

BMRA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Fellows:

Please bear with me through this fairly long communication, I'm going to try and cover a good deal of subject matter.

I have been asked to become chairman of the committee, in view of the fact that Jimmy Jones cannot devote enough attention at this point in time. I offer him my thanks for the work that he has done, and I hope that he will continue with this committee as we make the transition from committee to corporate board.

The language that has been submitted to the IRS for their review, will separate BMRA from TMTC and make the BMRA Board become elected offices. The electors will not be the general membership, but rather the Board of Directors of TMTC. If the draft Bylaws are approved by the IRS, and ratified by the membership on July 28, 2007, the committee will be selected as follows: after each July General Membership meeting (when TMTC elections are held) the new TMTC Executive Committee can elect one of the 4 named officers (pres, v-pres, secr, trea) to sit on the BMRA Board, and the TMTC Board of Directors can elect 1 or 2 representatives to sit on the BMRA Board. One person currently serving on the TMTC Board must be seated on the BMRA Board, but 1 or 2 more can be seated, if the TMTC Board so chooses. Then any TMTC member (in good standing) can be nominated (by anyone) to become a member of this BMRA Board; if their nomination is seconded and the majority of the TMTC Board votes to accept them, they are elected to this Board.

We have set this Board size at 5 to 7 members, and most of those who have spoken agree that 7 is a good number. At the first meeting of the BMRA Board after July, the members of this Board will hold an election among ourselves, to elect our own chairman and other officers, as deemed necessary. Terms of office will be one year.

At some point (soon) during this process BMRA will be incorporated as a free standing organization, and those of us serving now will be listed as the principal officers at the date that occurs. Please understand that your appointment to serve on this committee will become a somewhat different animal when we are a Board. We badly need active folks in the picture at Barnwell, and if you are unable to participate at a reasonable level, I will ask that you consider resigning your seat on the committee.

I believe that we have specific needs, and I have specific persons in mind to fill those needs: I hope that Rick Hawkinberry will continue to act as our go-to person for dealing with our Property Managers, and also to point up general maintenance issues. I want John Harris to be in charge of single track trail inventory and maintenance issues. I hope that George Caraway will do the same job in relation to double track trails. I hope that Jimmy will become the Treasurer for BMRA, Inc., and that Greg Trulove will become Secretary. Please consider these ideas, and make your comments, pro or con.

We need to have a meeting ASAP, and we need to schedule (even if loosely) regular meetings for the future. Please let me know if an evening next week is do-able for you for a telephone conference, or if there is any chance that we all could get together at BMRA over this weekend.

Attempts by Jimmy to set meetings did not seem to jell last month, and I understand that some may not have gotten the e-mails. I will sent this letter to the group address, BUT, I will also send it directly to each of you. Please respond and let me know if you got it either or both ways.

We simply have to establish decent, acceptable levels of communications in order to function as a working group that can address the constant, never ending problems/issues/challenges that BMRA presents. I will repeat my belief that we need to actually meet face to face, so that we can learn enough about each other to begin to develop the working relationships that will be needed to meet those challenges. Greg is the traveler among us, and Jimmy has great demands on his time, so I think they need greatest latitude in scheduling. Again, I will make my house available if it is useful.

I am dealing now with one of the problems of e-mail communication; after the MC race, John Harris sent an e-mail regarding trail repair needs, and Gary Hazel (who has been working his butt off on repairs and is tired) interpreted that e-mail in the worst possible fashion. Folks got pissed off and reactive, when it was not called for, and achieved absolutely nothing of value to anyone. PLEASE DO NOT READ ANYTHING INTO AN E-MAIL! Most of us do them in haste, and don't go to any great trouble to carefully express our thoughts. Jumping to conclusions, and questioning motives, based on 37 words (a couple misspelled) is not how we need to interact! I am spending too much time on this post, but I am doing so in hopes of going a little farther than usual to explain myself. Please think before you type, and take a moment (or even make a telephone call) before you answer in haste. We will ALL get along better as a result.

I will tell you of 4 things active at the time I am writing this. 1) We have confirmed March 14th for Polaris, Inc. to use BMRA for a sales training course for their district people. They pay \$500 for roughly 24 hours usage; this will be their third year to do so, and they have provided an insurance faceplate indicating that we are indemnified. 2) We are negotiating with D-FW 4WD club on the details for the Mega-Run event scheduled for March 2-3-4. This is their big event, and a significant \$ weekend for us; we have experienced some problems in the past with this weekend and we are trying not to make the same mistakes twice. 3) We are trying to address the repairs needed on MC race course as effectively as we can. I have asked for money enough to purchase a pallet of sak-crete to stabilize the necessary soil replacements so the work being done will have

longer utility. TMTC money is very tight at this time, and we are rationing it out very sparingly. 4) Steve Thompson (TP & W, and former TMTC Rep) has scheduled a gps/gis mapping class for BMRA on April 20-21-22 (tentatively). We have needed better maps of Barnwell for years, and this is our opportunity to learn high-tech methods and get up-to-date maps. We will need riders/drivers who are willing to spend the time to do the data collection the way it has to be done to get proper results.

Also, our traditional spring work day weekend is coming up (when?) and we need to let as many members as possible know that they are needed at BMRA. Greg has mentioned a new attempt to motivate clubs to participate and it is well worth trying. We need to catalog and prioritize projects for the work days, and name project leaders, etc. before hand.

We have numerous issues that have been mentioned over the past months for committee consideration; drainage, signage, property improvements, equipment needs, etc. I want to begin to establish a formal budget for BMRA as a management tool, and I want to talk about some new/renewed methods of marketing BMRA. When you answer this post, please list anything you think needs to be put on an agenda for our consideration.

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