

BWBMW General Membership Meeting 04/14/2013

Battley Cycles, Gaithersburg MD

Called to order 11:05 AM by Maria Vandergucht

Present

38 persons were in attendance

New members /first time attending members included:

Gerrard, Bob, Matthew and Joel

Membership Report – Karen

Paid members – 378

Paid Associates – 17

New members – 7 by mail plus 5 at Morton's open house

Treasurer's Report – Henry

Previous balance of \$19,206.94 has decreased to \$16,835.98 (current). Majority of decrease is due to deposits for rally expenses and for purchase of club membership stickers.

Rally Chair Report – Scott

- Several organized rides will be held: the long-format GS ride led by Gary Houseknecht, a new entry-level GS ride led by Karen & Phil Ager, and Paul Mihalka Remembrance ride to Sideling Hill led by Drew Alexander. Digital GPS & paper maps will be available as well.
- Tina is recruiting presenters for tech sessions and a call for volunteers was made
- Several potential speakers have been identified for Friday and Saturday evenings. Discussions are ongoing to book a band for Friday night after the speaker.
- A big change in the Saturday dinner menu is that sirloin steak and fresh fish have been added as entrees.

New Business

1. Drew Alexander of Battley Cycles mentioned that two commemorative rides to honor Paul Mihalka are being planned: Jim Ford will lead a ride to Canaan Valley WV in early June and Drew will lead the Reveille Ride to Sidling Hill on June 1st from the WestMar rally site.
2. A vote on an amendment of current bylaws that has been discussed at previous meetings was put to vote. There were 27 favorable votes and 1 opposed vote. The amendment was passed.
3. Maria reported that Jim Hopkins has volunteered to step in and handle the Sales Chair duties. Maria will meet with Jim soon to discuss handling of current inventory and the use of a smart card for purchases at the rally.
4. Henry raised the issue of considering moving to a calendar year basis for tax reporting rather the Federal fiscal year (October to September). A vote on the proposal will be held in the near future.
5. Ed Phelps gave a detailed depiction of the 2013 Rides Contest. The rules are posted in the club forum.
6. A member suggested that the club consider a future "ride to" event to the Wolf Sanctuary near Lititz PA.
7. Maria thanked Battleys for hosting the meeting and for opening the shop for a Club Tech Day. She introduced Todd Dibell of the BMW sales staff. Todd mentioned that we should check recent arrivals to include: the Motorad GS Dry riding suit and Motorad Urban boots. The newly

arrived F800GT and R1200 GS are available for demo rides at the conclusion of the meeting. Todd also mentioned that several sales incentives are available.

8. Todd then introduced store owner Devin Battley. Devin gave a wonderful depiction of his experiences in the new GS introduction in Morocco last month. He also told of us the spectacular ride taken with Edelweiss Bike Travel thru Morocco's Atlas Mountains where he rode an F800 GS.

Adjournment to Tech Day – 11:50 AM