

**BMW Riders of Southern Maine**  
**Board of Directors Meeting 3/26/2005**

Our Board Meeting was held at Bob Collin's house, and the following members were in attendance:

James Nice, President  
Jim Salisbury, Vice President  
Paul Medeiros, Secretary  
Mike Cocks, Director, Webmaster and Membership Chair  
Don Lockhart, Director, Ride Boss  
Bob Collin, Director

Our first order of business was to approve the minutes from the last Board Meeting that was held on 12/11/2004. Don Lockhart made a formal motion to approve the last meeting minutes. This motion was seconded by Mike Cocks and carried unanimously by a show of hands.

There were four topics on our agenda that were brought before the Board by the membership for consideration:

Charitable Donations:

In past monthly club meetings and Board meetings, the issue of giving back to the community via charitable donations has been discussed.

At club meetings, members have made donation requests which were approved via a show of hands vote at the time of the request. At the December 2004 Board meeting, the Board voted to accept nominations for charitable donations from the membership, and if after reviewing the treasury and budget our financial status is sound, then we will give back to the general community with donations not to exceed a total of \$2000.

It was recently brought to the attention of the Board that some members felt that BMWRSM should not be making charitable donations to the community but would rather see our funds used solely for purposes of club activities and events. Their position was that individuals should be donating to charities of their choice rather than using club funds in this manner.

After much discussion on this matter with Mike Cocks representing the viewpoint of the members in their absence, the Board agreed that we want to continue giving back to the general community via charitable donations in order to be a good community partner and to garner goodwill in the non-motorcycling community.

Don Lockhart made a motion for the BMWRSM to continue to make charitable donations and for the Board to evaluate club funds and to solicit charitable suggestions from the membership to be assessed by the Board. This motion was seconded by Mike Cocks and carried unanimously.

As the club Secretary, members can email [secretary@bmwrsm.org](mailto:secretary@bmwrsm.org) and I will maintain the list of charitable donation suggestions.

Potluck Dinner fee at the Rally:

One of our Board members made a suggestion to eliminate the \$5 for the potluck dinner portion of the DownEast Rally fee. It was decided at this meeting to postpone discussion on this until we start planning the 2006 rally since the cost issues of the current rally have already been decided.

Holiday Party voting for club officers:

While we have traditionally held the vote for the next year's slate of club officers at the annual Holiday Party, it was brought to our attention that in order to participate in the voting, a club member was required to attend the holiday party and purchase a ticket. In essence, club members must pay to vote. It was agreed that we should change the way we handle officer nominations and voting. Mike Cocks made a motion that the club will accept nominations in the fall by the November meeting, and that officer elections will be held at the December club meeting. This motion was seconded by James Nice, and carried unanimously.

Yankee Swap at Holiday Party:

Due to the fact that our membership numbers have increased a lot in the past few years, the time it takes to hold a Yankee Swap at the party is becoming too long, and some members have asked us to consider alternatives. It was suggested that we could offer door prizes instead. The Board is in agreement with this and Jim Salisbury made a motion to eliminate the gift swap from the holiday party due to time constraints and the number of members who attend the party, and replace it with door prizes to be decided and reviewed by the Board prior to the 2006 party. This motion was seconded by James Nice and carried unanimously.

Other business:

Don Lockhart brought up for discussion the idea of having an official club Safety Officer whose role would be to promote safety issues within the club and take the lead in this area. It was agreed that this position should be a member of the Board of Directors, whether it is an existing Board member or another member who would like to take on this role. Jim Salisbury made a motion to designate a club Safety Officer as a member of the Board of Directors. This motion was seconded by Bob Collin and carried unanimously.

Immediately after this vote, Mike Cocks made a motion to appoint Jim Salisbury as club Safety Officer since he has been putting in a lot of effort in this area already with the sourcing of hi-viz safety vests and inviting outside speakers to talk about motorcycling safety issues. Don Lockhart seconded this motion and it was carried unanimously. Jim Salisbury accepted the position.

If anyone has any suggestions or comments for the Board, we can be reached as a group at [Board@bmwrsm.org](mailto:Board@bmwrsm.org).

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