

CRVBMW October 22, 2023 - Village Pizza, 2 Falls Rd, Moodus, CT

Call mtg to order at 1:16 pm PM

Number in attendance - 14

Ron - Treasurer's Report (including discretionary spending) – Nothing outstanding.

Felix - Minutes report from previous meeting – brief explanation of adhoc meeting at picnic in September

New Business

For those of you that were not able to attend this year's picnic, those in attendance liked the new location and it was "thumbs Up" for the food.

The Executive Committee met this month and the next few topics were discussed.

The club's finances are reasonably stable, but with higher prices for everything, we can expect to see our expenses go up. So for us to continue to support the Winter Banquet, the picnic and free lunches at our November meetings, the Executive Committee would like to propose an increase in club dues. We are recommending dues be increased to \$30 for Members and \$20 for Associate Members, beginning on January 1st of next year. Discussion?

Would someone like to make a motion to increase the annual dues?

After additional discussion, a motion to raise the dues as recommended by the Executive Committee was offered by Brian Fisk and seconded by ???.

On a voice vote, the motion to increase club dues respectively passed.

And while on that subject, if you haven't renewed your membership for next year, you should do that before the end of the year.

As you know, we have provided an opportunity to donate money to charities via the website when renewing your membership or signing up for the Winter Banquet. Your Executive Committee will be donating \$100 to each of 2 charities, one being the MDA (per our By-Laws) and the other is the Motorcycle Relief Project (<https://www.motorelief.org>), a motorcycle program that benefits veterans.

Tim explained the two charities.

A recent expenditure occurred which resulted in a suggestion to transfer the money involved to the donation fund. The value was ~\$190. Would someone like to make a motion regarding this money transfer? Discussion?

Further discussion on the merits of reimbursing expenses and then donating the reimbursement to the charities mentioned earlier.

Brian Fisk offered a motion to transfer as this was a special case. In the past, per club bylaws, a donation of \$25 are made in the name of the dearly departed to the wishes of the family nonprofit organization or to the MDA.

Ron filled members present on what transpired at the last executive board meeting on this issue that it was the board's decision without the president present (the president was recused) to purchase flowers and reimburse for the cost. Ron read off 16 names who are no longer with us of which 8 were active members at the time of their passing. Ron explained the \$25 donation for death of a member again.

Brian Fisk offered a motion to reimburse Nord for the cost of flowers. JoAnn second the motion. On a vote 13 Yae 1 Nay.

Ron would like to have a discussion in the agenda for next meeting on responsibilities of the executive board.

Old Business –

Elections - Club officer elections are scheduled for next month. If you are interested in being more involved with our club activities, please consider running for one of the Executive Committee positions which are:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Road & Assistant Road Captains

Member-at-Large

For a description of the responsibilities for each of these positions, see our Bylaws on the website or see me before you leave.

Brian Fisk threw his hat for candidate for Road Captain.

Did anyone go to the BMW RA National Rally?

Brian mentioned 4 went and that it was not very good even though the location was beautiful – that being West Virginia.

How was the Ocean State Rally?

None present had attended.

How was the October Weekend in Vermont ?

Was a great weekend – Brian Fisk wished more members had gone. He also noted that next year's event will be held 1 week later (Oct 24 – 27, 2024).

Future events

- Winter Banquet - plans are for the Casa Mia at the Hawthorn Inn, tentatively on Saturday, February 24th. Discussion?

Ron will lock in reservations committing to that date.

As always, you can use the Contact Us page if you would like an event to be listed.

The next club meeting will be on November 19 at 1:00 PM when we will be voting on next year's officers. Pizza and salad lunch will be covered by the club.

Location:

George's Pizza & Restaurant
9 School St
Unionville, CT
860-673-0421

Does anyone have any items to discuss?

Brian Fisk mentioned not having a Devil's Hopyard Campout. He stated Chris Jennings still planning to do the Little Acorn Campout (?May 24 – 27, 2024?).

Motion to adjourn by Brian Fisk and seconded by JoAnn

Mtg adjourned at 1:59 PM

Notes in red added by Felix Planas, Secretary.