

The October 2016 monthly meeting of the Connecticut River Valley BMW Riders, Inc. was called to order @1:10 PM on October 16, 2016, Club President Tim Parola presiding. 16 - 18 members were in attendance at Chicago Sam's Sports Bar & Grill on Shunpike Road in Cromwell, CT.

## **Officers in attendance:**

President	Tim Parola
Vice President	Chris Jennings
Treasurer	Ron Faibusch

Tim announced that 56 people have accepted our free membership offer through MAX's BMW and Larry Friedman and Tim signed up 5 new paid members at the 100<sup>th</sup> BMW Anniversary held at MAX's.

Tim proposed extending the free membership offer into 2017 to members signed up after May, 2016 and informing members that accepted the free membership prior to June, 2016 that they will be required to renew their membership for 2017. Tim will send out an email to those persons with a membership application attached. All members in attendance accepted the proposal.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary position is still open. Tim highlighted the minutes from the June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was presented by Ron. We currently have approximately \$5400 in our treasury.

## **Old Business:**

Tim still has MOA material to give out. One free 3-month trial offer was given out to new member Brett Schapfer.

We had a good turnout at the Finger Lakes Rally (I believe it was 17 club members in the cabin).

We have had several club rides in the past few months. They were: NH Weekend, Harry's Place, Vanilla Bean, Civil War Mounuments, Dinosaur BBQ.

## **New Business:**

Nominations for Executive Committee (club officers) – No new nominations were submitted. A motion was put forth to retain all current officers. All current committee members agreed to accept their positions for next year, so the motion was voted on and approved. Nominations will again be requested before and at the next club meeting before the Executive Committee can be voted in.

We still do not have a candidate for the Secretary position.

We discussed initial plans for the Winter Banquet. It was agreed to have it at the Polish National Home as we have done for so many years past. Ron Faibusch agreed to contact them to determine what dates are available. It was noted to be sure it's not held on Superbowl Weekend.

Tim talked about a phone call that he received from Frank Floria, the BMWMOA Regional Coordinator. Frank is interested in knowing what the MOA can do to help local clubs such as CRVBMW. Some suggestions were:

1. Provide door prizes for club rallies and other events.
2. Continue to provide insurance (at the most reasonable prices) for club activities.
3. Create a Rally Schedule for all of the clubs in the region to reduce overlap. It would also inform clubs about other rally events.

Brian Fisk has offered to restart a monthly newsletter. I will work with him on how to forward club activities to him.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Frost on the Pumpkin Campout – October 21 – 23 in Somerset, VT.

Mt Misery Campgrounds – November 4 – 6 in Voluntown, CT

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 1PM.

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**Adjournment** - Having no further business, Mr. Parola adjourned the meeting. A motion to end the meeting was seconded. All in favor, none opposed.