

BMWRSM Board of Director's Meeting September 30, 2006

The Board met at the IHOP in South Portland for a breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2006.

Board members in attendance were as follows:

Jim Salisbury, President
Paul Medeiros, Secretary
Sandy Bliss, Treasurer
James Nice, Director, Ride Boss
Eric Davis, Director
Joel Hawkes, Director
Steve Garrett, Director

Following are the issues that were discussed:

Charitable Donations

At past Board meetings and monthly club meetings we have discussed giving back to the community via charitable donations for Maine based charities. After reviewing the Treasury funds it was determined that we could allocate \$1000 to charity this year. Please note this does not include our annual \$500 donation to the Phippsburg Fire and Rescue. During monthly meetings we asked members to submit their requests for charitable donations to the Board for consideration. As of the Board meeting, we had four requests for Maine based charities.

After some discussion and review of the requests, Sandy Bliss made a motion to donate BMWRSM club funds to the four requests in the amount of \$250 each. Steve Garrett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous by a show of hands.

The charities are as follows:

1. Maine Children's Cancer Fund (Sandra Bliss)

This charity works with children with all forms of cancer and their families. The charity is administered by the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Med. Sandra and David Bliss are contributors and have worked as fundraisers for this charity.

2. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (Joni Belliveau)

Joni asked the club to sponsor her in her walk to raise money to help find a cure for this disease. The money raised in Maine stays in Maine. Joni is a survivor and has worked on this fund raiser for the past six years.

3. Maine Handicapped Skiing (Eric Davis)

This organization works to empower people with disabilities to ski, snowboard, and snowshoe and works with both children and adults. Eric has worked on this program as a volunteer for ten years.

4. Massabesic Special Olympics (Eric Davis)

This program provides the support for special needs students to attend various Maine Special Olympic events. This includes both equipment and transportation. Eric has worked as a volunteer for nine years.

On a related note, James Nice discussed the idea of the club participating in another Blood Drive at some point. Most likely the best time to do this would be in the summer when blood supplies are short and our contributions would be most needed. We have done this a couple times in the past and James would like to see this continue. We will discuss this again at a later date, but James wanted to bring this before the Board.

Website Past Members

As a result of the recent death of Gene Walker who was a friend of our club and an avid BMW motorcycle enthusiast, it was asked of the Board if we could have a spot on our website for club members who have passed away. After some discussion on this matter, we agreed that rather than having a permanent place on the website, we would post an obituary on the main page for a few weeks.

The club will send a card to Gene's family with condolences from the BMWWSM.

Monthly meeting location for October:

Jim Salisbury has arranged to have our next monthly meeting at Maine Indoor Karting in Scarborough on Saturday, October 7th. This is not necessarily a permanent home for our meetings, but the management of Maine Indoor Karting offered us a meeting room and graciously offered to provide the coffee.

Our meeting location for the past few years has been Cole Farms Restaurant in Gray, and Jim is still having discussions with their management to determine if we can come to an agreement regarding breakfast charges.

Directions to Maine Indoor Karting are posted on our website. They will provide the coffee, and the club will provide pastries. There will not be a formal breakfast at this meeting.

Once all the meeting topics were discussed, Sandy made a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded.

Board meeting notes submitted on October 2, 2006

Paul Medeiros
BMWWSM Secretary
secretary@bmwvsm.org