl D, Gary P, Jack D, Mario L, Scot L. Associate members: Aaron G, Lewis K and Jay D.

A MOTION to accept the Secretary's minutes from last month's OGM was made by Jack D, 2nd by Scot L.

Officer's Reports

President (Mark W)

- The Centre will be closed until at least October, and then maybe not even for meeting space. We will see.
- Although the official Pride March was cancelled, there was a small unofficial parade in NYC and a television special.

Vice-President (Erik R)

Upcoming Events:

- We're looking into finding a river tubing company for us to go to.

Road Captain (Erik R)

Past Rides:

- Ride the Snake Run
- ECMC's 56th Annual *FREE* Biker Picnic
- Bear Mountain and Goat Trail

Upcoming Rides:

- 11th-12th July: Philly Cheesesteak Run (If you are coming, e-mail Gary!)
- 18th July: Brooklyn Dumpling Automat Run
- 26th July: Wurtsboro HOG 26th Annual St. Jude Fundraiser
- 14th-17th August: Montréal (if border is closed, Chaz will go to Vermont or New Hampshire)
- 20th September: The 16th Annual Peter J. Lavery Memorial Ride

Ride Suggestions:

- GP: Cranberry Bogs in New Jersey (October)
- GP: Meet Three Rivers MC ½ way...
- CA: Pittsburgh, PA weekend with Three Rivers

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.

Secretary (Chaz A)

- A very nice letter from Rob in Australia asking to open up an ECMC Charter. It was agreed that Chaz will write to him explaining things, as well as offer our constitution and by-laws for him to use as a guide to create his own unique club.
- July's newsletter will be published on 8th July. Please submit articles/photos by Monday.

Treasurer (Chaz A)

- Presentation of the club's finances was made.
- All 2020 dues from all members are paid with the exception of Jack, who just became a member last month.

Motion to accept the Officer's Reports made by Scot L, 2nd by Earl D.

Committee Reports

AMCC Rep (Michael M)

- Last we heard, there is chatter about setting up a Zoom Teleconference – no news yet.

Shirt Committee

- Mechanic's shirts (members only): Chaz has ordered and received all mechanic's shirts. Patches are awaiting to be sewn on (hopefully this coming week in New York's re-opening, Phase 3). Once shirts are ready, Chaz will reach out to those whom have ordered.
- Classic T-Shirts (for the general public): 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

- Document scanning still needs to be done.

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Old Business

- Sirens MC Pool Tournament (Erik) (on hold due to COVID-19)
- "My Big Gay World" media enquiry (Erik) (on hold due to COVID-19)
- Results of NYC Sirens Black Lives Matter Motorcycle protest? Erik will reach out.

New Business

- Mario L requested a leave of absence for six months. The LOA will be in effect until 6th January 2021.
- Stonewall Inn, and various other gay bars are reporting that they may close forever as a result of COVID-19. The NYC Eagle is reported as partially re-opened. A discussion was had about making a donation to The Stonewall Inn, but they had already achieved their goal of \$300,000 on their GoFundMe page.

Comments on the Record

The next club teleconference will take place on 15th July at 20:00 – link to connect and password can be seen at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

The next meeting will be 5th August at 20:00 by teleconference – link to connect and password can be seen at <http://calendar.EmpireCityMC.com>

A motion to close the meeting was made by Scot L, 2nd by Erik R. The meeting was closed at 20:37.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.