

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: January 3, 2004

Hello everyone and welcome to 2004! We had around 35 attendees at our first meeting of the New Year. It was like deja-vu all over again as we had to deal with the slippery conditions to get to Cole Farms. Not surprisingly, there were no two-wheelers present.

First off, the club would like to express our sympathies to club President Don Lockhart who was unable to attend the meeting due to the death of his mother. Our thoughts are with you Don.

In Don's absence, president-elect James Nice conducted the meeting. These were the topics discussed:

Membership:

According to VP Steve Garrett, we are up to 104 paid members. Please remember that 2004 membership fees are currently due and you may pay your 2004 dues by either printing out the online form and mailing in your payment, or you can pay online via credit card using our Paypal link. Details are on our website www.bmwrsn.org.

Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Bliss was not at the meeting, but soon-to-be-president James Nice believes the club does actually have some money.

2004 DownEast Rally Reminder.

Rally reservations are currently being accepted by John Reiman for paid club members only. He has 12 people signed up to date.

The deadline for club reservations will be February 29. No exceptions! After that date, the rally will be opened up to any and all comers and it is expected that we will be sold out by March 1st. If you are interested in attending, please sign up early. Should you decide not to go, you will be able to recover your money since we always have a waiting list for the rally.

It was also mentioned that early arrivals will not be sanctioned by the club. If you arrive early, you will be required to pay the regular daily rate to Hermit's Island Campground.

Pete Beliveau indicated that rally hats, shirts, and pins are currently under design.

Website:

Mike Cocks informed us that there may be a glitch in our email system due to the new spam legislation that recently went into effect. He is looking into it and will keep us posted.

Holiday Party:

Our year end/holiday party scheduled for *SUNDAY* January 18th, 4:00pm at the Village Café, 112 Newbury Street, Portland is shaping up quite well. With thanks to Sharon Collin for her hard work there are currently 30 people signed up. There will be a Yankee Swap and if you would like to participate please bring a wrapped gift with a suggested limit of \$10. If you would like to attend the party and have not already contacted Sharon Collin, please see the link on the website for details.

2004 Officer Nominations:

This is the list of current nominees for 2004 officer positions. If you would like to be considered, please send an email to Don Lockhart to let him know. Voting will take place at the Holiday Party.

Elected positions

President - James Nice
Vice President - Jim Salisbury
Treasurer - Sandy Bliss
Secretary - Paul Medeiros

Non elected positions

Ride Boss - Don Lockhart
Webmaster - Mike Cocks (Don Lockhart Asst Webmaster)
Newsletter Editor - Dave Stone
Jim Salisbury's vacated director position - Don Lockhart

Guest Speaker:

Jim Salisbury invited Wade Fowler from RBR Manufacturing Solutions, Inc. to present his light bar systems for BMW Motorcycles. Wade had a varied display of powder-coated machined light bars to fit many different BMW models. If you would like more information, check out www.rbrmanufacturing.com. Wade mentioned that RBR stands for "Rather Be Riding" which is what I'm sure all of us would rather be doing right now as well.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 9:00am at Cole Farms Restaurant in Gray.

Hope to see you there.

Paul Medeiros
2004 Secretary-elect