

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting April 14, 2009

Meeting was held at Rick Hawkinberry's home complex in East Mountain

Tom Mitchell, president, called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members by Phone</u>
Tom Mitchell	Terry Poe
Rick Hawkinberry	Mike Green
David Carter	
John Harris	

After a motion by Harris and a second by Hawkinberry, last months minutes were approved after correction.

Treasurer Hawkinberry reported that we have \$47,898.25 in our account with all current bills paid. It was brought out that Mike Green had not been reimbursed for the food at the spring work weekend.

Old Business

Mike Green reported on the spring work weekend that he chaired: He reported 55-60 workers and a good lunch. Hawkinberry got the exhaust fan installed in the office shop/storage area. Old Town Trio was filled. Much trash picked up, bagged and by the dumpster.

The purchase of the Mini-trucks is delayed waiting on the State checks.

The community water line up the Mountain from the highway needs replacement, but will probably have to wait until the next grant cycle. The pump on this line has failed again, and Mitchell has contacted Hill Electric in Gilmer to have it repaired or replaced.

Donnie Watts, our night gate man, now has the new reflective vest that all wanted for him to use.

We have the tower contract to be reviewed, and it is a triangle between us, Upshur County and ETMC.

We have agreed that we need uniform metal signs for sponsored trails. Mike Green is to get this information to Hawkinberry so he can get signs made.

We also agree that we need more and better signage for sensitive areas. Hawkinberry and Carter are to investigate the need and make recommendations.

Rovers are coming in on Wednesday and Hawkinberry is to meet them.

Discussion about United Four Wheel Drive coming in Memorial Day Weekend.

There is to be a conference call on Thursday April 16 about details.

The Park will open Thursday Noon through Monday.

Lawton and Donnie are scheduled.

Blanket permission to bring in vendors if cleared through United and us.

Eric and Chris need to coordinate trail usage.

Security by Upshur County will be in place.

There has been much to do about possible overcharges during the recent Lone Star Run, but it has proven to be a tempest in a tea pot, and there have been no refunds required to date.

After much discussion about the overcharge issue, we will investigate using a ticket book with a receipt copy for the gate. Thus a customer would receive a receipt for his charges and could understand them when he reviewed them later.

This discussion moved to how to identify paid people in the Park. It was suggested that numbered stickers was probably the best way. However, there was no move to proceed with this program.

After much discussion about camping fees, it was agreed that the camping fee would be per camping unit. I.e.: two tents = two fees, a camper and a tent = two fees. One tent or camper, regardless of sex and/or relationship = one camping fee.

We agreed to post our fee schedules in the office and on line.

We agreed that the policy had been and is confirmed to be that if you sign in and work for 4 hours in and on the Park that you could play the rest of the day for free.

The Board discussed the 6 questions that have been posted on the forums. Most of the answers will have to come after the legal opinions requested have been rendered.

Green suggested that after July the TMTC memberships would be on line and then all the old, old membership data could be purged at Barnwell.

All promoters must provide us with a list of all vendors that will be coming to their events. This procedure will prevent some unpleasant circumstances and will also ensure liability issues are covered.

We discussed a proposed \$50.00 fee for exclusive day use of the pavilion. We need more picnic tables there and Mike Green is to investigate the purchase of additional ones. We also agreed that the next grant cycle should provide for garage doors to “enclose” the pavilion so that it would be more isolated from the elements.

It was reported that Attorney Ed Quinones has looked at the By Laws and says we are not a 501-C7 corporation; but the IRS says we are? We hope we will receive direct communication back from the attorney on this and other questions/issues.

New Business

Mike Green is resigning from TMTC and therefore Barnwell Boards in July. We continue to appreciate all his hard work to the benefit of both groups, but especially the 4 x 4 activities at Barnwell.

The LA 4 x 4 Group wants a camp site at Scorpion and Scorpion Overlook. This Board requires all camp sites to be on access roads.

Mike Micheels with the Bayou Jeepers is coming to Barnwell on 4/25/09 which is an open weekend and wants to use a campsite. It was suggested that Old Camp, Toyota and Rover camps would probably not be in use that weekend.

After a motion by Green and a second by Hawkinberry the meeting was adjourned and 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary