

## **BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: November 5, 2005**

There were 59 members in attendance at the November meeting. This was one of the highest turnouts all year in spite of the cool morning... probably due to the post meeting ride to Whitehorse Press in North Conway.

### **President's Report:**

James Nice kicked off the meeting with our customary round of introductions. There were a few new faces in the crowd today.

James mentioned that the club received a nice Thank You card from Joni Belliveau regarding the club donation to the Making Strides walk. With our help, Joni was able to exceed her goal of \$1500.

He also had great things to say regarding the Rally in the Poconos he attended last month. He said the rally was excellent and the riding was great in that part of Pennsylvania. He would highly recommend it.

### **VP/Safety Officer Report:**

Jim Salisbury arranged the club run to Whitehorse Press and went over a few details. Jim contacted other clubs and riders will be joining us from both the Yankee Beemers and the Vermont club.

He also commented on the national MOA rally in Vermont and suggested making early reservations if you plan on going next summer.

### **Safety Issues:**

Jim reiterated a few safety pointers such as keeping an eye out for moose in the fall, watching those wet leaves on the roadway, and remembering that drivers are not accustomed to seeing bikes on the roads in late fall so be more alert.

He also mentioned that the club sold 35 – 40 hi-viz safety vests this past spring and suggested that wearing one is a good idea for visibility.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Sandy Bliss reported that the club treasury currently has \$9306.05. She remarked that a few riders who took the MSF Experienced RiderCourse have still not contacted her for reimbursement. If you want to get reimbursed, please send her a copy of your signed course completion card by December 31.

### **Rally Report:**

John Reimann has placed the rally ad in the BMW ON magazine. He reiterated that he still needs various volunteers to work at the rally. One major position that still needs to be filled is someone to handle door prizes. Bob Collin will assist, but he wants to discontinue doing this.

Per a previous request, John did contact Hermit's Island to find out if it would be possible to move our rally from May to the fall. They agreed that this would be fine, so we can make this a point of discussion at a later date. The 2006 rally is still scheduled for May.

**Membership/Webmaster Report:**

Mike Cocks reminded us that he was wearing his Membership hat today and will be collecting dues for next year. Dues are to be paid by January 1, and you can either pay Mike directly at a meeting, mail in your dues along with your form, or pay via PayPal on our website. Dues are still \$20 for a family membership.

**Ride Boss Report:**

Don Lockhart reminded us that the Maine Backroads Anomaly tour ended on October 31. If you have any photos you have not yet submitted, the deadline will be Friday November 11.

**Coats for Kids:**

Dave Manchester reminded us that the charity drive will kickoff the same day as our next meeting, Dec 3. On that day, they will also accept new unwrapped toys in addition to coats. At this time, he's not sure exactly where the collections will take place in the area close to Gray where we hold our meetings, but he will find out before our next meeting. John Reimann collected any coats that members brought to the November meeting. We plan on making a delivery of coats using sidecars after the December meeting, so bring any good used coats in all sizes to the next meeting if you can.

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