

Minutes - Four Winds General Meeting
Saturday, January 20, 2024
Sunny Jim's Tavern, Emsworth PA

Denny Mickanin, Director at large, presiding

Denny kicked off the meeting at 12:20 PM, welcoming 26 other members and guests who gathered on this 17°F afternoon. As the first order of business he asked if there were any new faces that wished to introduce themselves to the group. Marcus rose and reported that today was his first meeting. He resides in Mt. Lebanon and rides an R1250 GSA. Pete Pivaronas next introduced himself and reported he rides a K1200 RS and hails from the Saxonburg area. Both are looking forward to riding with other club members when the weather breaks.

Denny reported that the Board of Directors concluded its initial meeting of the year immediately prior to this meeting and looks forward to continuing the traditions of the club. The discussion focused details for the annual banquet.

Arrangements for the annual banquet on February 17th are substantially complete and encouraged all in attendance to be certain their reservations are made in a timely fashion. This year's event will be in Irwin (North Versailles) at Antonelli's Event Center and begin at 6:00 PM. The location is less than a mile from the Irwin turnpike exit, a very short distance off Route 30 heading west from the exit. A map together with reservation form may be obtained from the club's website. Reservations together with payment may be mailed to the club's treasurer, or the club Store link on the website may be used.

Plans include a buffet menu to feature chicken marsala and roasted pork tenderloin, pasta, potatoes, green beans, house salad and charcuterie tray. The club will be providing dessert which will be a selection of goodies. Pricing will be slightly higher than last year's but includes a discount for paid-up members and life members in the form of a refund extended at the door. Other details are a cash bar, door prizes, a 50/50 and a speaker or entertainment. Denny concluded the subject with an appeal to all members to support the banquets because the club's officers have worked hard in the effort to maintain a quality banquet, reasonable costs and a new location which may be more convenient for some members. Suggestions for a banquet speaker are still invited; please contact a Board member with any ideas.

Ed provided the Treasurer's report and confirmed that the checking account balance has not changed appreciably over the past year. The impact of the upcoming banquet will turn on the number of attendees, but in all events sufficient funds are in place to cover anticipated expenses. Ed noted the transition of the Treasurer's duties to Holly for the coming year is underway.

Apologies were extended to those on the club's email distribution list who may have recently received duplicative mailings in error. As with so many other applications, the Mail Chimp technology brings with it a learning curve. The plea for a little patience was well received.

Discussion of recent events occurring or planned at local BMW dealerships was largely limited to the "reveals" for 2024 R1300GS, a total redesign for the ADV enthusiasts. Also reported was mention that spots for Kissells' Soggy Bottom event were sold very quickly again this year. (Contact the dealership for details at www.kissellmotorsports.com).

Tom Fury reported all are welcome to attend the Steel City Mods vs Rockers' Winter Holiday Bash next Friday, January 27, at the Paradise Island Bowl and Beach venue. No cover and festivities will begin at 6:00 PM.

Denny asked if there was any further old or new business to discuss. Hearing none, he suggested the final matter for today will be the 50/50. Beth Ann's ticket was drawn to the tune of \$46.

Upon motion of Ed S. and second by Ed T., the meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley
Recording Secretary