

BMW MOC General Membership Meeting December 3, 2020, 7:00pm via ZOOM

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS:

PRESIDENT – Dennis Owens

Meeting called to order 7:07pm

New Members/Guests - none

-Mark Belli volunteered and was accepted as a new Director, vice Diane Koontz.

VICE PRESIDENT – Paul Koontz (not present)

SECRETARY- Sandi Valois

Minutes of the meeting will be posted on www.BMWMOC.org under Member Information.

-A motion was passed to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and accept them into the record as written.

-Requested the board approve the funding for mailing of name tags to new members. Motion passed.

-Requested the remaining Mercantile items be used as door prizes at future in-person meetings. Follow-up with Dottie Buckon to be conducted.

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP – Roger Pivonka

Bank Balance \$7795 - Reserve \$1750 = \$6045 available for use. Membership stands at 190.

ROAD CAPTAIN - Wally Gingerich

-Official riding season is over. Wednesday breakfast meetings are discontinued at this time.

-Ride GPX routes may be obtained from him.

-GPS/GPX training may resume in February or March.

-84 members participated in at least one club ride in 2020.

-Annual riding report will be attached to General Membership meeting minutes.

-If anyone knows of any riding courses for new or experienced riders, please let Wally know.

MOCAL – Don Poremski (not present)

Don will be contacted to determine the MOCAL winner for 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

-BMW MOC Annual Election of Officers - Due to unforeseen constraints presented by COVID-19, all current officers have agreed to continue in their current positions for another year. Normal elections will resume at the end of 2021.

-Sandi Valois has name tags available. If you would like a name tag they are \$3 payable to Roger Pivonka on PayPal BMWMOC196@gmail.com. Make sure to annotate it is for a name tag so Roger can let her know you need one.

NEW BUSINESS:

-The BMW RA Winter Glamp-out is being held the weekend of January 15-16th at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio. See them on Facebook at Ohio BMW RA Winter Glamp-out. Call the hotel at (740) 373-5522 to make your room reservations; make sure to mention you are with the BMW RA group.

-Ed Desimone may conduct an off-road ride on the Trans-Ohio Trail in 2021.

-Jim Kieding will provide a presentation of one of his travel videos at the January meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Via ZOOM on the 1st Thursday every month at 7pm until further notice. Members will be notified via email.

-General Membership - January 7, 2021, 7:00pm.

-Board Meeting - January 28, 2021, 7:00pm

AS ALWAYS - For a full listing of events go to the club website at www.BMWMOC.org to check out the calendar, events list, and forum information. Also see us on Facebook at BMW Motorcycle Owners of Cleveland (private group; must be current BMWMOC member).

Meeting adjourned: 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandi Valois, Secretary

Road Captain's Report for 2020

Wally Gingerich

This was the year of Covid. It affected the kind of rides we did and how we did them. We delayed the start of Wednesday rides until May, when it became clear that it was safe to ride if we followed social distancing and mask guidelines, and some members packed their own lunches. Saturday rides began in June and ran through October. We decided to discontinue weekly Wednesday rides (and breakfasts) beginning in December this year due to the risks of indoor dining; we expect to resume in April next year.

Enthusiasm for club rides seemed to grow this year, both for Wednesday rides which serve retired folks and those with flexible schedules, and Saturday rides for those who work during the week. The number of members who participated in club rides increased this year – 84 members participated in one or more club rides compared with 67 last year. In addition to the Road Captain, seven club members led rides this year: Mike Sikora, Bill Penney, Duncan Cooper, Paul Mitchell, Kurt Shreffler, Paul Koontz and Pat Corrigan. We added several new destinations and routes this year, thanks to suggestions from club members.

Wednesday Rides. We met weekly at Bob Evans in Macedonia, and rode every Wednesday except for the last Wednesday in November. We circulate a brief description and GPS route for each ride to an email list of regular participants a day or two prior to the ride. If you'd like to get on the email list to receive notices of rides, let the Road Captain know. Members sometimes arrange to meet us at the rest stop when it is more convenient.

Saturday Rides. During the months June through October we offered Saturday rides twice a month, one departing from Bob Evans in Brunswick on the first Saturday, and one departing from Bob Evans in Macedonia on the third Saturday. The first Saturday ride in May, a beautiful warm and sunny day, more than 30 riders showed up (the most in recent years) who were eager to get back on their bikes! Saturday rides are announced in the Forum on bmwmoc.org a week before the ride and GPS routes are posted in the Other section of the website where they can be downloaded.

Multi-day Rides. Because of Covid we did not have any multi-day rides this year – there just wasn't the interest among members in spending multiple days together. Next year we expect to have at least 2 or 3 weekend rides to destinations in Ohio or surrounding states, including some off-road rides. Again this year, our club was invited to the Youngstown BMW club's UNrally, and approximately 20 members attended.

GPS User Group. We had several GPS/Basecamp User Groups this spring, all of them online using Zoom. There seems to be growing interest among members in creating and using GPS routes, and getting the most out of their devices. We'll have several Zoom sessions again in the spring of 2021. Zoom worked very well for these sessions because participants could show their work and the group could see exactly what they were doing in Basecamp and offer suggestions if needed.

A big, BIG thank you to Don Poremski, our intrepid MOCAL recorder, for keeping records for each of our rides throughout the year. And another BIG thank you to Roger Pivonka for maintaining the GPS upload section of website.