

CRVBMW October 10, 2021 Meeting at the Christensen's property in West Simsbury, CT.

Call mtg to order at 1:09 PM

Number in attendance - 15

Ron - Treasurer's Report – Picnic net cost was \$645 to the club before reimbursements nor reflect dues offset for paying attendees.

Felix - Minutes report from previous meeting – a brief was presented from last meeting's notes.

Old Business –

When you join or renew your membership with the AMA, remember to use the link below which will assure that the AMA connects you with the Affiliate Program. The **Promo Code** is still CRVBMW (or give the code if you call the AMA).

<https://americanmotorcyclist.com/ama-event-membership-form?promoterCode=>

Don't forget that you now have a way to purchase club clothing and other accessories. Go to our website (Click on LINKS, CLUB STORE and Click for CLUB STORE) or click on this link to go to the site and look through the many items that Brad has put on the site. Your orders will be shipped directly to you.

Link: <https://www.zazzle.com/store/crvbmw/products>

Felix mentioned that the BMW MOA is mailing renewal reminders. Tim explained that last year was a one-time action taken by MOA to award clubs for new and renewing members. They did not offer it this year.

Ron - any new updates on the Polish National Club for our Winter Banquet next year?

Ron mentioned that the club is open on select days of the week and operated by volunteers.

New Business ?

Earlier this year, we asked if there should be a change in our annual dues. Our By-Laws state that any change in dues must be decided on no later than the November meeting. Discussion? Should we or not and, if so, how much?

The club is seeking input and discussion for next month's meeting. The current annual fees are \$20 for members and \$10 for associate members.

Larry spoke about past club activities where donations were made to select non-profit organizations. Ron spoke that he cannot remember when was the last time the club made a donation to a non-profit charity.

Ron mentioned that raising fees \$10 would raise \$1,200 as an estimate based on 120+ members. This could be donated to the club's choice of non-profit. Ron is against raising the annual fees. Tim explained to a new member that the club sponsors new membership via Max BMW at no fee.

Nord suggested a voluntary fee contribution to the MDA or other organization via a voluntary check-off box on the website renewal in addition to the annual club dues.

Larry raised a motion to vote on. Motion to add a check-off on club renewal web page of \$5 or \$10 that can be contributed at time of renewal or as a stand-alone donation.

Ron mentioned that the club charter specifies the MDA as a beneficiary. Frank and Ron discussed further that that the voluntary contribution could be paid out when it reaches a certain level with 50% going to the MDA and the remainder to the club's choice of non-profit or charity.

Request for review of the motion by Frank. Larry suggests that the annual club renewal fees remain the same and in addition provide a \$5/\$10 voluntary charitable contribution. Frank added to a motorcycle related organization.

On a voice vote the motion passed.

At one of our recent club rides, we were discussing the fact that the club does not have insurance if someone that participates on a ride is involved in an accident. Our conversation led to the question "should we have riders sign a waiver before starting the day's ride?" Discussion?

Frank spoke and suggested that the club check with MOA or AMA as they may sell coverage and also have waiver language that participants can sign at time of the club ride. Tim produced a sample waiver that can be used at club rides before the start.

In discussion with members present someone suggested that the club seek out counsel on this matter.

Future meetings

Club elections will be held at our November meeting. Please consider running for one of the many Executive Committee positions. Send an email to exec@crvbmw.org if you are interested.

President - Tim Parola

Vice President - Chris Jennings

Treasurer - Ron Faibusch

Secretary - Felix Planas

Member-at-Large - Nord Christensen

Road Captain - ???

Assistance Road Captain - John Schnabel

The next meeting preliminary to be held at Berlin Pizza. Date has not been confirmed and will be sent out via emails when finalized.

Does anyone have any other items to discuss?

Nord will check with Camp Nahaco about their prices for next year and if they are open to \$1,200 to \$1,500 offer.

Tim reminded members present that he will not chair the Rally next year. The club is seeking a member to take this endeavor.

Chris & Nord suggested instead to have 2-3-4 ad-hoc campouts at various locations in lieu of a traditional rally. Possibly 20 participants would attend.

A survey email was suggested to see how many members would attend. 40 to 50 attended the rally in past years.

Tim is looking for someone who is experienced with Facebook to take over the club's Facebook page.

Tim mentioned the possibility of scanning old newsletters and posting them on Facebook and/or the club website.

Motion to adjourn by Nord and seconded by Frank

Mtg adjourned at 2:09 PM

Notes in red added by Felix Planas, Secretary.