

BMRA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING: JUNE 12, 2007

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

Roll Call; Rick Hawkinberry
Tom Mitchell
Jimmy Jones
Greg Trulove, by telephone connection
John Harris
George Caraway
Also present; Jack Slack, Vice President, TMTC
Dick Stuart, Secretary, TMTC
Lawton Watts, BMRA Property Manager
Chris Jester

Reading of minutes of previous meeting was waived by general consent.

Old Business: Two items were reported;

The new automated gate was discussed, and there was general agreement that the committee was not satisfied with the construction of the angle iron track, mounted just above the asphalt, on which the gate rollers travel. After much discussion, it was agreed that there would be a request that the fabricator provide and install an additional piece of mild steel plate under the existing angle. This plate should be centered with equal protrusion from either side of the angle, and securely welded to each leg of the angle.

This would increase the bearing surface and support for the angle, and prevent it's cutting into the pavement surface over a period of time.

GC reported no progress on the night riding subject, and stated that as long as his Blazer was out of operation he would not proceed with this matter.

No New Business was identified.

The Chair asked each person to speak on items of concern: and he led off with a question about the status of the new GPS generated maps of the park. It was noted that data gathering was done 6 weeks prior, and we had no tangible product at this time. JS had purchased a new lap top computer for the purpose of copying the data from the TP & W computer. It was hoped that this would allow us to proceed independently with the data, but the download was not successful.

TM also noted additional correspondence with the Appraisal District regarding our property valuation.

JH raised a question about the possibility of having some sort of paid storage for vehicles inside the fenced compound behind the pavilion.

DS reported on a contact with General Motors representatives regarding a special event at Barnwell for Hummers. They had tentatively discussed a weekend in September, and he

understood that we were 1 of 2 possible sites under consideration by GM. This would be a closed weekend, and he promised updates as information became available. He also reported that 8 July would be a special event sponsored by Peterson Publications. They promote an OHV Challenge event each year, and would include Barnwell for 2007. This provides an excellent opportunity for publicity with Peterson's national magazine coverage, and we discussed ways to help. It was agreed that the Committee would provide Sunday lunch for the participants and media folk. DS agreed to handle the preparations, and he was authorized to spend up to \$400 to promote a favorable image for that event.

JJ spoke about the need for accurate maps showing the boundaries of the park, and reported that he had received notice from Upshur County Appraisal District that our valuation that been reduced from the prior \$1.4 million dollars to an approximate \$780,000. The notice did not specify our classification, but it was obvious from the result that we were successful in our efforts.

JS reported that the annual meeting of the Recreational Trails Fund Committee was scheduled for later in June. For the first time since 2000, TMTC did not have a grant application in place, and he stated his belief that this should not ever be allowed to happen again. He said he thinks we need to present grant applications in every possible cycle.

TM reported on possibility of a house and 50 acres fronting on Daffodil Road being available for purchase. The property includes the pond that is visible immediately east of the second (eastside) gas well.

GT commented on the trail work being executed by the Property Manager, and the fact that some repairs that significantly altered the character of the trail, and were viewed as being excessive by many users. TM agreed that one such repair on the motorcycle trail was excessive and now needed remedial repairs that were the result of the original changes. The Property Manager was asked to clear such work with someone from the Committee who represented the user group whose trail was to be affected.

LW discussed the dead trees on the western boundary. The previous meeting had scheduled a workday for those to be felled, but the heavy rains had set in and the project was postponed due to soft ground and safety issues. RH identified a young man who he had contacted about paid work at Barnwell, and it was agreed that we needed to move forward on this issue. There was a motion and second to pay GC and this young man for the necessary work to address the dead trees. All voted in favor, and the motion was so ordered.

TM reported on President Hazel's contacts regarding the sale of the Jeep truck, and the purchase of a new utility ATV for usage at Barnwell. LW had an individual who had said he would purchase the Jeep at \$3,500, and Hazel had a commitment from the Kawasaki franchise owner in Longview, Jim Bishop, to sell BMRA a 4 seat 4 wheel drive Mule under a special Kawasaki program for \$8,500. There was a motion, and second, to

advertise the Jeep for sale, and retire it in preparation for purchasing a new utility vehicle as soon as feasible. All voted in favor, and the motion was so ordered.

LW reported on his research to bring the new water well into production, and there was a motion, and second, to authorize him to purchase the necessary pump, tank, and electrical devices to do so. All voted in favor, and the motion was so ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by Tom Mitchell, Chairman