

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 5th August 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:07 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Mark W, Erik R, Chaz A, Earl D, Gary P, Jack D, Michael M. Full members absent: Scot L.
Associate members: None

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

Officer's Reports

President (Mark W)

- Last Saturday's NYC Marathon ride ended in a NYC park with a surprise birthday party for Chaz – who didn't have a clue it was to be!

Vice-President (Erik R)

Past Events:

- Excelsior MC hosted a Zoom Teleconference "Virtual Barnight" a couple weeks ago. Some ECMC Members were present.

Upcoming Events:

- Erik's looking for a river tubing and other safe, outdoor activities to ride our bikes to.
- 9-11 OCT: ECMC 56th Anniversary Weekend with Anniversary Dinner.
- 5 DEC: ECMC's 57th Annual Holiday Party.
- These events are at risk of being cancelled due to COVID-19 and should be discussed on the club teleconference call later this month.

Road Captain (Erik R)

Past Rides:

- 18 JUL: Famous Graves Tour, Ravens' BBQ and Pool Party was a lot of fun, a thank you letter has been sent to the Ravens and George for hosting the BBQ. We happened, purely by chance, to be at the grave of Glenn Hughes (the 'leatherman' of the Village People) on what would have been his 70th birthday.
- 26 JUL: Sandy Hook Beach, New Jersey. We got to see what it's like to go to the Jersey Shore via highways instead of the ferry! We also went up Mt Mitchel for an amazing view, thanks to our former Road Captain, Joe M.
- 01 AUG: Ride the NYC Marathon. This farce of a ride was a distraction to get Chaz to his surprise birthday party! It was fun and we got to ride and visit with Geno!

Upcoming Rides:

- 14-17 AUG: Vermont & Green Mountains.
- 22 AUG: Wurtsboro HOG St. Jude Fundraiser Run. This is a new date! Check before going!
- 3-8 SEP: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg! Check in with Erik if going!
- 20 SEP: The 16th Annual Peter J. Lavery Memorial Ride (unsure this will happen).
- 2-4 OCT: Cheesecake to Cheesesteak Run (Philly Ride) Gary will be out of his sling.

Secretary (Chaz A)

- August's newsletter will be sent on the 12th. Please submit articles by Monday.

Treasurer (Chaz A)

- Presentation of the club's finances was made.

Motion to accept the Officer's Reports made by Gary P, 2nd by Jack D.

Committee Reports

AMCC Rep (Michael M)

- Zoom Teleconference AMCC Meeting to take place 22 August 2020!

Shirt Committee

- Mechanic's shirts are ready for pickup! Please make arrangements to pay for and receive your shirt (if you ordered one!)
- Classic T-Shirts (for sale to the general public): Sean Campbell of 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

- Historic ECMC documents await scanning but Chaz' office is now locked down.

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)

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New Business

- Sean Campbell home from hospital following emergency cancer surgery. Grim prognosis posted on facebook.
- Chaz mentioned that he assembled a “Road Captain’s Guide” to ensure that all aspects of a ride or event are taken into account. His had transmitted to all members via e-mail two weeks ago. Please read it and send your suggestions and comments directly to Chaz so he may complete this project.
- An older individual has expressed interest in coming on some of our rides; however, we have seen him ride and feel that he is riding out of class (his bike is too big/too tall) for him. We need to gently tell him this and that until we feel he is a safe rider; he may not ride with us. The executive board will hold a special meeting in the next 10 days to discuss how to best address this situation.

Comments on the Record

Congratulations to Gary on his successful elbow surgery and his new home! He intends to sell his old home himself online.

K.K.'s father passed this week. A brief discussion about some sort of condolence to be sent as he's been an instrumental person to our club; however, Chaz reports that K.K. and his father were estranged and there's really no love loss and it wasn't necessary.

The next teleconference will be 19th August at 20:00 via teleconference as shown in our calendar. If you cannot see the teleconference details, please contact Chaz.

Our next Open General Meeting will be 2nd September at 20:00 exclusively via teleconference as shown in our calendar. (The Centre remains closed for meetings due to COVID-19.)

A motion to close the meeting was made by Chaz A, 2nd by Erik R. The meeting was closed at 21:07.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.