

Minutes - Four Winds General Meeting  
Saturday, April 16, 2022  
Gil's Cafe, South Park, PA

Beth Ann Brady, Vice President, *presiding*

Beth Ann welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM. 15 members and guest attended with 5 riders. Beth Ann asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2022, meeting. They were approved as submitted.

The first item of business was the Treasurer's report. Ed advised the checking account balance is substantially unchanged over the past two months. The March 26th Annual Banquet appears to have been a break even event. A final tally of receipts and expenses remains work in progress. Dues receipts for 2022 remains a lingering issue with roughly 55 membership renewals in hand so far. Suggestions were invited as to an effective means to collect annual dues from all persons currently on the club's roster. With riding season now beginning, several persons expressed their hope that more people will now tend to dues payment.

Discussion turned to the BMW MOA's National Rally (Springfield MO, June 16-18) and BMW RA's National Rally (Waynesville NC, September 29 - October 2) and plans to attend. Note: the discount for pre-registration to attend the RA rally ends tomorrow. Registration for the MOA event remains open through the event, although no one was familiar with any discount offered by the MOA.

Initial inquiries have been made into the availability and costs of renting a canopy, table and chairs at each rally. Detailed quotes are not as yet in hand, but the Board will continue to work on the questions. Efforts to reach a vendor for Springfield are underway; a Four Winds camping area for charter clubs will be requested for the MOA. Since the RA event in September returns to the same location as last year, it will be an easier process to set things up as the last September date gets closer. Dennis is to check to see if the Four Winds club banner is among the things he returned with from Montana and last year's rally.

Planning will start shortly for the Four Winds Annual Rally (New Bethlehem PA, August 18-20). The Board will reach out to Tyler at Redbank Municipal Park to work through details. We anticipate organization rally scheduled activities will be similar to those enjoyed in recent years. Pricing has been set at \$45 pre-registration and \$55 at the gate, a modest increase due to the anticipated higher costs for food, on-site services and supplies. (Youth ages 7-15 pricing is \$20 pre-reg and \$30 at gate with 6 yrs. and under being Free.) Tee-shirts will be available, and suggestions for a theme or design are welcome. As the lead time for tee-shirts is an important factor, the-earlier-the-better for suggestions. Please contact Diane with any ideas. Tee-shirt sales have customarily been a shot-in-the-arm for club finances, but last year's cost increases and reduced level of attendance made for the slimmest of margins on sales. As always, the success of our rally depends upon volunteers. All participants at today's meeting were encouraged to volunteer to the extent schedules and plans permit. Gene volunteered to handle

the coffee assignment again for 2022. Ideas for speakers or timely topics are also welcome; please contact a Board member with them. Volunteers are also needed to lead group rides on Saturday, Friday's supper, and field events as well as to assist with door prize solicitation.

Dennis reported that Craig Immel (Life Member) is in the shop with an ankle / foot injury. Best wishes for Craig's speedy recovery were sent his way. Also noted was that Craig is liquidating some of his BMW dealership memorabilia from the 1980's, so interested members may want to check further into the details of what is available.

The next item of business was to follow-up on the questionnaire circulated to members at the March 26th banquet on the subject of preferences for group-rides and possible destinations. One opportunity on the immediate horizon is the BMW riders Gettysburg National Battlefield Clean-Up rally which is once again coordinated by Sam Booth (sambooth@yahoo.com). It's a 2-night, 3-day affair (May 20 to 22, 2022) and provides an opportunity for volunteers to help the National Park Service. The week-end includes camping access to the comforts of the Artillery Ridge Campground ("4 stars"), good food and camaraderie. For details, visit <https://www.bmwmoa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1608545>. Several Four Winds members indicated they are likely to attend. Discussion turned to other possible destinations for the spring, summer and fall, including the Finger Lakes region, the Wellsboro / PA Grand Canyon area and group rides to rallies sponsored by other BMW clubs.

Dennis and Joe M. encouraged members to alert others of riding plans by posting those plans on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/74936103201/>), or the 4-Winds' website forum (<http://www.4windsbmw.org/forum/general-chit-chat>), or both. Joe noted that traffic has been picking up in the club's Facebook group. All are encouraged to take advantage of it given the ease and simplicity. Short-notice is fine. Spontaneous get-togethers are often the most enjoyable for many. Morning rides to breakfast, day-trips, overnight trips - camping or with lodging.- can all be shared within the Four Winds group. A modest effort to reach-out through these means alerts others in an informal way and without any commitment in particular.

In concluding the meeting, the group welcomed Jimmy Morgan who was attending his first meeting. Jimmy hails from Bethel Park and rode his S1000R today.

There was no 50/50 drawing at today's meeting, and hearing no new further old or new business, Beth Ann called for adjournment at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley, Recording Secretary

[*Secretary's note:* Dues may be paid by check or cash at a meeting or other club event, by check mailed to the Treasurer or by credit-card.  
Questions ??? .....please contact a Board member or Officer]