



Empire City Motorcycle Club of NYC

Open General Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2022

Call to Order @ 2002hrs

Attendees

Board Members: Erik R, Chaz A, Gary P, Jack D.

Full Members: Lewis K, Jay D, Scot L, Mark W

Pledge: Peter G.

Associates: N/A

Guest: Snake (Alan G), Tim M, K.K.

Excused: N/A

**If you join the meeting after Roll Call, please announce yourself to the Secretary to be included in attendance.

Attendance (Secretary), determine quorum – Yes

Announcement of Proxies –No

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

1st Mark W.

2nd Scot L.

Motion Passed

Officer's reports

President (Erik R.) Welcome message to all in attendance, and important ECMC club messages.

Vice President (Erik R. reporting tonight)

• Past Events:

• Upcoming Events:

October 8, 2022 1800hrs–2230hrs, ECMC 58th Anniversary Ukrainian Village Restaurant 140 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10003. This supports Razom (Ukrainian charity). \$50.00 includes 3 course dinner, cocktails 1800hrs-1900hrs. Entrance thru Sly Fox.

Update: 17 guests paid.

Admission with prepaid ticket only, no tickets sold at the door

October 8, 2022 2300hrs-0200hrs, ECMC bar night at the Eagle NYC 554 W 28th Street, New York, NY 10001. Update: Erik R. confirmed this is a go! ECMC members to receive **FREE** admission. Chaz A. to bring colours and Gary P. to bring battery operated lights.

December 02, 2022, Excelsior MC Trim-A-Tree

December 03, 2022, 1800hrs-2100hrs ECMC 59th Annual Holiday Party & Gift Drive.

@ The Stonewall Inn. This is an AMCC sanctioned event. **Update: K.K. will not be available for this event this year.**

Road Captain (Chaz A.)

- Past Rides:

September 10, 2022, midnight ride @ Ground Zero NYC

September 16-17, 2022, Cranberry Bog ride in S. NJ

September 24, 2022, Working Safety HSS

September 29, 2022, Mates Leather Weekend XXV in P-town

- Upcoming Rides:

October 8, 2022, 0930hrs-1600hrs, Bear Mountain, Leaf-peeping motorcycle cycle ride, suburbs of NYC.

Update: Head count is needed, please reply via google. * Some members still need to get their minimum rides in for 2022!

October 15, 2022, 1000hrs-1500hrs Williams Harley-Davidson Breast Cancer Ride, 1100 US-22, Lebanon NJ 08833. Please contact Mark W. for details.

Update: Chaz has been in contact with Spartans MC club and ECMC to co-mingle with Spartans for future events.

Secretary (Gary P.)

- The next newsletter will be sent on Wednesday October 12, 2022. Please submit articles to Chaz A. by Monday October 10, 2022.

- **Birthdays for this month:**

Paul M. 10/4, cell 917.885.5374 paulmartin@rcn.com

Mark B. 10/16, cell 917.319.0624 mbakerbxl@gmail.com

- **ECMC Club Anniversary in this month:**

Gary P. 10/2012(10years)

Mark B. 10/2019

Lewis K. 10/2018

- Constitution & By-law review upon request or you can simply view online at our ECMC website.

Patches

IV. Back Patch: A primary club patch, typically the largest patch worn on the back of jacket or vest. A Back Patch is a representation that its wearer is a full club member. Other smaller secondary club patches, regardless of how they are worn or where the patch is located only indicate associate, Emeritus or honorary membership in a club.

2. An associate member shall enjoy all the rights of a full member with the exception of the rights to vote, to present a motion, to hold office or to wear an ECMC backpatch.

b) Full members of ECMC shall wear only the Empire City Motorcycle Club back patch, and no other club's back patch.

vi. Top Rocker: a cloth patch containing the text, "EMPIRE CITY".

vii. Bottom Rocker: a cloth patch containing the text, "NEW YORK" or "PLEDGE">

II. Wearing of Club Colors and Insignia: The club colors and insignia are to be respected and worn respectfully at all times. Additionally, ECMC members shall respect all other motorcycle clubs and their colors, and require the same of them.

a. Only full and reserve members may wear the Cheese-grater

b. Only full, reserve and Emeritus members may wear the Back Patch

c. Only full, reserve, Emeritus, Honorary and Associate member may wear the front patch.

d. Any ECMC member who wears a ECMC Back Patch must also permanently affix the ECMC Front Patch over the left breast pocket of a jacket or vest. If the member is an associate of another club and would like to display the front patch of the other club as a part of their colors, the ECMC Front Patch take precedence over all other patches.

e. It is preferable that Associate Members permanently affix the ECMC Front Patch over the right breast pocket, or any other respectful location on their jacket or vest, if the right breast pocket is not possible.

f. Full, reserve and Emeritus members must permanently affix the AMCC Patch over the right breast pocket of a jacket or vest

g. Pledges shall wear a Pledge Pin and Top and Bottom Rockers (optional). The Pledge must wear the Pledge Pin over the left breast pocket of a jacket or vest. If the pledge is provided with a rocker, then they must be sewn on the back of a jacket or vest, as directed. A Pledge shall not wear a Back Patch, Front Patch or AMCC Patch until full membership has been extended to him as indicated in Article I, Section A(1) of the By-laws.

h. At no time shall any member allow a non-member to wear the club's colors or insignia. Pledge pins and rockers are considered club colors.

i. Each member is required to make a monetary deposit for issuance of club colors, insignia and patches.

IV. Use of Club Colors and Insignia: At all times, all ECMC colors, insignia, patches, rockers, tags and pins remain the property of the Empire City Motorcycle Club. Existing colors, insignia, cheese-graters and patches et al. are of great historical significance to the heritage of the club and may not be altered, enhanced or interfered with without due consideration and the approval by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full voting membership. a. The Executive Board, with the approval of the full membership, shall have the exclusive authority to approve alternate insignia for use on motorcycles, motor vehicles or other appropriate positions. b. Whenever club insignia is used in any publication of any type, including electronic media, it must conform as closely as possible to the historical designs. Stylized or modernized versions of the club's insignia must not be used, unless well-considered and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full voting membership. V. Return of Club Colors and Insignia: Any person whose resigns as a member of ECMC or whose membership is terminated for any reason, is required to return all club property to the Executive Board immediately

b) Additionally, the Sergeant-at-Arms has the authority to impose a fine upon a disorderly member as a disciplinary action, as outlined in Article X, Section X of the ECMC By-laws. The (add) fines are: i. Five dollars (\$5.00) for not wearing club colors to a club meeting or a club sponsored ride or event.

Greeting cards to be sent when resupplied:

1) Thank You, card, needed for Peter's boss that assisted with our shirt project (also shirt & pin), **address and name needed.**

2) Thank You card, needed for L. I. Ravens host. July 16-17, 2022.

L/I Ravens, c/o Michael Conley, 92 Clearview Ave, Selden, NY 11784

Motion: To spend \$24 for 40 forever stamps from USPS

1st Chaz A.

2nd Lewis K.

Motion: passed

Treasurer (Jack D.)

Presentation of club's finances, sent separately by Jack D. See separate report.

Dues and other financial issues can be paid directly to ECMC @ the following.

Link: Zelle@EmpireCityMC.com Jack D. to work on payment method via Zelle.

Motion to accept Officer's Report:

1st Mark W.

2nd Chaz A.

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

T-shirt fundraiser project: Update: Chaz A. & K.K. have individual wrapped each t-shirt in plastic bags.

Sales of our new, hot T-shirt are off to a brisk start with \$125 being sold in P-town during Mates weekend!!!

Motion to donate a T-shirt to K.K. for assistance with the club, and a T-shirt to our designer person and, along with a Thank You card, and a friendship pin.

1st Chaz A.

2nd Gary P.

Motion passed



AMCC Representative (Erik R.)

Next AMCC meeting dates:

AMCC meeting number #200 to be Meeting will be held from 2/24/23-2/26/23 in Harrisburg, PA.

Excelsior MC: No upcoming events

Long Island Ravens: No upcoming events

Bucks MC: Saturday Nov. 26, 2022, Santa Saturday

PhiladelphiansMC Bar night at the Bike Stop. This occurs on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Three Rivers Leather Club: No upcoming events

Pennsmen: The Pennsmen 46th Anniversary & AMCC 200th Meeting will be held from 2/24/23-2/26/23 in Harrisburg, PA.

ECMC Archive Project (Chaz A)

● Historic ECMC documents remain with Chaz, awaiting scanning. (TBD).

Update: Chaz A. found a person with Bay State Marauders willing to scan, digitalize, and ship original items to the Leather Archives in Chicago, along with sending ECMC digital images.

Motion to ship current boxes of ECMC items currently stored @ Chaz A. place to the Bay State Marauders for processing.

1st Chaz A.
2nd Jack D.
Motion passed

Old Business:

Gary P. recommended the formation of a 60th anniversary committee to be formed. This will be to coordinate our 60th anniversary ride and location, our anniversary weekend, and fundraising efforts over the next 2 years. During October 2022 general meeting will seek volunteers to be on this committee.

Motion to extend Peter G. pledge period for 1 month for verification of rides and events for full membership.

1st Chaz A.
2nd Gary P.
Motion passed

New Business:

Victor ? passed away, funeral was held 10/6/2022

Motion to suspend our by-law regarding the election of ECMC officers for 6 months. Currently only full members of ECMC of 12 months can run for an office.

1st Chaz A.
2nd Gary P.

Motion to suspend our by-law that elected officers be allowed to run for a 3rd term for 6 months.

1st Gary P.
2nd Chaz A.

Amended: This motion only applies if no person runs for elected position, and this seat is filled with 2nd term officer.

Motion passed

Comments on the record

- Our next Open General Meeting will be on November 2, 2022, at 2000hrs(8pm).
- Next Social Teleconference will be on October 19, 2022, at 2000hrs(8pm).

Links to join the meetings are located on the ECMC calendar.

Motion to close the meeting:

1st Mark W.
2nd Scot L.
Motion Approved

Comments off the record: They are off the record