

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting February 10, 2009

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

Tom Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:20pm

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell		Lawton Watts
Rick Hawkinberry		Karen Watts
David Carter		
Terry Poe		
John Harris		

After correction of a misspelled name, last months minutes were approved after a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Poe.

We now have \$46,312.73 in our bank account.

It was discovered that the 2008 property taxes have not been paid. We are already late and in penalty time for paying them, and we do not want to waste our funds that way. Harris made a motion, seconded by Poe to pay the property taxes immediately. This payment was unanimously confirmed by all the Board.

Our electric bill usually runs about \$500 per month and the water bill is about \$250. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

The Board agreed to purchase two infrared game cameras to be used for trail rules enforcement.

The Board authorized Mitchell as President to write three letters reminding three special recipients of Barnwell Rules. The letters are to go to Brad Pellet who was working on a broken down vehicle with permission after hours; to the couples who got "lost" and turned over after closing on a Sunday with beer in the vehicle; and to the member who was arrested for public drunkenness on the Mountain by an Upshur County Sheriff Deputy.

Lawton Watts has completed the on site bulletin board outside the office. Future dates and events are to be displayed here. There is a need for a Lexan cover for the postings here, but that will have to wait until the grant monies come through next month.

The Board wants to expand and upgrade the campground during the next grant cycle and to investigate the possibility of having a dump station.

We have had no recent contact with ETMC concerning the communication tower construction project.

Tony Eeds, TMTC President, was in Gilmer last Wednesday to meet with the County Judge and Bridget Fowler with the Chamber of Commerce. Mitchell is still trying to talk with the County Sheriff to confirm our mutual goals.

Terry Poe asked for advice on what we need on our web site, remembering that the IRS requires us to have electronic separation. Among other things, the Board suggested that we post policies, maps, rules, photos, names of Board members, and links to TMTC web site and EDRA site.

Board granted permission for Mega Run to come in early like last year, but with a list of names to be admitted on 3/5/09.

The Rovers April Run has asked that we do everything we can to be sure everyone knows that the Park is closed to the public during their weekend. They also asked that we change the locations of the portacans during their weekend. Due to the expense and concern for the integrity of the portacans themselves, the Board voted to leave the cans in their usual locations for that event.

The Board agreed to hire extra office help for Mega Run Weekend. Karen Watts, niece was agreed acceptable since she had worked before. Also, The Board agreed to have security present for Mega Run Weekend to help head off any misbehavior by our guests and to have ready response should there be any.

The weekend of February 21 & 22 Lawton and Karen are to be gone to see a new grandbaby in Illinois. The Board must provide office coverage for this weekend.

The Board requests that TMTC purge the on site records older than three years. That is all records dated in 2005 or before be removed from the active office at Barnwell. We have limited space and it has become very crowded. If necessary these records could be boxed and stored in one of the storage trailers, but it seems that they should simply be removed and shredded.

After a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Carter, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary