

BMWBMW BOD Meeting

November 10, 2012

Held at Glory Days Restaurant, Winchester, VA

The meeting was called to order by Maria Vandergucht, President at 10:08 am. Present at the meeting were:

Maria Vandergucht – President

Scott Keimig – Vice President

Wes Fleming – Editor

Henry Winokur – Treasurer

Ron Plichta – Secretary

Karen Ager – Membership Chair

Andy Dooley – Webmaster and Elections Committee Chair

Rick Haskins – Incoming secretary

Also in attendance was Phil Ager

Maria introduced Richard Haskins to the Board.

ELECTIONS

Andy Dooley gave an update of the elections. Sixteen paper ballots and 34 electronic ballots were cast. All candidates were unanimously elected , along with Paul Mihalka for Hall of Fame. Ron Plichta will provide an after-action report on the election.

JIM BADE ISSUE

Maria gave some background on issues between Jim Bade and Bob's BMW. She offered him a refund of his membership dues and he hasn't responded to date. Maria asked Karen Ager to remove him from the membership renewal notification process. Unless something else happens, Maria will let issue die.

Some discussion ensued regarding limiting Jim's access to forum. Andy Dooley gave some background on the warning procedures used. Wes Fleming asked about updating the forum rules and Henry Winokur suggested having users acknowledge the rules when registering and current users do an annual acknowledgement. Wes, Andy and Karen Ager talked about importance of dealer relations and that members with issues regarding a dealer should address them privately.

Ron Plichta and Maria talked about dealer concerns of locking dealer announcement threads. Steve Andersen of Morton's BMW expressed issues and Maria discussed it with him. Andy is working on developing a process for dealer threads.

SECRETARY TRANSITION

Ron returned his bank debit card to Henry Winokur and will provide memo to have his name removed from club bank account. He also discussed handing off secretary files to Rick Haskins at December meeting.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Party is set for January 10, 2013 at PJ Skidoo's in Fairfax, VA. Part of the agenda will include Hall of Fame induction and Member of the Year presentation. Maria is collecting audio and video clips from Paul Mihalka's friends documenting his history of motorcycling.

Ron will pick up cake for party.

BY-LAWS UPDATE

Henry Winokur proposed update for by-laws voting procedure. Maria suggested that any changes should carry with majority of votes cast as opposed to 50% plus 1 of total membership as written in proposal. Voting can happen during annual BOD election vote unless there is a compelling financial or legal urgency.

Vote to amend bylaws will happen in March with publication in January through March BTS. Proposal will be listed online at the same time and formal presentation of proposed change to occur at February meeting.

BTS UPDATE

Wes Fleming presented an analysis of BTS printing costs amongst three companies – Franklin's, Mag Cloud and YGS. Franklin's had the lowest printing costs, but most expensive shipping. YGS was best for

large printing jobs such as the annual elections issue due to low shipping charges. Wes also mentioned that YGS' methods would create more copies due to the size of their runs. Karen asked if the extra issues could be sent to the dealers. Wes concurred. Maria asked to keep track of costs for future evaluation.

Wes is looking at ways to improve electronic BTS.

PLANNING MEETING

Maria is looking at a day in January (Saturday or Sunday) to hold a planning meeting. The location will most likely be her office in Hunt Valley. Wes asked about including all chairs, Henry thought it was a good idea to include them.

OTHER

Karen asked about life memberships. Maria will ask Elsie Smith if there's been any discussion in the past. Henry suggested that the Board can confer as it deems appropriate. Wes suggested free life membership for Hall of Fame members.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Plichta

Secretary

