

Minutes

Four Winds BMW Riders - General Membership Meeting

April 21, 2018 Skyvue Restaurant, West Mifflin PA

Adrian called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. 15 members and 2 old-timers were in attendance. Adrian reported he was stepping in for Sean who was traveling and not able to attend. Adrian also reported that Vince was not able to attend and accordingly discussion of the Four Winds Rally scheduled for August will be deferred to the next meeting.

Topic one was to invite new contest ideas similar to the historical marker and covered bridge contests in recent years. The contest is a good way to keep members involved, and the recognition of the leaders and winners creates continuing interest as the year progresses. Further consideration should be given to Nancy's idea to submit photos of landmarks taken close to the monthly meeting locations.

Topic two was the subject of presentations for upcoming monthly meetings. Members were encouraged to participate, for example, with a presentation about a new motorcycle or a trip taken that would be of interest to the group. Presentations from outside people having a general interest in motorcycling are also encouraged.

Efforts are underway to reactivate the club's Facebook page to encourage a social networking presence about club events and topics of general interest. A question was raised as to whether the Facebook page will be a private group or one open to the public. Comments included the belief that a page open to the public would better meet the objective to reach out to prospective new club members.

Bruce offered the Treasurer's Report: (1) checking account responsibilities have been transferred to him and (2) there have been no significant expenditures since the club's February banquet. He continues the effort to familiarize himself with his duties.

The discussion turned to upcoming events, and the following were mentioned.

- The BMW dealership in Wexford will hold its Open House on Saturday, April 28. Hours are 10 AM to 3 PM, and the club will have a table set up to provide participants with information about the club and how to join. All members are encouraged to attend and to support the dealership's activities. Members interested in manning the table should let Adrian or Bruce know.
- The national RA Rally will be held in Wellsboro PA at the Tioga County Campground beginning July 19th. Volunteers are still needed and may contact the organizers through the RA's website. A question was raised as to whether the Four Winds club might volunteer as a group to work, for example, the registration desk. No decision was made. Adrian noted that the Four Winds July meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 21st, at Mingo Creek Park. Members not traveling to Wellsboro were encouraged to attend the Mingo Creek meeting.
- The Laurel Highlands BMW Riders Camp-Out will be held in Somerset from June 8-10. This event has been popular with Four Winds members, and

four or five members make it a point to attend. Camping is good, and the surrounding roads include great two-laners.

- Some members might enjoy the bi-weekly get-together hosted on Saturday morning's in Warrendale by Pittsburgh Cars 'n Coffee. It's a car club that draws high-end sports cars, but a few motorcycles usually show up as well for coffee and conversation. Details are available at that group's website.

Having sold 50-50 tickets to substantially all in attendance, Bruce proceeded to win the drawing.

The May monthly meeting will be held at Driscoll & Sons Cafe in Elizabeth Township. The website has been updated to show all of the dates and locations for the remaining monthly meetings this year.

Adrian asked if there were any other topics to discuss, and hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Donley, Acting Recording Secretary