

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, 6th January 2021 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 20:04 via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Mark W, Erik R, Chaz A, Earl D, Gary P, Jack D (tardy), Michael M, Scot L (tardy); Absent: Mario L; Associate members: Lewis K; Guests: Alex C

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)

- It's been quiet, we'll probably continue to meet via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Vice-President (Erik R)

Past Events:

- 4 DEC: Excelsior MC's Virtual Trim-A-Tree – Well executed, amazing directorship and nearly commercial quality.
- 5 DEC: ECMC's 57th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive – as expected, lightly attended but fun with a few games near the end.

Upcoming Events:

- Installation Dinner will prove to be difficult with indoor dining shut down and a highly contagious version of COVID-19 going around.
- Chaz A made **A MOTION** to officially transfer offices on 16 January 2021; however, postpone a proper installation dinner to take place post-COVID. 2nd by Jack. (passed)

Road Captain (Erik R)

- Nothing to report.

Secretary (Chaz A)

- December's newsletter will be sent on the 13th, please submit articles by Monday.

Treasurer (Chaz A)

- Presentation of the club's finances was made.
- Thanks to all who paid their dues

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

Committee Reports

AMCC Rep (Michael M)

- No news from the AMCC. The next meeting (date undecided) will be the elections of AMCC officers.

T-Shirt Committee

- No news.
- Chaz spoke with Sean Campbell about getting the logo cleaned up in October. Sean's chemotherapy has been difficult, there is no rush – we want Sean to get better first.
- Once the design is provided to Chaz from Sean, we will put the T-Shirts on sale on an online store with a small mark-up to benefit Rising Ground as agreed to in October's OGM.

ECMC Archive Project

- Historic ECMC documents await scanning but Chaz' office is still locked down. Emil sent in more documents. Gary P offered help to scan.

Old Business

- Sirens MC Pool Tournament (Erik) and "My Big Gay World" media enquiry (Erik) remain on hold due to COVID-19. Erik will reach out again to keep these ideas moving forward.
- AMC Cinema Rental for a private viewing a film. Erik will keep on top of this.
- Erik re-suggested that all members of ECMC take the MSF experienced rider class in 2021. Erik will look into costs and possibly a private session just for us. It was suggested that the club might pay for this safety class.
- Elections of Officers:

Office	2020 Officer	Term Limit?	2021 Nominees	Nominated By	Nominations/Withdrawals	Winner
President	Mark W	NO	Mark W	Chaz A	None	Mark W
Vice-President	Erik R	NO	Earl D	Chaz A	None	Earl D
Road Captain	Erik R	NO	Erik R	Chaz A	None	Erik R
Secretary	Chaz A	YES	Gary P Jack D	Gary P Jack D	None	Gary P
Treasurer	Chaz A	NO	Gary P	Gary P	Gary P w/d Chaz A	Chaz A

- A MOTION** from Mark W to accept officers won by acclimation. 2nd by Scot L. (passed)

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New Business

- Michael M presented a written request to the Executive Board to extend his Reserve Membership status another six months due to health was approved and accepted.
- It should be noted that Mario L's Reserve Membership status has expired as of this meeting, and Mario has three months in which to state his intentions before going into suspended membership status.
- Chaz A made **A MOTION** to waive event and ride participation requirements for 2020 due to COVID-19 making such events and rides difficult. 2nd by Earl D. (passed)
- Earl D made **A MOTION** that ECMC donate \$500 to Rising Ground, specifically for the unit in where Deborah works. 2nd by Chaz A. Chaz will reach out to Deborah to see what the best way is to get that to them specifically.
- Gary P made **A MOTION** that ECMC donate \$100 to The Bike Stop to help them through these difficult times. 2nd by Chaz A for purposed of discussion. During discussion an idea was hatched that we ask if The Bike Stop will sell "gift cards", as we as individuals, would probably buy much more than \$100 (which, in Chaz' opinion would actually be more of an insult than assistance), furthermore, we could promote the sale of gift cards for The Bike Stop as a way for them to get capital to survive – rather than a handout. Gary withdrew his motion and will investigate gift cards at The Bike Stop and get back to us.

Comments on the Record

- Next teleconference will be 20th January 2021 at 20:00 via teleconference as shown in our calendar.
- Our next Open General Meeting will be 3rd February 2021 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 Scot L. The meeting was closed at 20:53.

Comments off the record

Not recorded.