

BMRA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING; JULY 10, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Tom Mitchell.

Roll Call; John Harris
 George Caraway
 Rick Hawkinberry
 Tom Mitchell

Also present; Jack Slack, Vice President, TMTC
 Lawton Watts, BMRA Property Manager
 Chris Jester

The Chair began the meeting with a detailed explanation of the procedure established in the new provisional Bylaws to populate this committee. The Board of Directors of TMTC, at their first Board meeting following the July General Membership meeting, where members of that Board are elected, shall elect members of this committee. The Bylaws reserve the right of the TMTC Board to elect from one to three of its members to seat in dedicated seats on the BMRA Committee. The Executive Committee of TMTC may elect one such member from one of its four officers; and the TMTC Board as a whole may elect one or two such members, from the representatives who are serving on the Board. No more than three may be so seated, but at least one person shall be currently serving on both the TMTC Board and the BMRA Committee. The TMTC Board shall elect all additional committee seats, from a slate of nominees who may be nominated by any TMTC member in good standing.

The Chair called for the names of all persons wishing to be identified as nominees for the 2007-8 term of the BMRA Operations Committee. All current committee members have indicated their desire to continue to serve, and Chris Jester and Dr. Dick Stuart were also nominated. The Chair reminded the committee of the fact that the Bylaws allow 5 to 7 members on this committee, and raised the question of increasing the committee from 6 seats to 7. It was agreed by all present that this increase was desirable, and the Chair will so notify the TMTC Board.

The Chair also explained that the committee would elect its own officers, at the first meeting following the meeting of the TMTC Board where our committee members were elected; likely the meeting of 14 August.

There followed a general discussion regarding the financial aspects of TMTC and BMRA. RH reported that the outstanding bills of TMTC had evidently been handled, but expressed his concern about similar conditions in the future. JS reported on the actions of the TMTC Audit Committee, and the various concerns of that committee. TM repeated his prior statement that we could not expend funds without the oversight of the TMTC Board, and that lacking sound financial information and budget projections; no one could accurately calculate how much money was available. He repeated his belief that the committee would have a sound basis for operations as soon as we could get accurate financial information. He noted that we were in the hot season, when gate amounts at Barnwell have traditionally been low, and that the extended rains have also affected the

gate. He stated his desire to see monthly income figures for Barnwell, and stated it was obvious that we could expect small gates during the winter and summer, and proportionally larger gates during the pleasant months of spring and fall. It was noted that local control over accounts payable, and accurate knowledge about income, would allow the committee to handle its business in a more expedient fashion than the present system. A motion and second were made to express to the TMTC Board, the desire of the committee to see the Bylaws ratified, and the separation of the organizations proceed to completion.

The new automated entry gate was discussed, and various aspects of access control at Barnwell. The complaints about the construction of the rail were renewed. A question about the possibility of the keypad being able to activate using more than one code was raised. It was felt that assigning different codes to different groups might be useful, i.e. the officers using a specific code, the vendors and service people using another, etc. The subject of closing the gate after a certain hour at night was discussed. TMTC President Gary Hazel has stated his desire to see the gate closed after 11:00 or 12:00 pm. Persons could then exit the park automatically, but no one would be able to enter the park without the Property Manager opening the gate. GH believes this would result in less nighttime problems at Barnwell. Discussions followed about the possible advantages and disadvantages of such a policy. As it stands, the Property Manager would be forced to get dressed and come down and open the gate for any party wanting to enter the park after the gate was closed.

LW reported on the new water well near the pavilion, we have a 380-foot well with 100 feet of water. He has located all the necessary equipment and will proceed with the installation during the coming weeks. Discussions included the possibility of depending of this well as the primary water source at Barnwell, but it was pointed out that the delivery rate is not adequate for all water needs in the park. This well should be considered an auxiliary source, and until the Smith County Public Health Lab has tested a sample it must be considered non-potable.

RH made a trail report on the motorcycle trail loop, and noted that the pallet "bridge" installed by LW at approximately mile 4 is going to have to be removed. It has become almost impassable, and has deteriorated to the point that it is dangerous to utilize. LW was advised to remove that structure and close that section of trail until a replacement can be built.

JH referred to an e-mail in which he questioned whether BMRA should consider requiring additional personal safety riding gear for MC and ATV riders at Barnwell. He has recently found several locations that are now specifying items such as goggles, and vehicular insurance for off-road dirt bikes. Discussion followed on the fact that different State's laws have a significant effect on such requirements, and it was agreed that TMTC should consider seeking legal advice regarding recent changes in Texas laws. There was a motion and second to request the TMTC Board to pursue a legal review of the waiver language currently in use at Barnwell. All voted in favor of the motion, and the Chair will pass this request along to the Board.

There was discussion about the up-coming General Membership Meeting, and JS suggested that we consider the purchase of 2 or 3 additional picnic tables for use under the pavilion. We are often crowded with the number of seats presently available. There was a motion and second to request permission to purchase 2 new tables, and all voted in favor of the motion. JS agreed to convey the request to TMTC Treasurer, and ask that it be done prior to the 28th. GC noted that this sort of thing is another reason the Barnwell committee looks forward to a greater degree of independence in our operation.

No further business was discussed, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm
Submitted by Tom Mitchell, Chairman