



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

Meeting called to order at 2003hrs (8:03pm) via teleconference

Roll call: (Quorum)

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

Associate members: Lewis K., Aaron G., Mark B.

Guests: Alan G. (Snake), Tim

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 Jack D., 2nd by Chaz A.

Officer's reports

- President (Mark W.) - welcome message, check-in status with each person on the call.
- Vice President (Earl D.)
 - Past Events:
 - Upcoming Events:
 - ECMC Installation Dinner,
Update: Date of dinner to be on 4/17/2021 in NYC, Chaz to assist in determining location suitable for our club's needs.
 - Bike Blessing 2021 (TBD)
 - Sirens MC Pool Tournament (**Dropped from list per E.D.**)
 - "My Big Gay World" media enquiry (**Dropped from list per E.D.**)
 - AMC Cinema Rental for a private viewing a film. (**Dropped from list per E.D.**)
- Road Captain (Erik R.)

Erik R. suggested that all members of ECMC take the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) 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. There is a possible reduction on MC insurance after successful completion of this class.

Update: MC safety classes have begun for 2021, Eric will investigate venue in Brooklyn, NY (MSF not accepting bookings currently), or Parsippany, NJ (no outreach made at this time). This event is to occur during warmer months, possibly May (TBD).

Erik R. request all full members and associates to text or email him active Registration & Insurance information prior to upcoming riding season.



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- Upcoming Rides/Events: Bike Blessing 2021 (TBD).
- Secretary (Gary)
 - March's newsletter will be sent on March 10, 2021. Please submit articles by Monday, March 8, 2021 to Chaz. Chaz has agreed to continue with the newsletter responsibilities.
 - The Center to remain closed thru June 30, 2021.
 - NYC Pride Parade 2021 will be virtual.
 - By-law Review & Discussion

EMERITUS MEMBER

1. Emeritus membership is available as outlined in the ECMC bylaws.
2. An emeritus member shall enjoy all the rights of a full member with the exception of the rights to vote, to present a motion or to hold office.
3. An emeritus member is not required to pay any dues.

Emeritus Member

- a) Active members in good standing who have been full members for at least ten (10) years but can no longer fulfill the attendance and/or riding requirements of full membership may request emeritus membership in writing or in person before the executive board.
- b) Emeritus membership carries the full complement of full membership benefits (i.e. the right to attend meetings, functions and rides, as well as wear ECMC insignia and colors), with the exception of the right to vote, to present a motion or to hold an office.
- c) There are no licensing or motorcycle ownership requirements for emeritus members.
- d) Previous full members who had been full members for at least ten (10) years and who resigned in good standing may be nominated for emeritus membership by the current membership.
- e) Emeritus membership must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the full voting membership.

Club agrees this is helpful and useful and agrees to continue with 1 Bylaw per month for discussion.

Motion occurred during February 17, 2021 Zoom meeting

MOTION was made by Earl D., 2nd by Erik R. that the club spend up to \$100 on a gift basket for Mike Natale Who was injured in the line of duty earlier this month (Feb. 2021).



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Message: Dear Mike: We heard about your accident and wanted to help you on your way to recovery. We hope this food basket finds you okay. The members of Empire City MC.

Update: 3/3/2021 Mike N. & partner acknowledge receipt of basket and thanked ECMC!

- Treasurer (Chaz)
 - Presentation of club's finances, sent separately by Chaz
 - Outstanding dues for past month/months or full year to be arranged with Chaz A. asap (Outstanding JM – contact made between Treasurer and JM, Outstanding MC)
 - Thank you for paying your dues.

Motion to accept Officer's Reports 1st Earl D, 2nd Erik R.

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (Michael M)

- 194th Meeting of the Council of AMCC, The March meeting on Fire Island has been cancelled (meeting to occur on Zoom, date TBD).
- Voting of officers is currently in process.
Update: Results will be known during the March meeting.



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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. 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: Process has begun.

Old Business

- 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.
Update: No issues, removed from Old business.
- 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.
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.
Update: Previous motion withdrawn as no contact with Bike Stop over the past 2 outreach attempts has occurred.

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).
Update: Item moved to Earl D. responsibilities.
- MC Weekend at the "Ranch" over Memorial Weekend will be the 10th and final curtain call for this event at the "Ranch",
Update: 2022 location obtained for this event.
- Pride Weekend should be planned with alternatives
 - Bike Blessing – **Update:** moved to Earl D. responsibilities
 - ECMC annual Picnic – **Update:** moved to Erik R. responsibilities
 - Pride Parade – **Update:** removed this event is virtual



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Comments on the record

- Our next Open General Meeting will be April 7, 2021 at 2000hrs(8:00pm) via teleconference.
- Next teleconference meeting will be March 17, 2021 at 2000hrs(8:00pm) via teleconference.
- Mike M. had contact recently with Eddie Murphy, also Mike M.'s birthday is 03/04/2021. "Happy Birthday"

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

Comments off the record...