

BMW Motorcycle Owners of Cleveland - Minutes of Board Member Meeting

Brooklyn Branch of Cuyahoga Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44144

Members Present: Dennis Owens, Paul Koontz, Roger Pivonka, Sandi Valois, Wally Gingerich, Pat Corrigan, Michael Nahas, Diane Koontz, Paul Mitchell, Mike Kanczak.

May 30, 2019 - **Call to Order:** 7:10 pm

Minutes from Last Meeting – A motion was made to waive the reading of the previous minutes and accept into the record as written.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS :

President – Dennis Owens

We've had some good weekend rides. Four of the members conducted a BMW dealership ride on May 11th to set up club membership programs.

Vice-President – Paul Koontz

Fall Rally - Paul has been in contact with Whispering Hills and the new management is not nearly as flexible as the old. They are insisting that the reservations be paid upon making the reservations and that there are no camp site discounts. That means that all participating would have to commit and pay now.

Paul spoke to Troy Todd about the Youngstown club rally which is running September 20-22 at Salem/Lisbon KOA Campground in Salem, OH and he welcomes our club to join theirs. Fliers with details from Troy regarding their rally were provided.

A motion was made and passed to provide \$100 worth of firewood, along with chili and fixings, in support of their rally.

Membership/Treasurer - Roger Pivonka

Membership 184

Bank: \$8310 - Reserve \$1750 = \$6560 Available for use

Road Captain(s): (all upcoming rides are posted on the www.BMWMOC.org website)

Mike Kanczak for Kurt Shreffler - Kurt led a ride to West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia over the Memorial Holiday weekend (May 24-27, 2019). The group of 5 riders stayed at the Red Roof Inn, Huntington, WV.

Wally Gingerich:

The club should look into conducting some more off-road technical rides.

WEST - On Saturday June 1st, 2019 Wally will be leading a club ride from Bob Evans at 3198 Center Rd, Brunswick, Ohio 44212 (Rt 71 at Rt 303). Come for breakfast at 9am. Ride departs at 10am. Please be gassed up and ready to roll.

EAST - On Saturday June 6th, 2019 Wally will be leading a club ride from Bob Evans at 266 Highland Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056 (Rt 8 at I-271). Come for breakfast at 9am. Ride departs at 10am. Please be gassed up and ready to roll.

Wednesday rides from Bob Evans at 266 Highland Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056. Breakfast at 9am, kickstands up at 10am. Thanks to Mike Sikora, Duncan Cooper, Bill Penny, and other members for stepping up to lead Wednesday rides.

Rider Waiver Forms - We have had the riders sign the Club's Waiver Form prior to every group ride this year. In looking over the form I became confused by some of the language, specifically the sentence:

"A copy of any written Rules has been made available to me, and any written Rules are also posted at the event location."

Wally brought a revised waiver form (attached) to the May 30 Directors meeting for discussion, along with a draft of Rules for Group Riding. The idea would be that we post the Rules for Group Riding on our website, and reference that fact in the revised waiver form. The new revised waiver form also includes directions for the "drop and sweep" format for riding in large groups, and includes a caveat that each rider is responsible for riding their own ride within their abilities and comfort zone.

The revised waiver form will be presented at a future general membership meeting, after review by club members who are or have been Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) instructors.

CCN Newsletter Editor - Pat Corrigan would like photos and stories for the upcoming newsletter by June 15th. Send your items to Pat at fotopat@aol.com. Also, if you are interested in participating in the club's version of the BMW MOA's Anonymous Book, please fill-out the form which can be found on the last two pages of the latest newsletter. Mail or give to Pat Corrigan.

Pat also provided a flier regarding the visit of two BMW GS Ambassadors Shawn Thomas and Jocelin Snow to BMW Motorcycles of Cleveland on Saturday June 8, 2019 from 10am - 8pm. Shawn and Jocelin will provide a daytime program covering Motorcycle Electronics, Adventure Ergonomics, Riding Gear, Reclaiming Verticality, and Top 5 Solo Travel Essentials. For the evening program they will discuss their travel adventures. Should be a great event! Nancy and Dale will be serving hot dogs during the day, and will have food during the evening program (RSVPs required).

MOCAL - Don Poremski informed the Wednesday rider's group is racking up MOCAL points, so if you're collecting points consider participating in the Wednesday and/or Saturday rides.

GOT NEW: Michael Nahas has new K1600B Grand American Imperial Blue bike.

Old Business:

BMW-MOA National Rally is being held from June 13 to June 15, 2019 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center, 945 E Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, Tennessee 37087.

New Business:

Paul Mitchell - Nine years ago a small group of BMWOC members met for breakfast across the street from the Canton MC Clubhouse and then were led on some great twisties by Don Poremski to Hocking Hills Canopy Tours. After a short orientation on a low rope, we headed to the trees. We even learned to repel from the last platform to the ground. The adventure park has expanded considerably, as has our club, but it might be a riding destination in the future. <https://www.hockinghillscanopytours.com/index.html>

Tours start at \$90.

Future Meetings:

Membership meeting – 7:00 P.M. June 6, 2019, Sweetwater Landing, 1500 Scenic Park Dr, Cleveland Metroparks, Lakewood, 44107.

Director's meeting – July 25th, 7pm. Brooklyn Branch of Cuyahoga Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd, Cleveland, Ohio 44144

For a full listing of events go to the club website at www.BMWOC.org

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Valois

Secretary