

Board of Directors Meeting, Held August 11, 2012 at Bob's BMW, Jessup, MD

Board of Directors meeting called to order by Maria at 1005

Beginning of Agenda Business

Treasurer's report: July beginning balance \$20,357.05; ending balance \$19,904.45. Bank statement is consistently ready on the 1st of the month, streamlining the reporting process. We are all caught up on all outstanding ad revenue for the last 2 years, including Anton & Capital Cycle. Henry will be out on the Bob's tour from 30 Aug to 17 Sep.

Membership report: 397 members, 62 associates = 459. 23 member renewals, 3 associates = 26. 8 new members, 1 associate = 9. Karen will be in Ireland from 13 Sep to 7 Oct & will miss Oktoberfest.

Newsletter: Wes wants to transition the club to all-electronic copies of BTS; Maria raised the concern that some members may have trouble with that transition. The current decision is to not switch anybody either direction unless they specifically ask to be switched - when a member renews, their copy selection will carry over. Wes removed the "check here to receive paper copy of BTS" from the BTS membership/renewal application & will discuss with Andy how to remove it from the web membership/renewal form. Wes handed out a cost breakdown spreadsheet of the year to date with Franklin's Printing (attached) and discussed switching printing services to something called HP MagCloud. He passed around copies of the August BTS printed by MagCloud & everybody ooh'd & aah'd at the nice full color and printer-generated-mistake-free copies. Maria agreed to allow a test run with MagCloud for the September issue as long as Battley wasn't penalized for not getting their ads in by the deadline; Wes reassured the BoD that Battley (and Elsie) know of the test w/a new printer & will not miss the deadline. Maria suggested Franklin's be notified of the alternate printer test in September; Wes agreed to take care of that notification. Maria noted a registration form for Oktoberfest will need to go in the September BTS.

Picnic: Only 2 people have signed up so far; Maria asked if a minimum should be set and 20 was agreed on as an acceptable minimum.

Rally Site Search: Maria has reports from most of the Rally Site Committee members, but not all of them yet. She will review the data in August and write up a report for the November BTS.

Bylaws: Henry looked at other clubs that have their bylaws online and how they process updates to the bylaws. He proposed changing our bylaw change voting process so that the whole club CAN vote if they want to instead of holding the vote at a monthly meeting. Maria suggested making it a yearly thing, adding it to the general voting process held every October *unless* the bylaw change is an emergency or related to the finances of the club in some way, in which case it would be addressed ASAP at meetings, online & in BTS. Maria suggested some changes to the document Henry wrote up; Henry will make some of the changes & send the updated document to Maria for review.

End of Agenda Business

Non-Agenda Business

Cheree brought up a conversation she had with Barb Phelps in which Barb suggested holding a "tech riding day" at her & Ed's place, where club members could practice their skills on nice, soft grass instead of hard, unforgiving pavement or sharp, pointy gravel. The need for a waiver to absolve the club as well as Barb & Ed of liability was brought up and agreed upon. (I missed or didn't write down if Cheree will coordinate this with Barb.)

Cheree also proposed a change to the bylaws to allow for more sanctioned/reimbursed tech days per year than the currently allowed 4.

Somebody (I didn't write down who - possibly Karen) mentioned that new member Leigh Duffy expressed interest in helping out with Events (the open committee chair position) and on the Newsletter committee. Unfortunately, she did not attend the meeting, so we don't know any more about this interest.

The BoD meeting was adjourned at 1104.

Your humble temporary secretary stand-in,

--wes