

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2004

We had 40 members in attendance for our December meeting. Most of the members arrived on four wheels due to the first winter snow the day before. In spite of that, there were a few intrepid riders on two wheels as well as a few sidecar rigs in the parking lot at Cole Farms Restaurant.

Our esteemed president, James Nice presided over the meeting.

President's Report:

The annual Holiday Party will be held at the Village Café restaurant in Portland once again. Sharon Collin has agreed to plan the party again as well, and it is scheduled for Sunday January 30 at 4:30pm. The cost will be \$18.95 per person which will include the meal, tax, and tip. We will also be running a Yankee Swap gift exchange, so if you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued \$10 - \$15 to the party.

If you are interested in attending, please send your RSVP and a check to Sharon Collin directly. Details on the website.

James also is open to any ideas for specific topics or events for future meetings. If you have an idea or suggestion, contact James at prez@bmwrsm.org.

VP Report:

Jim Salisbury showed us his safety vest embroidered with BMWRSM on one of the front reflective patches. He mentioned the cost of the vest was around \$40 - \$45 depending on the embroidery added to the vest.

Rally Report:

John Reimann is planning for our annual DownEast Rally at Hermit's Island Campground in Phippsburg scheduled for Friday through Sunday, May 20-22. He had a few points to cover at the meeting.

- Registration for members will run from January 15 through February 28, and it will be open to the public as of March 1st. As always, we expect the rally to be a sellout, so if you are interested in going, please get your fully completed registration form to John within this timeframe. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Also, note that RVs and pets are disallowed at the rally. Rally registration information and rules will be posted on the website.
- John is looking for volunteers to be the lead person and take on full responsibility for particular event. He needs volunteers for meal planning, awards, registration, clean up and more. If you would like to volunteer, contact John at rally@bmwrsm.org.
- John informed us costs for the rally will be increasing for 2005.

The camping fee is going up \$2 per person per night, the charge for the Kelp Shed is going up \$100, and he is concerned about the prices for lobster next year. As a result, John mentioned that he would like to increase the cost of the rally fee for next year.

There was much discussion on the floor regarding this issue, and many suggestions were offered. A motion was proposed by Jim Salisbury, and seconded by Joe Saunders whether to keep the fees the same, or allow the Board to discuss the issue first. Nine members voted to keep the costs the same, but a majority of hands voted to allow the Board to discuss it at an upcoming Board meeting. The Board will present options to the membership at the January meeting. At that point, we will have a vote to decide how to address the added costs.

Treasurer's Report:

Sandy Bliss was not in attendance at this meeting.

Webmaster/Membership Report:

Mike Cocks reported that we have about 150 family members in the club to date. He also reminded us that the 2005 annual club dues are due on January 1 and as of the meeting we have 47 members who have paid for next year.

You may either mail in your payment, or pay online via PayPal. See the website for the respective forms.

Street Cycles open house:

Kate, the Service Manager from Street Cycles in Falmouth, was at our meeting and invited us to a BMW open house at the dealership. They offered discounts on purchases and also raffled off a \$100 gift certificate and two free oil changes. Many members did attend after the club meeting.

50/50 Raffle Drawing:

\$24 won by Mike Cocks

Next Meeting:

Saturday January 8th at 9:00am, Cole Farms Restaurant in Gray. (Arrive anytime after 8:30, and please park in the northern parking lot.)

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