

Meeting Notes for January 5, 2002

We had a great meeting at the DownEast Restaurant in Yarmouth... Attendance was excellent with over 45 people packing the dining room! We had a very full agenda of topics and I was very pleased to see so many people at the meeting! After opening the meeting, Don thanked Steve Garrett for his years of leadership to the club, as well as retiring VP Bob Collin and Sandy Bliss our Treasurer for her continued efforts. All received a big round off applause from the membership present for their efforts. [Please see Steve's and Don's comments further down this page.](#) Here are some of the highlights from the meeting in bullet form:

Membership:

- Vice President Steve Garrett in charge of new/renewal memberships.
- We are looking into starting an awards type program for years of membership in the club.
- We will be issuing 2002 membership cards to everyone paid up this year, probably at Feb meeting.
- We will work with Street Cycles to enhance the 1 yr free membership with new Beemer purchase.
- We will confirm by email or letter new or renewal memberships with members.

Club History:

- Steve Garrett heading committee to dig up and document past club history. If you have info on things in the club's past, please [contact Steve Garrett](#).
- Committee will also set standards for documentation of history from here on.
- If you have pictures you can document in writing from past years, see Steve or Don L.

Monthly Meetings:

- **IMPORTANT: We voted for February 2, 2002 to try Cole Farms in Gray**, See the [reminders](#) section.
- We want to note our Bylaws, Fred Burgess was sure we already had some. Folks will be searching their archives to see if these can be located.
- Sandy will be checking into the possibility of club insurance through the MOA.
- We will have a monthly 50/50 raffle at the meetings... Joe "Wheeler dealer" Saunders in charge!
- Looking for ideas for people to speak or present at a monthly meeting. [Send ideas to Don](#).
- We'd like to advance plan some post meetings rides this year so folks can plan on them. If you have ideas, [send to Jim "Ride Boss" Salisbury](#).

Ride Calendar:

- Looking for ideas for rides to get onto the calendar early. With advance planning, people might be more likely to attend. Got ideas? Send to Jim Salisbury.
- John Reimann, grill chef extraordinaire, offered a cookout after the spring mileage kickoff for MOA.
- We may attempt a ride to Dave Percival's during the rally if we can get it ok'ed with Dave. Jim looking into it.
- looking into the possibility of a fall foliage ride, a possible mini-rally with the Northern Maine club and others.
- Step up to the plate and plan a ride and volunteer to lead it!
- John Reimann offered to start tracking who's going to the MOA National (international ?) this year, and we'll post some departure times etc perhaps on the ride board as time gets closer.

Website:

- Don announced that Mike Cocks had assumed his former position of Webmaster. Don will remain Mike's assistant, but wanted to devote full time to the Prez position. We doubled Mike's pay for this new role, but we tripled his workload!
- Mike is pursuing online membership registration via Paypal so folks could register online. This would NOT include the rally, just regular membership for now and possibly selling rally extras in an online store. Mike expected to have the online membership available very soon.
- We wanted to encourage more members to submit photos for the website. There is a link on the website to send them to Mike. Please include written documentation (brief) of what they are about.
- We have kicked around the possibility of a new club logo at a couple meetings. A couple of ideas have been submitted and received favorable comments from those who saw them at the meeting. I meant to circulate them around, but there was too much on the plate and I forgot, however they are available for your review [HERE](#).
- Mike mentioned there is a new feature on the BMWWSM navigation bar on the left side of the screen as you navigate the website... look for the "[NEW](#)" symbol which will immediately show you things that have been updated in the last two weeks on the website. Good idea Mike!!! Thanks.

All in all, a very busy meeting as you can see! Please send comments, corrections, omissions to [Don Lockhart](#).

A reminder that **2002 dues are due and payable**. The form is online under [membership](#). Please check the form as you will see the dues now mail directly to Steve Garrett. His mailing address is on the form. Also, 2002 DownEast Rally registration is open now for BMWWSM members only (Non-members after 3/1/01). That form is also online and includes [Bob Collin's](#) mailing address.

We had two new members join at the January meeting! Welcome to Dan De Sena and Brian Skoczinski !

Regards,
Don Lockhart