

## BMWRSM – Nov 6, 2004 Minutes

52 attendees, James Nice presiding, Karen Cocks taking minutes

### Introductions

- Howard is looking for volunteers to read his motorcycle book he's writing
- Bob Collin – 103,000 m on his bike
- Dave Stone – 133,000 m on his

### Safety

- Jim Salisbury will take orders for safety vests

### Treasurers Report from Sandy

- After \$500 donation to Phippsburg Fire Dept we will have \$9,305.51 in the checking account
- Net profit from the rally \$1,122.86

### Ride Boss News from Don Lockhart

- The MBA winner is Joel & Joan Hawkes with Don Kent coming in a close second – prizes will be awarded at the Holiday Party in January

### Show and Tell

- Paul Emerson discusses the virtues of his Powerlet connector. See [www.powerletproducts.com](http://www.powerletproducts.com)
- Joe Saunders recommends a battery charger from compatible with gel batteries, check with Joe for details. [JohnS48742@aol.com](mailto:JohnS48742@aol.com)
- John Reimann warns that you need to be careful of aftermarket gel batteries with BMW ABS units – 60% ABS modules failed in BMWs without standard batteries
- James Nice recommends the new 276C Garmin GPS.

### Rally Planning

- John Reimann is looking for volunteers willing to take on elements of the rally "A to Z." He wants to delegate some of the planning and activity – volunteers need to be responsible for the entire activity. He is looking meal planners, ride boss, awards, etc. John will take care of registration.
- Bob Collin will oversee door prizes and is looking for someone to shadow him so he or she can take it over next year.
- Registration rules this year
  - Open for the membership in Jan and Feb – by March 1 registration will be open to the public – no exceptions!
  - Registration form MUST be filled out completely – no just mailing checks in
  - No refunds
  - No pets, no RVs
  - Rally committee is contemplating raising the cost of 2-lobster fee to \$60 because they are concerned about the cost of lobster next May – if there is surplus it will go to the Phippsburg Fire Dept. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Query from the floor - if another time of year for the rally was ever considered due to the volatile weather in May. The ad hasn't been put in the MOA magazine yet so we have a very small window of time to consider alternatives. Viable and researched alternatives that include tentative dates at a camp site for 120 + riders should be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

### **Holiday Party**

- Sharon Collin is prepared to organize it again. Everyone was really happy with the Village Café venue.
- The first choice is the Friday or Saturday night the week before the Super Bowl.

### **50/50 Raffle Drawing**

- \$32 Won by Christine Conlogue, (new member)

### **Charitable Contributions**

- Eric Davis would like the club to contribute to Maine Handicapped Skiing (which a year-round program now). Don Lockhart said the Board of Directors recommended this gift to be upped to \$500 and recommended another \$500 set aside for other charitable giving. The Maine Handicapped Skiing contribution was proposed, seconded and carried by an obvious majority
- Jim Salisbury requested that we give a contribution to the Maine branch of the American Cancer Society in the name of Joni Beliveau. Don, who was for idea, suggested that this needs to go through the Board of Directors first. James and most of the group agreed.