

BMWRSM Meeting Minutes: October 1 , 2005

There were 39 members in attendance at the October meeting . The morning started out cool and foggy, but the afternoon was a nice warm fall day. Nice day for an afternoon ride.

VP/Safety Officer Report:

Our club president, James Nice was not in attendance at the meeting since he was at a rally down in the Poconos. In his absence, Jim Salisbury, our VP called the meeting to order and started our round of introductions.

If anyone is interested in becoming a club officer or director, please make one of the Board members aware of your interest. Per the Board meeting from 3/26/2005, nominations for positions will be accepted by the club as of the November meeting and voting will take place at the December meeting.

Jim mentioned the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk that club member Joni Belliveau is doing this fall and encouraged our individual support.

Safety Issues:

Regarding safety issues, Jim informed us that there is a new law making it illegal to pass on a solid single or double yellow line. Evidently, in the past, it was just a recommendation, now it will be considered a traffic offense.

Jim also commented about the colder temperatures and to be careful when riding over manhole covers or railroad tracks due to the potential slippery conditions and lack of grip.

Also, Jim mentioned the aftermarket flashing brake light kit that James talked about last month. Many riders use a flashing brake light for visibility and Jim reminded us that Street Cycles is stocking this new brake light kit.

While on the subject of safety, Don Lockhart reminded us to be wary of leaves on the roads this fall. Leaves tend to hold moisture and could cause a slide if not careful.

Treasurer's Report:

While Sandy was not at the meeting, she did let Jim know that our treasury is in good stead at just over \$10,000.

At the last meeting, we did mention that the club planned on making a donation to one of the Hurricane Katrina funds, most likely the Red Cross. Lia Mahoney asked the Board if this was done yet, and unfortunately, it had not. The Board will need to approve a donation and I will send out an email to the Board. Thanks for the reminder Lia.

Also, it was brought to our attention that we have not yet made a donation to the Phippsburg Fire and Rescue for 2005. The club has approved a donation of \$500 to come from the proceeds of the DownEast Rally 50/50 raffle with the difference made up from the club treasury. John Reimann will follow up on this.

Rally Report:

John Reimann, Rally Chair, is planning on submitting our DownEast Rally ad to the BMW MOA by January 1st. Prices for the 2006 rally will be the same as for the 2005 rally so we will not need to delay the ad this year.

John also put out the call for volunteers to help run the rally. We need people for many positions to make the rally a success! One key position that needs to be filled is someone to handle door prizes. Bob Collin has been handling this to date, and has much information to get someone else started. If you are interested in volunteering at the rally, please let John know.

It was asked of John if the club would consider moving the rally date from May to September. There are issues such as campground availability and the willingness of the membership to change the timing of the rally. John will check with Hermit's Island to determine if this is possible, and if it is, our webmaster will put a survey on the website to gather member views on this issue. For planning purposes, the 2006 rally will remain in May. This consideration would be for future rallies.

Membership/Webmaster Report:

Mike Cocks mentioned that he will start collecting 2006 dues as of the November meeting.

Ride Boss Report:

Don Lockhart gave us the latest update on the Maine Backroads Anomaly tour. As of the meeting, Steve Garrett was in the lead followed by Mike Cocks and James Nice rounding out the top three positions.

Don also reported that the riders that went up to Tom Raynor's in Bar Harbor had a great time and went on some great rides.

Coats for Kids:

Last meeting, Dave Manchester mentioned the Coats for Kids donation campaign. He did some research and reported that the campaign begins on December 3rd which coincides with our monthly meeting. If you would like to donate a coat, and bring it to the November 5th meeting, Dave is willing to collect and hold them until the December 3rd kickoff. If the sidecar riders are willing, we would like to use them to deliver the coats. The charity is looking for new or

good used winter coats in all sizes. Also, on December 3rd, the charity will also accept new unwrapped toys.

See you at the November meeting. Hopefully on two wheels...

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