

Empire City MC Open General Meeting, February 3, 2021 – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2004hrs via teleconference

Roll call:

Full members: Mark W., Erik R, Chaz A., Earl D., Gary P., Jack D. (tardy), Michael M., Scot L.; Absent: Mario L.

Associate members: Lewis K., Aaron G., Joe M.

Guests: None

Announcement of Proxies – none noted

Approval of the Minutes from last month's Open General Meeting

**Motion to accept the Secretary's Minutes from the last months meeting 1st by Eric R., 2nd by Scott L.

Officer's reports

- President (Mark) - welcome message, Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future.
- Vice President (Earl)
 - Upcoming Events:
 - EVENT: ECMC Installation Dinner (discuss under new business)
 - EVENT: ECMC pool tournament vs Sirens (TBD)

- Road Captain (Erik)

Erik suggested that all members of ECMC take the MSF experienced rider class in 2021. Erik will investigate costs and possibly a private session just for us. It was suggested that the club might pay for this safety class.

Update: MC safety classes have begun for 2021, Eric will investigate venue in Brooklyn, NY or Parsippany, NJ during warmer months, possibly May.

- Upcoming Rides: None listed at this time.
- Secretary (Gary)
 - February's newsletter will be sent on Feb, 10th. Please submit articles by Monday, Feb. 8, to Chaz. Chaz has agreed to continue with the newsletter responsibilities.
 - Outreach to The Center on 2/3/21, receptionist states The Center to remain closed thru June 30, 2021, and determination will be made at that time to reopen.
 - NYC Pride Parade remains active on all calendars for June 27, 2021.
- Treasurer (Chaz)
 - Presentation of club's finances, sent separately by Chaz

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- Outstanding dues for past month/months or full year to be arranged with Chaz A. asap.
- Thank you for paying your dues.

**Motion to accept Officer's Reports 1st Jack D., 2nd Gary P.

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (Michael M)

- 194th Meeting of the Council of AMCC, location (TBD)
- Voting of officers is currently in process.
- The March meeting on Fire Island has been cancelled, future meetings will occur on Zoom.

T-Shirt Committee (Gary P & Chaz A)

- Chaz reached out to Sean about touching up the T-Shirt design, Sean indicated there would be no charge for the work. No news since speaking with Sean October. Once T-Shirt design is done, Chaz will set up a store on the internet to sell them with a small mark-up to benefit Rising Ground, as discussed in October 2020's meeting.
Update: On hold (TBD)

ECMC Archive Project (Chaz A)

- Historic ECMC documents remain with Chaz, awaiting scanning. Emil mailed a 3rd box of ECMC documents and material to Chaz to be incorporated into the scanning effort.
Update: On hold (TBD)

Old Business

- Sirens MC Pool Tournament to transition to Earl D.
- "My Big Gay World" media enquiry transition to Earl D.
- AMC Cinema Rental for a private viewing a film transition to Earl D.
- Mario has paid his 2021 dues and is currently a full member and is expected to attend meetings and events. Mark W. will outreach to Mario as to his status with ECMC.
- Gary P. promoted discussion to assist the Bike Stop to help them through these difficult times as they are having several fund raisers to keep the doors open. G.P to investigate gift cards at The Bike Stop and get back to us.

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UPDATE: Outreach made to Bike Stop staff Carmella, she stated the bar is currently working on gift cards or gift certificates, but at this time the plan is in development. No word on rollout date, GP to follow up this month.

New Business

- Installation Dinner (TBD), Mark W. to investigate a diner in Flemington that maybe able to accommodate. Also indoor dining begins in NYC on VD (Feb 14).
- MC Weekend at the Ranch over Memorial Weekend will be the 10th and final curtain call for this event.
- Pride Weekend should be planned with alternatives
 - Bike Blessing
 - ECMC annual Picnic
 - Pride Parade

Comments on the record

- Our next Open General Meeting will be 3rd March 2021 at 20:00 via teleconference.
- Next teleconference will be 17th February 2021 at 20:00 via teleconference.

**Motion to close the meeting 1st Chaz A., 2nd Jack D.

Comments off the record...