

CRVBMW November 17, 2019 Meeting
At Central Pizza, Berlin, CT

At our last meeting, we learned of longtime member Fred "Batman" Bjorkland's passing - we made a donation to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice where Batman was being cared for during his final days.

Veteran's Day - in honor of our veterans

A moment of silence

Call mtg to order at 1:00 PM

Number in attendance - 19

Ron - Treasurer's Report – 4 online renewals since last meeting; opening balance January 2019 compared to past years and balance to date. 2017 balance \$4,000; 2018 balance \$4400~; 2019 \$4200; current to date \$4000~; Report was adopted on a voice vote.

Tim - Minutes report from previous meeting

Old Business

Club membership cards - I have printed cards to hand out to those in attendance at our meetings and will give them to our Road Captains to hand out at club rides - electronic cards are currently on hold while we resolve issues with the required software and process to maintain and update the roster. - Dues are Due by Dec 31st - Renew on-line
Have a proposal for the "welcome new members" card to review before having them printed.

Cards were handed out to members paid and present at meeting. Not all renewing members were present – cards will be handed out at meeting and club gatherings.

Proposal for new card design passed around for members inspection and approval. Suggestions offered to include club email as well as a blank area for member handing out card to write in their name and email and/or telephone number.

It was noted by one member that the club bylaws allow 25% of membership roster to be a non-bmw branded motorcycle owner/rider – we have not exceeded that yet.

Sharing our list of members with the club still needs to happen. Suggestion made for a club book only available to members.

Club Rides

*Mark Altschwager led a ride to Mt Greylock - 11 riders, see pics on our Facebook site

*Stu has led and continues Wednesday rides every week, weather dependent

*On Friday, Nov 22, Road Captain Mark A. has planned a ride with a mixture of back roads and state highways, no interstates. We'll head toward New Milford, Ct and turn north either on the NY or Ct side of the boarder, depending mostly on the weather. We should be back in Winsted no later than 3 ish 😊 Meet at the Log House, on Rt 44 in Barkhamsted, for a 10am departure (9 if you want some B'fast. **It was announced this ride is still on as schedule and members reminded of the following:**

REQUIRED: Helmets, Gloves, Boots, Long Pants, etc. (All The Gear, All The Time) and a full tank of Gas

NOTES: I do plan on stopping for lunch, along the way

Please let me know if you are planning on attending

*Any other rides scheduled at this time?

Member spoke on reminded attendees that the NYC December 7 bus trip is still planned and to sign up.

Motion for the the club to cover the cost for pizza for those attending the BMW MOA meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Dates for next year's national rallies

BMW MOA – June 25-28 at Great Falls, Montana

BMW RA – Sept 17-20 at Waynesville, NC

New Business ?

Elections - here are the nominations at this time

President - Tim Parola

Vice President - Chris Jennings

Secretary - Felix Planas

Treasurer - Ron Faibusch

Road Captain - Mark Altschwager

Assistant Road Captain - Stu Green Member-at-Large - Nord Christensen

Any other nominations? **None offered.**

Vote on nominees – results – **Pass on a voice vote.**

Future Meetings/Events

Winter Banquet - Saturday, Feb 8 at the Polish National Home (6PM social, 7PM dinner). Ron is finalizing arrangements - watch for details shortly via email and on the website. Last year, Polish National Home required a minimum of 35 with a head count 2 weeks before the event

which created a lot of heartache for those of us coordinating the event because members often wait until the last minute to sign up. Please don't wait 'till the last minute.

Info - charge was \$35 (\$38 Guests) last year (Cost \$43+ per person)

Discussed was the increase in cost of the winter banquet and that the club is still subsidizing a majority of the bill.

AMA & BMW MOA Charter renewals due next month. (\$75 & \$?)

Charter Oak Rally - May 22-24 – discussion of actual name of campground and park. For GPS and google users; information will include the name of the park as well (Crystal Pond Park) on any communications. Arrangements for reserving a cabin for members if cost is reasonable was also discussed.

Chris, were you able to get advertisements to the MOA & RA magazines? – changes and dates to be placed in new advert.

Normally, the banquet is in January and we have a February meeting. With the banquet in early Feb, should we hold a January and/or February meeting? If so, when? 3rd Sunday of Jan is 1/19, Feb is 2/16

Motion to have the February meeting scheduled for the 23rd instead of the 16th. No change for January. There is no meeting scheduled for December. Motion passed on a voice vote.

MailChimp email list issue – can only have 1, can't send only to a select group anymore – free version now allows one list for mailing.

Don't forget MAX BMW Thanksgiving Party this Saturday, Nov 23 – 10am to 4pm Saturday.

Proposal to seek use of Max locations for club meetings during fall and winter season was offered.

Motion to adjourn by – Chris, 2nd by Brian

Mtg adjourned at 1:51 PM

Notes in red added by Felix Planas, Secretary.