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Hello, fellow MoMers --

For the time being, we are all coming to grips with the temporary “new normal” forced upon us by the insidious coronavirus pandemic sweeping across much of our world. As I have said to several friends and family members lately, it all seems a bit surreal, given the daily reports and news conferences about the latest stats on COVID-19 cases, and related measures at all levels of government to try and safeguard public health and address the resultant economic impacts.

The purpose of this email is to update you as to what your MoM Council has been considering and debating, in the context of all the uncertainty surrounding the virus, and the related restrictions (for public health reasons) currently impinging so heavily on our daily lives and routines.

After much deliberation, in the midst of all the daily virus “doom and gloom,” Council has decided, on balance, to remain hopeful about the potential for a partial 2020 MoM cruising season. Recognizing that the situation is so fluid, both at present and at least in the short term, we have nonetheless decided on an approach which allows for some possible future plans, but does not commit to those unless and until the public health authorities have cleared us to resume our normal lives and activities – social and otherwise. One thing is clear at this point – at best, we will only be able to plan for and potentially enjoy a partial cruising season in 2020; the degree to which it will be shortened remains very much to be seen at this stage.

Accordingly, here is what Council has decided and wishes to advise the membership for the time being:

1. That the AGM, scheduled for Sunday April 19th, is cancelled, and my previous “Save the Date” email notice sent to all members in March should be disregarded. Council has also

decided that there will be no MoM activities planned for at least the next 2 months, and potentially longer. As detailed in item # 3 & 4 below, we (MoM Council) will re-visit the public health situation and outlook on a month-to-month basis, in the hope of being able to organize some day-cruises and ICRs for the summer months of June to September, and we will keep the membership apprised accordingly. Further, we hereby confirm to the membership that there will be no overnight cruises for 2020, because of the lead-time required to plan, organize and book arrangements for them.

2. In the absence of the AGM, that suitable written information on the current status of club membership, finances, and club clothing/embroidery availability will be distributed to the membership via email.

3. That we (MoM Council) will revisit the situation in mid-May, and if the public health situation is then looking positive, plan for a delayed "Spring Fling" at the end of May (or as soon as is practicable in June), with the venue and other details to be determined. (Ideally, the selected restaurant venue will allow us to use that same brunch get-together - whenever it ends up taking place -- to have a group discussion about membership preferences for a shortened list of potential cruise ideas for the rest of the season, similar to what we would normally have done at the April AGM.)

4. Going forward, that we (MoM Council) will take things as they come, by conferring at the beginning of every month - from June to September -- regarding the then-current public health situation, and if safe, confirm what day-cruises and/or ICRs will be taking place that month, and notify the membership accordingly. Also, Council will be looking to you - as many members as possible -- to provide club support for any such monthly cruises by volunteering to act as Cruise Directors for whatever cruise events we are able to hold. Conversely, if at the start of a given month, the public health situation is deemed to be still unsafe and prohibitive, then the membership will be advised accordingly, and to "stand by" for another

month.

5. In light of the shortened season -- potentially very shortened -- that we (MoM Council) will discuss membership renewal fees for 2020 at the beginning of June, and determine what, if any fees will be owing for the 2020 season, depending on how much of a shortened (or any) club cruising season we anticipate being able to implement. As always, we will keep the membership apprised when we've made a decision on that issue.

In unrelated news, I'm happy to report that I was recently advised by our MoM webmaster, Michael Topping, that an additional club sponsor reached out to him via the MoM website to offer their car maintenance labour services at a discount to all club members. The details are below...similar notices have been posted on MoM's website and Facebook pages.

Aaron Oliveira, General Manager of Jack's Auto Repair in Huntsville, welcomes any Miatas of Muskoka member to his shop offering a 15% discount off all labour, as well as offering a "bring your own parts" service. That's right, you can source your own Miata parts from specialty vendors and if desired, have them installed at Jack's. Jack's Auto Repair was rated one of the three best repair shops in Huntsville.

Please show your support to our most northern sponsor: Jack's Auto Repair, 17 Bickley Country Dr, Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y4 (705) 788-7510

Stay tuned for further information in due course, as noted above, and in the context of the fluid coronavirus situation as it continues to unfold.

In the meantime, please stay safe, and take care of yourselves.

On behalf of Miatas of Muskoka Council,

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