

Barnwell Board of Directors

Minutes of January 13, 2009 meeting  
(Transcribed from Rick Hawkinberry's recorder)

Members present: Rick Hawkinberry, Mike Green by phone, Tom Mitchell, David Carter

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Our accountant has the books so a statement of balances is not available.

As a corporation we will have to make financial reports. We have some obligations that have to be met that have perhaps not been met in the past under TMTC operation. This year, 2008, we have become a corporation, from an operating committee. We have an obligation to complete various forms for the Feds. There are 1099's and perhaps other forms that must be filed. A motion was made by Mike Green, seconded by Hawkinberry and unanimously approved to have our accountant, Mava Husband, to prepare and send to the IRS the required forms such as the 1099's and corporate tax return (We understand that the non-profit form is 990.) in a timely manner at a cost not to exceed \$2000.00. Hawkinberry is to contact the accountant and follow through to be sure she is alerted and empowered to file the forms. Barnwell's Corporation is designated as a 501-C7 Corporation.

Mitchell stated that we have not made profits at Barnwell, but we have taken in more than we have spent. However, these monies have been siphoned off for other purposes. For our eight years of existence, we have spent precious little on maintenance. He further stated that if we did not have grant monies coming into use at Barnwell, then we would be in serious operational difficulty for lack of maintenance. Mitchell wants an audit committee to determine actual "profit" and pay a percentage of profit to TMTC. Old Grant records may show that Park revenue has to stay at Park.

Barnwell may need to operate under a lease of the land from TMTC. Relationship between TMTC and Barnwell needs to be resolved. Most view the relationship as chaotic. Fees and free days are points of discussion. This discussion has gone on for years and has not been resolved. Free weekends are costing Barnwell over \$20,000 per year. Should we give a free T-shirt or camping instead of free weekend? We need to spur TMTC Board to decisions.

The Board issued a unanimous resolution that TMTC quickly resolve this free pass issue promptly. If TMTC does not resolve this issue with this BMRA Board, this Board will take independent action by next January 1<sup>st</sup>. This resolution reflects this Board's concern over the lack of action by the TMTC Board on the Fee and Pass issues. Are fees Barnwell or TMTC fees? All current fees have been set by TMTC. Until Ozona, Barnwell and TMTC were the same organization for all practical purposes.

## **Old Business**

Jose in Houston that is doing Wheeling for Wounded wants brochures and stickers for hand outs. Brochures do not have web site information, but Mitchell will include an insert that has new web information. This will happen with Toyota group this weekend.

Hawkinberry talked about new trail between Clyde's Ravine and the top of the Mountain at the main trail split, said it was an old trail that had been used long ago and did not present any problems with current use.

There are still electric power pole problems at the electric campground.

Hawkinberry is trying to contact Highway Department people for an in town sign on US Highway 271 directing drivers out Hwy 155 to Barnwell.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to buy Front Page software to allow Poe to redo the website. Sixty dollars was approved for this purchase.

David and John Carter worked in the office a weekend in November when Karen and Lawton Watts were gone. Board unanimously voted to give John Carter the equivalent of \$350 in day passes as his compensation. David Carter is a member of this Board and volunteered his time.

The Board unanimously agreed to make the usual donation to Toyota and Rovers in April of 10 free day passes and two T-shirts. Last year TMTC also gave two memberships, but under the new corporations memberships are not ours to give. In the past we have also given registered Club Runs (on open weekends) two free passes and two T-shirts. The Board also unanimously agreed to continue this gifting process throughout the year.

Green said this was the end of the time period for all trail adoptees to come forward and claim their adopted trails. Hawkinberry has not heard from Aaron Adrian's group that wanted to adopt a trail. Green has a few conflicts and will resolve them. Porter will continue with Porterhouse 45 trail maintenance. Trail adoptees will be required to cut back growth on trail and pick up all trash on it twice per year. This Board supports Green's efforts to name and maintain the Jeep trails.

Mitchell has not contacted Burke Royalty about better blocking and signage on pipelines.

Mitchell has not set down with County Judge about Radio Tower and Security issues.

There have been no recent contacts back from ETMC group about the tower.

## **New Business**

Who will be around this weekend to speak to the group and be a model for photos?  
Hawkinberry will be up there Sunday pm to check out the group and get back our keys.

Eeds may be coming to East Texas soon and could speak and then meet with the available members of our group.

The LA 4 x 4 Group has asked about building a new trail. This Board will consider a new trail if they will mark it and then let us walk and review it. It must be a middle of the line trail in difficulty and be in an undeveloped area of the Park.

Chris King has faxed 3 pages of people entering this weekend. There will be early entry of for listed people only.

Hawkinberry made a unanimously approved motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

John T. Harris  
Secretary