

CRVBMW March 21, 2021 Meeting

Call mtg to order at 1:10 PM

Number in attendance - 12

Ron - Treasurer's Report – We are in a very good financial position. Very positive.

Felix - Minutes report from previous meeting –

Old Business –

We are still looking for someone to take over the Road Captain position.

Stu Greene will again lead rides weekly weather depending. Tim offered that the club will assist in leading a ride for anyone who wants to organize it but not lead the ride or instead make it a club ride.

Members that did not renew their membership for this year have been removed from the email list, their information has been moved to the inactive list on the roster and are not listed or given access to the website Members List.

The Members List has been uploaded to the website and everyone should have received an email with their Login Name, Password and instructions on how to access the list. If you haven't tried to access the list, please do and email me at President@crvbmw.org if there are any issues or updates. A few people have experienced problems accessing the list, probably because SpellCheck changed their name – I saw this during Beta testing. If you haven't responded to my emails regarding allowing your info to be included, please consider it. After September 1st, only members who approve their info being listed will have access to the list.

Jo Ann asked about associate club members as to why they do not have access. The response was that it is difficult to manage.

I propose allowing new members 6 months to authorize adding their info before removing their access.

Discussion took place on free memberships given out by Max's Windsor location (other locations do not participate as they are located in or nearby NY or in NH) for how long to give access before they approve their information to be posted. Chris and others suggested to end of the calendar year when the free membership runs out.

Don't forget the AMA Affiliate Program when you join or renew your membership. Enter CRVBMW in the **Promo Field**.

<https://fs4.formsite.com/AMARacing/4jkxulc77/fill?id84=CRVBMW>.

Winter banquet - The Winter Banquet has been postponed because the Polish National Home is closed - do we know when they will reopen?

Ron reiterated that there has been no update from the Home since February. He will check with them for a status update. Tim suggested to skip the annual banquet this year. Ron wants to wait and see if they are going to open given the loosening of COVID restrictions coming up soon.

Charter Oak Rally - May 28, 29 & 30 - Nord has contacted the persons that manage Crystal Pond Park (Camp Nahaco) and we are penciled in for the Memorial Day weekend. Pricing has gone up after they completely remodeled/modernized the kitchen. I think we can afford to pay the additional \$600 (includes \$200 for the cabin) this year, but based on the expected pricing for next year, this will probably be our last year at Crystal Pond Park.

Further discussion on the fee and the camp. The fee increased from \$900 to \$1300 this year and the Camp operators have stated the cost for future venues will be \$2600 per Nord. We are one of the few rally's thus far this year still being held by clubs as ours.

Nord stated discussions with the Camp operator that \$2600 is the going rate they charge everyone to cover recent remodeling and renovations.

The \$1300 is about breakeven for the club but at \$2600 the club members need to find a new location for the annual rally.

We should be within the COVID restrictions of 100 indoor seating (for dinner) by the time the rally occurs. It is expected that turnout based on previous years will be around 50 to 60. If the 100 is exceeded then dining will be split between two scheduled groups – a very optimistic view. Regardless, Tim reminded attending members that the club needs to work on finding a new locale.

Additional discussion on increasing rally fee (prepaid and at the door) from last year to recoup some part of the rally location fee increase. Some of the fee increase will be for the cabin rental to \$100 per night. Ron asked and Tim confirmed that the \$1300 includes the cabin rental. The cabin holds 4 – 6 people. Jeanine asked what the club had charged in the past? \$25 per person. Ron stated it should be prepaid contingent on minimum of 4 takers.

Other questions were what are other clubs charging for their rallies? What should we charge? Chris googled and found that NJ charging \$55 prepaid and \$65 at the door. Likewise MD club is charging \$45 and \$55 accordingly.

Tim suggested \$50 prepaid, \$60 at the door and \$40 for children (originally \$37). Ron stated that one day pass should be \$30. Chris suggested \$60 prepay, \$70 at the door and \$30 for one day pass. A question was asked how many were prepaid last time? 26 were prepaid or about 60% of last rally's attendance. There were 11 at the door purchases.

Tim offered the following: \$60 prepaid, \$70 at the door, \$40 for kids and \$35 for one-day pass (suggested by Joan and ok'd by Tim and Ron).

Nord offered to supply firewood for the club.

Notices and advertisements have been sent to the MOA, RA and others. Trantolo & Trantolo calendar has also been notified.

Chris Jennings is planning the Revolutionary War sites tour again this year.

Nord, at the appropriate time, will request the agreement for Chrystal Pond Park which I will send to Chris so he can get the insurance.

Chris will then arrange the insurance with the MOA once we have the contract from Chrystal Pond Park.

Tim asked what else needs to be done in regard to securing the date with the Camp. Ron stated that the check needs to be driven up due to issues with the Camp getting their mail. Nord to prepare the form for scanning and email to be signed by Tim or Nord as member of the board and then delivered with check to the Camp. Once contract is in hand then Chris will acquire insurance coverage from MOA.

Ron asked if notice should be put up on website now? Tim agreed that it should be done.

Felix and Tim will work on soliciting prizes for the rally from past donating vendors and new ones added to the list.

Ron Faibusch and Brad Thomas have been working on setting up the on-line purchasing system for club clothing and other accessories. There are a number of steps that they will have to complete, but it's in the works.

Brad removed the BMW logo from all the artwork for the time being. Can put link on website. Zazzle will ship directly. Ron asked how much lead time – about a week. Brad suggested a sample order should be done. The club will receive 15% margin on sales. This can be changed if desired.

Link: www.zazzle.com/stores/CRVBMW

Tim asked for authorization to order a sample of items. Nord suggested to give some out as door prizes at the rally.

AMA Safety & Service Awards were awarded to the following club members:

Stu Greene for providing a safe environment for each of his rides.

Nord & Jeanine Christensen for welcoming us to their property and for years of help with the Charter Oak Rally.

Tim will hand the awards to them the next time we get together.

Chris suggested to present the awards at the rally.

RA Rally - Waynesville, NC - May 20-23, 2021 – Chris is planning a pizza club get together for club members. Please let Chris you if you are attending and want to participate.

MOA Rally - Great Falls, MT - June 24-27, 2021

New Business ?

Rod Aiken has suggested sending a post card to the new MOA members (local to us) listed in the BMWON magazine each month.

I quote Rod - Staples has 100 for \$9. I could print them out here. It wouldn't be anything fancy, no graphics, I'm not that creative.

I've only tried to search one name but I did get a mailing address.

Chris asked if MOA will provide the club with addresses? Tim will look into it.

If we used new CT and MA MOA members it would only be 4 or 5 a month. 100 cards / \$9.00 = .09 + .54 stamp would be .63 a card. x 4 or 5 cards a month would be about \$3.00 a month

As for what the card would say, I was thinking just basic info, join us for our weekly rides or camping with the web address. Opportunity to be put on our mailing list. Stuff like that.

If you'd like to tell me what you'd like it to say and I'll try to make one up and mail it to you. We'll need some way to track who I send them to against responses. Let's discuss.

If we do this, would the Exec Committee members like to see who responds (i.e., respond to exec@crvbmw.org)?

Chris asked if it was a problem for the club spending \$10. Nord offer to purchase the stamps.

BMW has changed their logo and all organizations that use the logo or similarity of such needs to have their logo reviewed. Tim has forwarded our logo for adjustment (no cost for this service).

The club logo has been submitted to review to a US club that represents BMW and are waiting to hear back.

Future meetings

Next meeting will be held on:

Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 PM

Location TBD (hopefully, in person at Simsmore Square in Simsbury).

Alternatively, if it is nice out, Nord offered his back yard again. Nord reminded members to bring food and water. There will be a bathroom at Simsmore.

Club activities

Does anyone have any new group activities to announce?

Motion to adjourn by **Chris** and seconded by **Nord**.

Mtg adjourned at **2:18 PM**

Notes in red added by Felix Planas, Secretary.

Simsmore Square

534 Hopmeadow Rd

Simsbury, CT

Enter middle driveway between Kelly-William Realty and Meadow Asian Restaurant

Go to the end of the driveway, turn right and the meeting location is on the left