

BMRA Operations Committee

Minutes of the meeting on August 12, 2008

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Mitchell at 7:12pm

<u>Committee Members Present</u>	<u>Committee Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell	Jimmy Jones	Lawton Watts
Rick Hawkinberry	Chris Jester	David Carter
John Harris	Shane Hill	
George Caraway by Phone		

A motion by Hawkinberry and seconded by Harris was made and approved to accept the minutes of the July meeting as submitted.

Acting Treasurer Hawkinberry reported that all routine bills were being paid by bank account draft and the current bank balance was \$27,817.21.

Hawkinberry made a motion seconded by Caraway and unanimously approved to buy a new computer for Barnwell Mountain separate from TMTC. We agreed to send Karen Watts to school to learn to operate the new computer for our purposes. We will try to use Skyway Internet Services to facilitate communications with the Mountain.

Suzuki Crawler Club is coming Labor Day Weekend. Suzuki wants to use Land Rover Campground. We do not mind and agreed to get the two groups together to work out the details.

Culpepper signed contracts and made deposits for the ATVCC Race the Weekend after Labor Day.

Land Rover wants a cheaper price for their event in spring 2009. We agreed to sustain our contract price especially since this event is held in "prime Mountain time."

We have 11 port potties on the Mountain and our current supplier is the lowest price we have found, which is \$70 each per month.

Made-Rite Vending is our new soft drink and drink machine supplier. Everyone seems to be happy with the change, at least for now.

Tony Eeds, TMTC president, says no expense reimbursements for Board Members or other activities related to TMTC. Tom Mitchell went on record as saying this policy was keeping many good people from participating in the State wide levels of the organization. (Mitchell added at the September meeting reading of these minutes that perhaps he had misunderstood Eeds position.)

Tony Eeds, TMTTC President, has proposed an administrative retreat for the Barnwell, Ozona, and TMTTC leadership. This group would meet together for two days this fall in Central Texas and talk over many goals and details of our organizations. This retreat would be at no cost to the attending individuals. (It was announced at the September meeting that this retreat would be at the Canyon of the Eagles, near Burnett, Texas on November 1 and 2, 2008.)

Mike Green says that the Jeep Trails need work. The volunteers that have adopted trails are not maintaining them. We all agree that we need to update our catalog of trails to include: Rating, Adopting club or persons, Descriptions, Location, Repairs Work Needed and Contact Person with Contact information. George Caraway and Mike Green are to work on this trail Catalog.

Will we herbicide the motorcycle trails about the end of August? We need to police growth into the trails and perform other trail maintenance by the end of fall work day, October 18th.

Work weekend October 18 and 19 needs to be organized so we can give jobs to individuals and groups as they volunteer.

United 4 Wheel Drive is coming the weekend before Thanksgiving in November. They will require lots of services.

We are still a Committee not a Board for there were not enough votes cast at the annual meeting at Ozona. We printed out some ballots and gave them to Lawton to get Mountain attendees to vote for votes will be accepted through August. When we are able to become a Board, we must have Articles of Incorporation and By Laws. Also Leslie Ramirez will have to resign as registered agent.

This Committee does not know the status of the applied for 2008 Grants. Monies from the grants will be used for lots of things, but certainly for major dirt repairs.

Many of the sign are up on the Mountain including the main entrance sign.

Hawkinberry made a motion, seconded by Harris, and unanimously approved that we adjourn at 8:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary
Barnwell Operations Committee

