

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 7th October 2020 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:03 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Earl D, Chaz A, Erik R, Gary P, Mark W, Michael M, Jack D, Scot L

Associate members: Lewis K,

Guests: Snake

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

Officer's Reports

President (Mark W)

- Nothing special to report this month.

Vice-President (Erik R)

Past Events:

- 12 SEP: MotoAmerica Superbikes at NJ Motorsports Park was surprisingly fun and we should do it again soon.
- 25 SEP: Expendables MC of New Jersey Annual Cigar Night was lightly attended but was a lot of fun – nearly everyone won a door prize and we got to smoke cigars!

Upcoming Events:

- 11 OCT: ECMC 56th Anniversary Dinner. This is a dutch treat dinner with an estimated cost per person between \$40 and \$100 depending on what you order and cocktails. Two tables able to seat 10 each have been reserved with outdoor dining to ensure maximum safety.
- 28 NOV: Bucks MC Santa Saturday has been cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 5 DEC: ECMC's 57th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive (will discuss in committee reports)

Road Captain (Erik R)

Past Rides:

- 3-8 SEP: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. Tons of fun with friends and a surprise ECMC cake was served up at Tim & Lewis' home before a pool party at the home of Three Rivers Leather Club members.

- 20 SEP: Blue Knights NJ VIII Celebrate Life Ride was enjoyable and short.
- 25 SEP: NYC -> Expendables MC NJ Cigar Night. Sadly, half this trip was spent getting out of New York City due to all bridges and tunnels being jammed up Friday. Upon return, we discovered the Holland Tunnel was CLOSED entirely, forcing us over to the Lincoln Tunnel! Grrrrr.
- 2-4 OCT: Cheesecake to Cheesesteak Run (Philly Ride) had great weather and marvellous views thanks to Gary and Earl providing accommodations, two rides around Philadelphia and a roof-deck party with lost of great food!

Upcoming Rides:

- 10 OCT: Anniversary Weekend Motorcycle Ride was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- 17 OCT: Campaign Ride to Elect Biden/Harris 2020. The NYC Sirens are presenting a ride starting at The Cyclone in Coney Island to raise awareness of the upcoming election.
- Eddie Murphy suggested a Fall Foliage Ride to his "Shack" in Quakertown, PA. Erik will look into this.
- Snake mentioned that some areas up north are approaching peak leaf colours presently.
- Gary suggested routes for a Cranberry Bog and Hindenburg disaster site ride in NJ. Gary and Erik will plan this and post to the calendar.
- More ride suggestions: Rail Explorers USA running in the Catskills, Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Hike the Hudson Valley, New Hope Railroad - Historic Tourist Railroad

Secretary (Chaz A)

- Thank you letters have been sent to everyone who helped make the Philly, Pittsburgh and Harrisburg ride a great success.
- August's newsletter will be sent on the 14th. Please submit articles by Monday, 12th.

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Treasurer (Chaz A)

- A MOTION for ECMC to reimburse Gary for Philadelphia Weekend club expenses of \$284.00 (as attached receipts show) was made by Chaz A, 2nd Erik R. Passed.
- Presentation of the club's finances was made.

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

Committee Reports

AMCC Rep (Michael M)

- Next AMCC meeting via teleconference 21st November via Zoom Teleconference.

Shirt Committee

- A MOTION was made to get the design completed and put the shirts on an online, on-demand retailer with a small mark-up to benefit Rising Ground was made by Chaz A, 2nd Gary P. Passed.
- Chaz to chat with Sean Campbell about getting the logo finished. Chaz to set up online sales as well once ready.

ECMC Archive Project

- Historic ECMC documents await scanning but Chaz' office is still locked down. Might be able to go in and start some scanning this or next month?

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

- We have a new person interested in ECMC. His name is Christopher DiSanto. Erik and Chaz are working to meet up with him and answer any questions he has. He is a brand-new motorcycle rider, so he will need some hand-holding to bring him up to highway speeds. He was unable to meet or come to the meeting this week due to a stomach flu.
- Next teleconference will be 21st October 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 4th November at 20:00 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 Jack D. The meeting was closed at 20:49.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.