

Minutes - Four Winds General Meeting
Saturday, May 21, 2022
Bella Luna Trattoria, Monroeville PA

Joe Burns, President, *presiding*

Joe called the meeting to order at 12:40 PM and welcomed 23 members and guests. 16 bikes were parked outside in today's sunshine.

The first item of business was the Treasurer's report. Ed reported the checking account balance remains substantially unchanged from last month's. Joe urged any members who have as yet to pay their 2022 dues to do so. Contact is Ed (etatters@aol.com) who can advise of paid-up status or other details. Checks, cash or credit-card payments are welcome.

Best wishes were next extended to Joe M. who is recuperating from recent surgery.

The president asked for a show of hands by those planning to attend the MOA National Rally in Springfield MO (Ozark Empire Fairgrounds, beginning June 16th.) Interest appeared strong with at least 9 hands appearing. A Four Winds camping area will be designated. A canopy and chairs will be rented by the club. Next request was for a show of hands by those planning to travel to the 2022 RA National Rally which is returning to Waynesville NC for Sept. 29-Oct.2. The show of hands was similar to that for the MOA. Dennis indicated that the level of interest suggests a similar need for a Four Winds camping area, canopy and chairs. The club will reach out to the same vendor who was used last year and easy to work with. Details will be confirmed at a date closer to the event.

Joe next raised the question of members' interest in a Four Winds group camping trip later in the year, perhaps July or September at, for example, Yokum's at Seneca Rocks WV (<https://www.yokum.com/>) or similar travel distance. The clear preference was for a September or early October date. Joe noted the Seneca Rocks location has excellent roads for exploration as well as motel rooms (limited and by advance reservation), cabin or cabins, a bunkhouse and teepees. Interest seemed considerable so the subject will remain for further planning with consideration also to avoid conflict with other events Four Winds members may be likely to attend. Benefits of a new event include the considerable flexibility in making arrangements for those wishing to participate.

Plans for the 56th Annual Four Winds BMW Rally at Redbank Municipal Park, New Bethlehem PA, (August 19-21) are substantially complete. Pre-registration is available via the club's website with a \$10 discount available for reservations made on or before August 7. Tee shirts will be available, and current plans for the design are to track the theme of this year's MOA National Rally, while also noting the historical role the Four Winds rally played in establishing the MOA back in the early 70's. Pre-ordering will be required, and a link will be available on the club's website once pricing, design and fabrics choices are finalized. Pre-orders will be distributed at the check-in desk at the rally. One rally detail remaining to be confirmed is a musician or other entertainer. Suggestions are invited; please contact Joe B. or another Board members with ideas.

Joe asked if there were any new members attending who might wish to introduce themselves to the group. None appeared.

Joe called for any old business. None was reported. Joe called for any new business. Suggestions for a location for the June general membership meeting were requested with a concern that suitable spots have been very difficult to secure notwithstanding Beth Ann's diligence and success in finding them. Discussion followed and turned to concerns that many members are planning to be at the MOA National Rally or otherwise traveling out of town on the third Saturday of June. The question was raised of possibly cancelling the June meeting given the turn-out might be much below that reasonably anticipated by the restaurant or other venue. Another consideration is that most Board members will be out of town and not available to conduct the business portion of the meeting. Members are encouraged to check the club's website and Facebook page regarding the June meeting.

Hearing no further business, Joe called for the 50-50 drawing. Ed T's ticket was drawn; he promptly donated his share to the club's treasury. The club is \$81 ahead of the game. A round of applause for Ed's generosity followed.

Upon motion of Ed and Gene's second, the meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Donley, Recording Secretary