



March 2018



Sean Barrett

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The sun is out and it is 40 degrees, maybe I can get the bike out again this week. Spring is coming and I am looking forward to riding. I can tolerate winter (barely), but when the weather starts getting nice, it drives me crazy. I want to out there without my electric shirt turned all the way up and riding.

Anyway, at the last meeting, it was a small group but we got a lot done. The minutes are below but I would like to add some details and discuss some thoughts for the future. Foremost, I want to thank David Donley for stepping up and taking Glenn Kidd's spot on the boards as the recording secretary. My main focus this year is to get more members (new and old) involved in the management of the club. We now have two members on the board, Bruce and David, that have not been involved in the past. I am looking forward to more members stepping up and helping out.

As you can see in the minutes of the meeting, we are trying to spread the work out among the board members so no one has to work as hard. Do not hesitate to contact board members about their jobs and see how you can help them out.

One area that we can always use help is the rally. Contact Vince Giannetti, rally chair with ideas and help. There are quite a few members who can rarely make the meeting but always go to the rally, you need to contact Vince and help if you want the rally to continue. The more members that step up, the less work everyone else needs to do.

Additions to the minutes include: Adrian will handle the online store and I will handle getting speakers for the meetings. If you have any ideas for presentations or want to do a presentation, let me know.

Another area of concern is the lack of communication between the officers and the members. We have a large club but many members can't make it to meetings and therefore are left out of the discussions concerning what the club does. There are several ways to improve this. One would be to

open the board e-mail list to all interested members. This would allow everyone to see what the board is discussing and give us their thoughts. If you want to be added to the list, let me know. Two other options are to use the forum and Facebook. Trick Barrett set up a face book group ages ago and it is still active. If you want to join the group, search for the four winds BMW riders, and join. I will try to remember to check both of these sites 2-3 times a week.

Nancy Barret is looking into starting a new contest. It would involve taking a picture of a specific landmark near the meeting. Picture needs to be taken on day of meeting but can be before or after meeting. Each point will go to a prize drawing at the banquet. The more point, the greater the chance of winning. More details to come.

Remember the open house at BMW motorcycle of Pittsburgh, 4/7/18.

The riding season is upon us, let's get out and ride!

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Four Winds Meeting Notes Saturday March 17, 2018

Location: Rock Run Inn at Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA

We had 18 attendees at our March meeting. It was held at the Rock Run Inn at The Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth. It was a nice location with good food. We had the place all to ourselves. We had a couple of members ride to the meeting on their bikes even though it is still a little cool outside.

Our President informed the club of all the changes to the Treasurer's position. It was broken up into multiple jobs. Bruce would maintain the checkbook and the membership list. Jeff Harlich will be sending out the new member packs as needed. Marge and John Humphrey would handle all media and literature updates as needed. John also volunteered to be AV consultant for any presentations that would be given.

Marge Humphrey gave the banquet report since Bruce is riding in Morocco. The banquet cost the club \$936.84. This is typical of our banquet expenses.

There was a discussion of the Breakfast Rides and doing more rides in general. There is still a West breakfast ride meeting at the Eat and Park in Robinson. Mike Kuenning talked about rides out of the dealership, which got some favorable responses. Vince mentioned the Pancake Ride in West Virginia. A need for a Ride Coordinator was mentioned.

There was a unanimous vote to give all employees and the owner at BMW of Pittsburgh free membership. Remember the shop Open House is April 7.

The club also approved Trick Barrett to get our Facebook up and running.

A rally discussion was held with Vince asking for volunteers. He mentioned cutting back on the rally and asked for ideas on how that can be accomplished. The same caterer is going to be used as we were all in agreement that Rub n Tug are good.

Dave Donley has stepped into the Recording Secretary position in place of Glenn Kidd who is ill. Glenn is not taking phone calls, but cards and e-mails are welcomed.

FYI There is a conflict between our next meeting in Mingo and the RA. Both are the third weekend in July.

Submitted by Marge Humphrey