

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting June 9, 2009

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

Tom Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:17pm

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent	Others Attending
Tom Mitchell		Lawton Watts
Rick Hawkinberry		
Terry Poe		
David Carter		
John Harris		
Mike Green by phone		

The Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved as submitted, upon a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Poe.

Treasurer reported \$43,353.74 in our account, but the sticker transfer check confirmed in last month's meeting remains to be issued. The North American XJ Association donation check of \$1000 has not been deposited.

Hawkinberry is to license and title the Park dump trailer and ask for the money from TMTC because the trailer is the property of TMTC.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mitchell discussed the ETMC tower lease situation. He reported that we are close to an agreement. There were some discussions still on going about the differences between arbitration and mediation. There are still some details of the mediation process that need refining, and that a mediator recognized by the US Federal Courts, Eastern District of Texas shall conduct the mediations. Mitchell reported that ETMC had posted public notices about the plans and that construction would be financed by Bonds issued by Prosper, Texas. TMTC may technically own the Barnwell property because their name is on the recorded deeds. Thus it was agreed that the President of TMTC should also sign the tower lease agreement.

The United Four Wheel Drive weekend over Memorial Day Weekend was a disappointment. Only a few units came in on Thursday. Our Deputy Terry Carter won a set of jeep tires in a raffle at the event. We are owed \$40 x the number of United sign ups. There was a severe rain storm just at the time the BBQ was served on Saturday night. Many guests packed up and left at that time. Memorial Day vehicle attendance for 2007 was 242, for 2008 was 310, and for 2009 was 205. No one seems to know who or what to blame for the low attendance, but there were many theories advanced.

Japanese Mini Trucks: These both were purchased by a check written by BMRA. The off road tires for them have arrived and Hawkinberry is servicing and repairing the vehicles to have them in top shape to use. These repair and maintenance charges will be born by the respective end users. These trucks are to be 80% paid for by 2008 grants. Thus 20% has to be paid with local funds or hours. One of the trucks is going to EDRA and this Board unanimously agreed that it not be released until EDRA had reimbursed BMRA for their truck. It is understood that part of the money for EDRA's truck will come from EDRA grant and part from their operational funds.

The 2008 Grants have finally been released. We want to have the new bathrooms, wastewater treatment facility, access roads and storm drainage done by fall. These are reimbursement grants and we only get money after the work. Contractors and workers have to be paid when the work is done so the reimbursements from the State must be very prompt to keep the work flow going to desired completion timing. Mitchell is designated to talk with Steve Thompson about how we can have an orderly and fast flow of reimbursements. Mitchell will soon have the dirt work man on site. We will need all the volunteer hours we can get together to match these grant funds.

Game cameras are up in the Daffodil access areas to monitor trespassing, but they are not downloaded yet.

Don Pierson and Jeff Pierson got the mileage markers up on the entire motorcycle loop trail. Now we need GPS coordinates of each marker to eventually make layered maps.

Our total expenses were some \$90,000 in fiscal year 2008 and we took in about \$103,000 in revenues. We need to make a balanced budget for the upcoming year.

The Board agreed to purchase and fly the US and Texas Flags at Barnwell. Mitchell agreed to oversee the purchase of these flags for BMRA.

The Board was asked to come by the Hardware Store that employees Mitchell and look at a picnic table that comes in kit form and sells for about \$110 each. They would require a little additional bracing, but perhaps four of them would help us get through the summer needs.

Groups that need signs for their trail names must supply artwork soon or the trail marking signs will be done generically.

NEW BUSINESS

The Hummer group that wants to come to visit the Park is welcome, but this Board unanimously agreed that there would be **no new cutting of trees**. It was agreed that there are plenty of trails on the Park that are wide enough for Hummers. Mike Green agreed to help identify trails that would accommodate Hummers.

All members of the current Board will be reapplying for membership next year except Mike Green.

Hawkinberry reported that Gilmer HS had asked us to fund sticker purchases for one of their fund raisers this year. After a brief discussion, this Board unanimously agreed that we would pass on that program this year.

We received a thank you note from SCARRS.

TCCRA asked for a closed Park event on October 10-11, 2009. After a brief discussion, the Board unanimously voted No.

Our fee structure seems to often require tweaking or explaining, and that may not ever go away, but we agreed to post the existing fees, both inside and outside the office.

Quotes for Lexan or other coverings of the bulletin board need to be in so we can buy them with the grant funds.

After a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Carter the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary