

## **January 2005 Meeting Notes**

Happy New Year everyone! There were 41 in attendance at our first club meeting for 2005. As expected for January, most arrived via four wheels, but our intrepid sidecar riders did not disappoint, and braved the cold yet again. Also, one member rode to the meeting on his KTM!

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

Unfortunately, just before the meeting was about to start, work obligations forced James Nice to leave. So Jim Salisbury, John Reimann, Michael Cocks, and I filled in for James.

The first order of business was to discuss the December Board Meeting and have a vote on whether to raise the camping fees for the DownEast Rally or keep them the same.

Mike Cocks presented the financial details from the December Board Meeting to explain how the current club funds will be allocated. (This was covered in the Board Meeting minutes that were sent out last month.)

After some discussion, Bob Collin made a motion to "keep the 2005 DownEast Rally camping fees the same as last year". This motion was seconded by Jim Salisbury and put to the floor for a vote. The results of the vote were as follows: 11 members voted to keep the fees the same, 23 members voted to raise the camping fee, and the remainder of the members in attendance abstained from voting.

### **VP Report:**

Jim Salisbury would like to place an order for safety vests for those members interested. At the December Board meeting, we voted to subsidize \$20 towards the cost of safety vests for club members. This subsidy will be limited to two per household and the club will limit this subsidy to a max of 50. Also, this subsidy is only for the vests sourced by Jim in order to simplify the handling of vendor payment for the Treasurer. If you are interested, please contact Jim at [vicepres@bmwrsm.org](mailto:vicepres@bmwrsm.org).

### **Rally Report:**

With the vote regarding rally fees concluded, John Reimann informed the members that the rally registration form and rules will be posted to the website. BMWRSM members can sign up between January 15 and February 28. After that time, the rally will be open to the public, so if you are a member and wish to attend the rally, get your completed form and payment to John Reimann before the end of February.

Also, John is still looking for volunteers for different positions at the rally. If you would like to volunteer, contact John at [rally@bmwrsm.org](mailto:rally@bmwrsm.org). A list of positions needed is posted on the website.

### **Holiday Party:**

Sharon Collin reminded us that the annual Holiday Party will be held at the Village Café restaurant in Portland once again. It will be on Sunday January 30 starting 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.

### **Membership Report:**

Michael Cocks reminded the membership that he is accepting payment for the 2005 annual club dues. You may print out the form on the website and mail your payment, or you may pay via the website using PayPal.

### **Great Northern Riders meeting:**

Steve Garrett mentioned that he is planning on attending the Great Northern BMW Riders annual meeting and potluck dinner this month. If you are interested please let the host know you are attending so they may coordinate food items. (I did not get all of the details in my notes at the meeting, so please check their website for location and directions. [www.gnbmwr.org](http://www.gnbmwr.org) )

### **Personal Award:**

Joan and Joel Hawkes gave a personal award to Don Lockhart and his daughter Sarah for their work in administering the Maine Backroad Anomaly tour of 2004. Joan remarked that she and Joel had a lot of fun with the contest last year and saw many parts of Maine they might not see otherwise. Congrats Don and Sarah!

### **2005 Officers:**

At the last Board meeting, the current slate of officers and directors has agreed to stay on for another year. Traditionally, the current set of officers is voted in at the Holiday Party. If you are interested in one of these positions, let me know and I will inform the Board prior to our Holiday Party.

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

The pot of \$29 was won by Irene Boettcher.

### **Next Meeting:**

Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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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