

### **CRV Riders Meeting Minutes:**

Call mtg to order 11/18/2018 12:50 PM.

- Central Pizza, Berlin CT.
- 18 Attendees

**Tim** - Meeting minutes from last meeting:

- Review of prior meeting items, Charter Oak & MOA Rallies, Elections, post mtg ride.

### **Ron - Treasurers Report:**

- Review of financials, somewhat down (slightly under \$4000 - did not capture actual number), comments regarding need to increase membership.
- Some discussion related to subsidized activities

### **Recent rides & events:**

Tim led a ride through E. Hampton & Lyme after the October meeting.

Oct. 19-21 Sommerset Frost on the Pumpkin – good participation, great fire, lots of food

Saturday 10/20/18 - Jim Montstream - Twisted Throttle in Exeter

Stu Green - several Wednesday rides from MAX's in S. Windsor, CT - will continue to do so, weather permitting - his rides depart at 10:00 AM. He also has discussed 1 or 2 day weekend rides and, for next year, longer rides to Pennsylvania, Virginia, North/South Carolinas, Tennessee.

- Ongoing rides TBD see emails as needed.
- Discussion of future rides, i.e. Deals Gap, Fontana Dam etc. Spring 2019 etc.
- Discussion on ride marshalling at MAX BMW Windsor all positive.
- Commentary regarding Club Membership Card.
- Kudo's : Comments/ notes regarding recent rides and those who made these possible, well done.

### **Planned Rides & events:**

Lauren Secular April 5 - April 15, 2019

- Reminder regarding this event:

These dates are not on the web site, reference my name, Lauren Secular in your communications...

Anyone interested on the ***10-DAY THE HEART OF COLOMBIA TOUR - Central America***

***I will send that out to all***

### **Old Business:**

Winter Banquet - if anyone knows someone who would like to donate something for a door prize, please let me know. Please help out with this.

Could be any local business that you frequent.

Dates: Saturday, January 19

Same location - Polish National Club in Hartford, CT - don't forget to sign up when the notices go out - no walk-ins

Tim informed everyone that we need to give the number of people in attendance to the Polish National Club 2 weeks prior to the evening.

Tim noted that it's a great social event and confirmed that Galumpki (stuffed cabbage) will be added to the menu.

- A few notes regarding the following:
  - New Manager at PNC, reminder of 2 week notice and 50% down prior to event, discussion on meal vs cost, est \$30-40 per person.
  - If possible please make reservations online once club site is updated.
  - Quality meal vs cost.
  - Reminder: Addition meal item to include Stuffed Cabbage.
  - Note: Club renewal online once available.
  - Discussions noted regarding event no-shows etc.
    - General awareness to everyone regarding accountability to the event and impacts to club financials etc.

### **Charter Oak Rally:**

Nord Christensen to arrange Camp Nahaco

Chris Jennings to place ads in MOA & RA magazines and request insurance.

Brian Fisk to make chili

Larry/Linda Friedman to make Cosco run

Ron Faibusch to update rally flier and website

Tim Parola to organize and send out donor requests for door prizes

Meal plan will be the same as last year - Friday chili, Saturday morning pancakes, chicken-baked potato dinner, Sunday morning continental

Could use a few more volunteers to help out as needed.

- Meeting Note on discussion regarding Corn Bread addition possibility.
- Door Prize Support requested, more to come.

Last month, Chris Jenkins pointed out our need for members to become more involved in club activities - one outcome of that discussion is Stu Greene's Wednesday group rides which has been a resounding success.

We also reminded everyone that anyone can lead a ride. Send the info to the President at [president@crvbmw.org](mailto:president@crvbmw.org) for distribution.

Other ways are - become a member of the Executive Committee, help with arrangements for the banquet or rally (make calls, ask for donations, etc.)

- Brief review of leading a ride, protocol/guidelines, good inputs from several members:
  - Safety, pre-ride meeting reviews, gear, experience levels etc.
  - Good topic for future meetings/presentation.

Last month, Ron Faibusch agreed to pick up our mail from the Post Office. Rob Williamson (phone 413-824-7484) offered to pick up the mail from the Canton Post Office. Tim told Rob that we will consider him an alternate as needed.

As a reminder, the dates and locations for next year's national rallies.

BMW MOA - Lebanon Valley, TN on Jun 13-16

BMW RA - Woodstock, VA on Sept 5-8

- Charter Dues reminder, AMA , MOA, RA, etc.
- Voted and agreed to pay all.

Last month , Gary Walker asked if we have club membership cards noting that some places offer discounts if you are a member of a club. Chris Jenkins and I noted that we did many years ago and we would look into it. One person said that Staples has reasonable pricing.

- Ongoing discussions regarding membership cards, printing of same etc.

Last month, Tim Parola informed the group that Ralph DeLuco has several plaques, awards and other items that hung on the walls at Canton Cycles many years ago that he would like to donate to us. I have picked them up and brought them with me to review. We can consider putting it out for door prizes at the Winter Banquet as suggested by several members, but Ralph's preference would be to arrange for a location to display them (MAX's?).

- Discussion regarding these items included contacting MAX BMW regarding displaying at their locations, donating to town historical venues, the recent CT Motorcycle Museum, photo's to be posted to the club web site, mounting to a plywood display etc.. more to come in this area.

### **New Business:**

Steve Marquardt at MAX's offered an idea that might improve our Free Membership offer. He suggested giving buyers a post card that shows the dues (\$20) crossed out with FREE Compliments of MAX's BMW. This would give more credence to the Free part. Comments?

- Yes, discussion related to ideas on club promotion, attracting new members, getting our club out there as folks attend MAX events or purchase new rides etc.
- New Year's Day Breakfast Ride Reminder: On to anyone interested, see/contact Brian Fisk.
  - Will be at Uncle D's ?

Elections for club officers. Current nominees are:

President - Tim Parola

VP - Chris Jennings

Secretary - Garrett Platek

Treasurer - Ron Faibusch

Ride Captain - Mark Altschwager

Assistant Ride Captain - Stu Greene

Member-at-Large – Nord Christensen.

- Above elections agreed to and approved..

Do we have any other nominations?

- See Secretary and Member at Large

Frank Florio MOA Rep Quarterly Mtg 1-26-2019 Brian Fisk & I plan to attend with other regional BMW clubs.

Anyone planning to attend the motorcycle show in New York (11/30 - 12/2)?

- Yes – two members plan to attend (Gary & JoAnn Walker)

Other new business?

- Noting Harley Davidson regional rep: Mike Moore extended invitation to CRV to attend presentations by Ken Condon which we plan to attend to promote the CRV, Rally etc..
- Tim to attend 12/1 at Yankee HD in Bristol, CT - other dates available 1/26 Vermont, 3/9 NY, 3/23 or 3/30 NY, 4/27 Mass and Gengras in May 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM