

CRVBMW Oct 4, 2020 Meeting

Call mtg to order at 1:04 PM

Number in attendance – 23 including dog

Ron - Treasurer's Report – A bills paid except for one awaiting receipt for porta-potty expense.

Felix - Minutes report from previous meeting – Briefly summarized August meeting.

Old Business –

Sharing our list of members with the club has begun. If you haven't responded to my emails regarding allowing your info to be included, it will not be available to other members. Tim asked if any members present have experience with mail merges and lists. Susan and Brad Thomas volunteered to try.

Nord spoke briefly Ray McKenna's celebration in Bethel and about Ray. Nord offered Ray's Memorial Urn (size of film canister – remember those) to anyone who wishes to take Ray on a moto ride. Nord explained that the ceremony was very nice done by Muriel of MOV officiating Ray's Life.

We just finished the BMW MOA Membership Drive. I do not know how many people signed up; hope to have that info at the next meeting.

Don't forget the AMA Affiliate Program when you join or when it's time for you to renew your membership.

Tim announced that the club is now an affiliate with the AMA. AMA will pay the club for every new member, \$5, and for every renewal member, \$2.50. Unlike the BMWMOA this is available year-round to renew instead of a designated month. Club code for AMA is CRVBMW.

Club Rides

Stu has been leading weekday rides with a great turnout each week.

Jorge mentioned that this last ride was a very good ride with four participants. The trip was through Eastern NY, Vermont and Western Mass. Mark is planning another trip.

New Business ?

Are we going to have the Charter Oak Rally next year? May 28, 29 & 30
If so, we need to send notices to MOA and RA, other clubs. Who else?

Chris made a point that the club should plan on holding the Rally and to be optimistic. He also mentioned the executive board should meet and discuss. Additional discussion on when to have the banquet Tim to schedule a Zoom meeting for further discussion by the executive board.

Also discussed was the Winter Banquet – when to hold it and is the Polish Home open in February not knowing the criteria for such business at that time. Ron to inquire.

Nord commented on recent camp out and how people practice safe distancing etc. in support of having the rally.

AMA Safety & Service Awards - one of each ordered - how do we decide who should receive them?

Tim received an email from AMA that the club can request two awards to give by the club to members. One is for Safety and another is for Service. He is seeking nominations for next meeting.

Future meetings

November meeting will be ???????
When: November 1 or 8?? at 1:00 PM.

How do people feel about these options?

1. Indoor restaurant (depending on CT requirements, of course)
2. Outdoors like today - Nov 1st?
3. Electronically?

At the picnic, the consensus was outdoors

If so, this will be a BYOL (bring your own lunch) & bring a chair if you can.

Discussion was held and decision made to hold the next meeting outdoors on November 1st at Nord's with BYOL.

November is our elections month.

Right now, we have vacancies for the Road Captain and Assistant Road Captain. Please consider putting your name in for one of those positions.

Stu will still hold weekly trips for those interested but does not want to be Assistant Road Captain for the next term.

John Schnabel was nominated by Jeanine – he mentioned to her that he was interested in being a road captain.

I have new membership cards for anyone who I haven't seen yet.
Also, I have "You have just met" cards for anyone who would like a few.

Club activities

Does anyone have any new group activities to announce?

Nord offered Ray's ashes to be taken on a ride. Chris will be taking him. Jeanine gave Tim stickers of a picture of Ray's tin cup and hat. Jeanine mentioned to look into having weather proof stickers made for distribution.

Brought to attention by Jeanine and discussed were club hats and apparel items it could sell or give away. There were examples on members apparel with the previous roundel logo. Chris mentioned that it is grandfathered. Brad spoke of his business using on demand printing of photos of paintings he does that customers can buy through an affiliate company. He will look into it for the club.

Chris will be holding another history ride – The Ethan Allen Run October 25th.

Motion to adjourn by Chris and seconded by Nord

Mtg adjourned at 2:14 PM

Notes in red added by Felix Planas, Secretary.