



February 2019

John Humphrey

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the Annual Banquet. Thanks especially to Mary Hetzel who did another great job with the banquet. I'm very pleased to have the returning Officers and Board; Adrian Marini, Vice-President, Bruce Conaway, Treasurer and Dave Donley, Recording Secretary. I want to offer a special thanks to my technical people; John Hetzel, Corresponding Secretary, Diane Pears, Webmaster and Joann Barr. Today, we rely heavily on modern email communications and the website more than ever.

Thanks to Bruce Conaway for this presentation about his Morocco Trip. The Yankee Swap Grab Bag was fun as it has been in past years. I got a nice Pinot Noir wine that I stole from Patrick. Jeff Harlich was taking photos in the lobby, so I presume they will be part of the Members Only on the website.

The updated Bylaws were presented and ratified at the banquet with a quorum vote. They are posted on our website.

The Webmaster is now an Officer. New, official Committee positions have been established. Marge Humphrey was voted as Chair of the Media Committee that handles all printed rally placement listings and advertising materials. Mary Hetzel has agreed to continue as Social Director. Jeff Harlich will continue as New Member Committee. Adrian will continue as On-Line store fulfillment. I hope all club members appreciate the commitment of the Officers, Board and Committee members. Thanks to Joe Burns who has agreed to be Rally Chair this year.

Cornerstone Restaurant in Aspinwall is the next meeting location. Bob Mihalics will talk about his motorcycle tour of the Alps. More details on the meeting and presentation to follow.

I will be out of the country for 10 days. Vince and I will be leaving for northern Italy to ski the Alps. I plan to monitor email.

If you have a problem with receiving club email, access to the forum, purchasing membership or anything else on our website areas, please let me know. I take a personal interest in the website,

email and credit card purchasing. Joann Barr and Diane are here to help. Joann Barr takes care of the "Member's Only" part of the website and login access for posting to the forum. The "Mail Chimp" email provides communications for meetings and events along with the website and forum.

On behalf of myself and the club officers and board, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be your President again this year. I'm looking forward to some warm and dry weather ...soon!

Banquet Photos Here: <https://fourwindsbmw.smugmug.com/Banquets/Banquet-2019/i-2mNCm2w>



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The Chadwick , 10545 Perry Hwy, Wexford, PA 15090

57 members and guests were in attendance, one of whom rode. A quorum was present.

At 7:20 PM, Vince welcomed all in attendance and suggested that business portion of the meeting start with the introduction of the outgoing President, Sean. Sean asked outgoing members of the Board join him at the front of the room to be recognized. After thanking Board members for their support and assistance during the past year, Sean next introduced incoming President, John Humphrey, and turned the meeting over to him.

John Humphrey presiding.

John thanked Sean and confirmed that the Board members present would be serving in the same capacity for the coming year with the exception that one of the director-at-large positions will be eliminated and the new position of webmaster will be added. John also introduced Marge, who will chair the Media Committee, and Joe, who will chair the Rally Committee. A special offer thanks was made to John (Hetzel) for his dedication and success in the role of corresponding secretary.

The first item of business was the presentation of the MOA medallion to Glen Kidd for his years of outstanding service to the club, and in particular, for his detailed compilation of the club's history in preparation for the 50th Anniversary. John introduced Glen who expressed his appreciation.

John next outlined briefly plans for the coming year, which are to include monthly meetings at state-park venues, continuing efforts toward safe-riding education, and for those interested, a trip to the MOA Getaway trip to Fontana Village April 26-28. Club members were encouraged to attend.

John thanked Mary and her group for all of the work in planning and pulling-off this evening's very successful banquet.

As the next item of business, John suggested that the membership turn to the subject of the club's bylaws. Through discussions at prior meetings and more recently, the distributions via email, the membership has been updated to proposed changes in the bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors. A summary of those changes was distributed at the entrance to this evening's meeting, John clarified one point; the hardcopy summary contains a clerical error in the description of the proposed duties of the Treasurer to the extent they overlapped with those for the Vice President's position. With that clarification, John supported further action on the recommended changes. Vince offered a motion that:

The proposed changes to the bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors following its January 19, 2019, meeting as further revised, be adopted and become effective with the conclusion of this evening's meeting.

Sean seconded the motion.

John called for a show of hands by members in favor of the motion. Substantial support appeared from the show of hands. John then called for a show of hands by those opposed to the motion. A lone hand in opposition appeared (in jest). Ed next offered a motion to direct the presiding officer to declare that those in favor of the motion clearly prevailed. The suggestion was made that, as a technical matter, the presiding might also wish to ask if there were any members abstaining. John called for a show of hands for any members wishing to abstain. None appeared. John stated that he had no objection in calling for a show of hands on Ed's motion but that he (John) did not understand it was necessary. Brief discussion followed. John ruled that the "ayes" in favor of the Vince's motion clearly prevailed. Accordingly, with respect to the original motion to adopt the Board's recommended changes, the motion carried, and the new bylaws were adopted as proposed. John thanked all those participating in making the changes and advised that the website is to be updated to reflect them.

John next introduced Mike and Kathy Keunning as guests of the club this evening and asked if Mike wished to provide any updates about the local dealership. Mike expressed his thanks and reported that the new 2019 models were on the floor. He encouraged all members to stop by and check out this year's lineup of BMW motorcycles. Vince noted a word of thanks should also be extended to Mike for his generosity throughout the year in supporting the club and providing rally prizes.

John reported the final subject for the business portion of the meeting would be a special award of an MOA Medallion to John Hetzel in recognition of his critical role and the outstanding work as Corresponding Secretary. John (Humphrey) extended his personal gratitude in addition to that of the Board for the successes in keeping the membership abreast of events, plans, and the club's affairs. John (Hetzel) expressed his thanks to all.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

David Donley, Recording Secretary

Secretary's Note:

Following the business portion of the meeting, the banquet continued with a 50/50 drawing, the Yankee Gift Swap, and Bruce Conaway's excellent presentation on his recent trip exploring Morocco by motorcycle.