



ECMC Open General Meeting – Minutes October 6, 2021

Call to order @ 8:01 PM

Attendees:

Board Members: Mark W, Earl D, Gary P, Chaz A, Erik R.

Full Members: Jack D, Michael M, (Scot L. excused)

Associates: Lewis K, Aaron G.

Guest: Tim M, Snake (Alan G.)

Attendance (Secretary), determine quorum – YES

Announcement of Proxies – Mark W. has Scotts Proxy votes

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

1st Earl D.

2nd Gary P.

Motion passed

Officer's reports

President (Mark W.): Welcome message

Club Elections: In December, we will have NOMINATIONS for officers. In January, we shall elect officers.

We need to ensure as we slowly pull out of COVID-19 that we are in a good position to resume club operations in 2022.

The following offices MUST be vacated by their present officer, as term limits have been reached:

- President
- Road Captain
- Treasurer

The offices of Vice President (Earl) and Secretary (Gary) are both in their first year and can be re-nominated for these offices (should they choose to).

Vice President (Earl D.)

• Past Events:

-September 30- October 4th **Mates Leather Weekend XXIV**, P-town MA

Update: Lewis K. & Tim M. attended, good fun weekend and met Chaz and KK en route from P-town as they stayed @ Mark B. place, 1400 miles racked up on this trip! WTG!

• Upcoming Events:

- Sat. Oct 9, 2021, ECMC 57th **Anniversary Weekend**,

Update: Dinner to be held at Tony diNapoli's, 1081 Third Ave. Cocktails @ 7:00pm, Tables available @ 8:15pm. Flat fee \$45 covers family style dinner platters, includes tip. Cash bar is available.

Motion: To invite John Steadman (owner of Ty's) plus 1 guest to our Anniversary Dinner this Saturday, coverage for dinner.

1st Chaz A.

2nd Erik R.

Motion passed

Motion: To Invite Adam (Documentarian) to attend our Anniversary Dinner, coverage for dinner.

1st Earl D.

2nd Chaz A.

Motion passed

-Wed. October 27 @ 7pm Continuum event via Zoom, details are located on our club calendar, all member invited to attend, 1 person from our club has been designated to speak at this event Mark W.

-December 4, 2021, **58th Annual Toy Drive & Holiday Party**, 1800(6pm)-2100(9pm)

Venue is the Stonewall Inn. Details: cost is \$25/pp and outsiders welcome to join our party from 8pm-9pm if they pay the \$25/pp fee. Appetizer type food to be served as usual, clean-up to begin by 8:30pm, our portion of the party officially ends at 9:00pm.

Update: Holiday Party Committee formed (Chaz A, Earl D, and non-member KK)

Motion: To have a drag queen co-host our holiday party from the 8pm-9pm portion.

1st Chaz A.

2nd Earl D.

Motion passed



Road Captain (Erik R.)

- Upcoming Rides/Events: None listed currently

- Past Rides/Events:

-**September 2-5 Annual Delta Run**, Camp Saginaw Oxford PA 19363, attended by Chaz A, not an official ride for club d/t attendance requirements.

-**September 11, 2021 @ MN in NYC**, attended by Chaz A, and Erik R. The 2022 event to occur on a Saturday night @ MN, already on our calendar.

-September 18, 2021, Mark's Ride (Flemington/Stockton area), attended by Mark W, Gary P, Mark B, and Shannon S.(guest) beautiful day for riding and outdoor lunch at Fox & Hound Tavern at The Lebanon Hotel, 69 Main St, Lebanon NJ 08833

Secretary (Gary P.)

- October's newsletter will be sent on October 13, 2021. Please submit articles to Chaz A. by Monday October 11, 2021.
- Messages to/from other clubs and organizations:

Update: Donation made in memory of past member Jack Downling, and accident fund founder received, along with a thorough follow-up response.

Hi Mr. Antonelli,

I received a PayPal donation from you for \$100, but I'm not exactly sure if it's a general fund donation, or targeted for a specific purpose (i.e. Gallery or a specific program)

Thanks so much in advance for the donation!

Yours, Roger

Roger Braimon, President
Westbeth Artists Residents Council
917.701.3679
www.westbeth.org

Dear Roger,

The donation was made in honour of and in according to the wishes of the estate of Jack Downling.

Jack Dowling was an early member of our club, Empire City Motorcycle Club. He joined shortly after the club was founded. After he had a motorcycle accident in the early 70's, he established an Accident Fund designed to loan members, interest free, money to have their motorcycle (and of course bodily injuries not covered by insurance) until he could repay the loan. The fund still exists today and members, over the years, have made contributions to it. Over the last decade, Jack has attended several ECMC events.

Jack also owned Colt Studios and A1 magazine (both adult in nature) where he utilized his artistic talents. He studied at Cooper Union School of Art and later moved to Italy where he painted in Venice and Rome and became an Artist-in-Residence at the Positano Art Workshop. In 1968 he became Administrator of Lone Pine Art workshop in California. His early paintings were abstract, but he gained renown for works inspired by vintage photos of family and friends. By the mid-1960s he had successful exhibitions in group and solo shows.

In 1971 he found a new home at Westbeth Artists Housing. For fourteen years Jack served on the Westbeth Artists Residence Council, and for twelve years he was Director of the Westbeth Gallery. He was honoured as one of Westbeth's senior artists, or Icons, in 2017.

Jack was also a published writer of short fiction.

He was a sought-after source of stories of Greenwich Village life and early gay communities in NYC and Fire Island. He was a long-time summer resident of Cherry Grove, NY, serving as a Fire Commissioner for many years. He was a generous supporter of his fellow artists and the Cherry Grove Community. He is predeceased by his partner Wallace Forstell .

He died at age 89 from complications of Covid-19 On 24th February 2021.

Chaz

Update: Jay D. had a MC incident in the Pittsburgh area last week. Jay D. is home in Philadelphia, he had wrist surgery on Wed 10/06/2021, he was injured attempting to keep his bike from tipping. Jay D. also sustained a leg injury during this incident but did not require any surgical intervention. His bike remains in good hands with our Pittsburgh contingent. Motion: to send Jay D. a \$100 Visa/Mastercard/Amex gift card along with a get-well card.

1st Chaz A.

2nd Erik R.

Motion passed

Treasurer (Chaz A.)

- Presentation of club's finances, sent separately by Chaz

Motion to accept Officer's Report:

1st Erik R.

2nd Jack D.

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

AMCC Representative (Michael M.)

Update: Nothing to report

ECMC Archive Project (Chaz A)

- Historic ECMC documents remain with Chaz, awaiting scanning.

Update: A new resource will soon be arriving in Jason from Yonkers that will greatly assist in this effort.

Old Business:

Motion was made to permanently hold all the ECMC meetings over Zoom

Motion: To have Zoom teleconference meetings for all meetings until 12/31/2022, and re-evaluate.

1st Earl D.

2nd Chaz A.

Motion passed

New Business:

-Ride requirements for members and associates for 2021.

Motion: To waive riding requirements for 2021 d/t COVID restrictions currently in place.

1st Chaz A.

2nd Earl D.

Motion passed

-Discussion made by NY Eagle expansion project into gallery adjacent to Eagle.

Update: Request made to our club for back patch/colors for display, tabled until next meeting.

Comments on the record

- Our next Open General Meeting will be November 3, 2021, at 2000hrs(8pm).
- Next teleconference will be **October** 20, 2021, at 2000hrs(8pm).

Motion to close the meeting:

1st Chaz A.

2nd Erik R.

Motion passed

Comments off the record: They are off the record.

E-board meeting: not scheduled at this time.