

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 2nd September 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:03 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Mark W, Erik R, Chaz A, Earl D, Gary P, Jack D, Michael M, Scot L (T). Associate members: Aaron G.

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

Officer's Reports

President (Mark W)

- None

Vice-President (Erik R)

Past Events:

- None

Upcoming Events:

- MotoAmerica Superbikes at New Jersey Motorsports Park. Aaron, Chaz and Erik are interested in going to arrive at ~09:00 on Saturday, 12th September. The NJ Motorsports Park is about a two-hour drive from NYC, a day pass is \$40 and parking is \$10 per vehicle. Aaron is driving a cage, as his bike is not in the city. If you are interested in going, let Erik know to expect you.
- 9-11 OCT EVENT: ECMC 56th Anniversary Weekend & Dinner. Jack will look for indoor dining space in Manhattan to accommodate 15-20 people and report back in two weeks on the 16 September teleconference if this is possible to take place this year.
- 5 DEC EVENT: ECMC's 57th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive will not take place at Stonewall due to it being closed from COVID. Discussions about some alternatives include:
 - A 'Go Fund Me' fundraiser to raise cash for Rising Ground.
 - Get Rising Ground to set up a 'wish list' on Amazon for guests to purchase items for them directly.
 - A Zoom Teleconference in where members and virtual guests can socialise on the day of.
 - A cash donation from the club.

Road Captain (Erik R)

Past Rides:

- 14-17 AUG RIDE: Vermont & Green Mountains was amazing and we had great weather. Photos are online facebook in the ECMC group and an article about the trip by our associate Lewis will appear in this month's newsletter, be sure to check it out.
- 22 AUG RIDE: Ride to Wurtsboro HOG St. Jude Fundraiser SNAFU as the host club preponed the event by an hour without letting anyone know outside of a secret webpage. Erik and Jack got there at the original start time and hung out with some of the folks that arrived there late but "on time".

Upcoming Rides:

- 3-8 SEP RIDE: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg departs NYC tomorrow and returns to NYC on Tuesday. Chaz A, Erik R, Uri R, K.K. will be going on the entire ride, we will pick up Gary P, Earl D, Jay Davis, Robin Torillo, Dennis McQuaid in Philadelphia, and others going on part of the ride include: Lewis K, Tim M, and our Pittsburgh host, Mike N. We will see members of the Philadelphians, Three Rivers, and the Pennsmen.
- We will NOT be going on the 16th Annual Peter J. Lavery Memorial Ride on 20th September due to the early start time and the distance from NYC the start point is located.
- We will NOT participate with the DGR (Distinguished Gentleman's Ride), as they will not host an organised group ride this year.
- 2-4 OCT RIDE: Cheesecake to Cheesesteak Run. We will go to see Gary (and others) in Philadelphia for a fun weekend out of NYC! Gary's arm gets out of its sling this weekend!

Secretary (Chaz A)

- August's newsletter will be sent on the 9th. Please submit articles by Monday, 7th.

Treasurer (Chaz A)

- Presentation of the club's finances was made.

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

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Committee Reports

AMCC Rep (Michael M)

- Zoom Teleconference AMCC Meeting took place 22nd August 2020 and was more-or-less a test to see how using teleconference for the AMCC meeting would be.
- AMCC to meet via teleconference 21st (or 22nd) of November. There are presently two conflicting dates for the next meeting on the AMCC website. Michael will clear this up.

Shirt Committee

- All Mechanic's shirts have been picked up and they look sharp!
- 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)

New Business

- None

Comments on the Record

- Next teleconference will be 16th September at 20:00 via teleconference as shown in our calendar. If you cannot see the teleconference details, please contact Chaz. Remember: These teleconference meetings are mostly unstructured to allow us to discuss, plan and touch base with each other – although attendance is not required, please try to attend.
- Our next Open General Meeting will be 7th October at 20:00 at The Centre, 208 W 13th

St, New York City and on 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 Jack D. The meeting was closed at 20:39.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.