

BMRA Operations Committee

Minutes of the Meeting: June 10, 2008

Meeting was held at Jimmy Jones office complex on Pine Tree Road, Longview

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

<u>Committee Members Present</u>	<u>Committee Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell	Chris Jester	David Carter
Rick Hawkinberry	George Caraway	
Jimmy Jones	Shane Hill	
John Harris		

With a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Jones, the May Minutes were approved as presented. April 2008 minutes by Chris Jester have not been received at this time.

We need to find the title for the old Mountain Jeep truck. We have an old Louisiana title and hand written bill of sale that states that the truck has not been paid for in full. Mitchell will try to contact Mike Haynes to get updated information.

Hawkinberry reported that BMRA had \$26,462.65 in the bank account. The books were now up to date. BMRA now has a credit card with a big enough limit to purchase TP&W stickers for the Park to resell. Further, TP&W has advised us that we should not carry many stickers in inventory this late in the sticker year. TP&W will not refund any unsold, expired stickers.

The electric and other bills of the Mountain are now getting to Hawkinberry's personal mailing address until we are able to get a Gilmer Post Office Box. We are on the Gilmer Post Office waiting list for a Box.

Hawkinberry reported that we have 10 regular and 1 handicapped porta potties on the Mountain. Monthly rental is going to increase to \$55.00 each. The supplier has changed ownership, and the Committee asked Rick to investigate other suppliers to determine if the price we are being charged is competitive. Hawkinberry and Mitchell are to investigate if we could safely and easily reduce the number of porta potties for the summer months when attendance at the Park was low.

Hawkinberry reported that at the May meeting, TMTC unanimously agreed to kill night riding at all properties and to terminate their temporary permission that had been given for a trial of night riding at BMRA.

Jimmy Jones has filed an extension for the income tax return for the property since Leslie Ramirez did not have the records ready to file on time.

After considerable discussion and for the ease of record keeping, Jones made a motion and Hawkinberry seconded it, with unanimous agreement to let Lawton Watts charge up

to \$150.00 per month on the BMRA gas credit card as reimbursement for the personal use of vehicles for Mountain business. This replaces the previous policy of paying the Property Manager a monthly stipend of \$100 for the use of his personal vehicles on BMRA business.

Lawton Watts is making an equipment inventory with serial numbers at the request of Chuck Wise of TMTC. (TMTC owns this equipment). We have also requested a general inventory of tools, etc. for Barnwell records and use. This inventory requirement is included in the recently approved Property Manager's Handbook.

After a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Jones there was unanimous approval of the new Park By Laws as written by Tom Mitchell. It was stipulated that the By Laws would contain the language that there would be no less than quarterly meetings of the Park Board.

The Committee unanimously commissioned Tom Mitchell to write the Articles of Incorporation for the Park, and then to file the By Laws and Articles of Incorporation with the State of Texas and the Internal Revenue Service.

There was discussion about the split of the gate proceeds (money) between TMTC and BMRA, but there was no consensus or resolution to an issue that concerns both parties and has to work out fairly.

The Property Manager's Handbook that was written by Tom Mitchell and subsequently modified by suggestions of this Committee was approved and authorized as a working document.

Maps: The motorcycle trail portion is done and the Jeep portions are not. Tony Eeds and Rick Hawkinberry are trying to get the sophisticated software the State uses and learn how to use it and update current issues of the park map that came from last spring's gps/gis workshops.

The authorized 4 large Rule Signs are made and at the park. There is one set mounted by the office door. Others need to be placed near the entrance and around the park. These need to be mounted on 4 x 4 treated fence posts. We can use the tractor post hole digger, but we need some help to get these up.

The Committee unanimously authorized the purchase of the painted sign for the entrance to the Park that Lawton Watts made the frame and mounting for some time ago.

The Committee confirmed its agreement on the policy for free passes. In general, nobody has to pay to work. We agreed to continue the existing policy that if you work at least 3 hours on anything in the Park then your day is free. Unassigned or private area work will only give free entrance for the day it is performed. If you work on an assigned project for the general good of the Park for the day, then you are eligible for a free pass for another day. This is usually and typically in conjunction with organized work days at the park.

It was reported at the meeting that Committee Member, Shane Hill, had moved to Houston to take another job. He did a good job getting our web site up and running, but nobody knows where the emails sent to the website are going. Mitchell has contacted Hill to ask him where the emails to the website were going and how to get to them so they could be answered.

Jimmy Jones volunteered to call Jack Slack and Dick Stuart to encourage them to become active with the Committee again. Hawkinberry will talk with Chris King to encourage him to become involved with the Barnwell Committee.

Chairman Mitchell declared that the floor would be open for nominations for Committee Members for the 2008 – 2009 year until the end of the July 8th meeting. Hawkinberry immediately nominated David Carter for the Committee. The four present Committee Members, Tom Mitchell, Rick Hawkinberry, Jimmy Jones and John Harris all agreed to be placed in nomination for next years term.

Jimmy Jones volunteered to work out a budget based on 2007 revenues and expenses.

The United Four Wheel Drive advance party of two ladies is to be here on the 13th and 14th of June. Mitchell, Eeds and others will show them the area, the Park, and get them in contact with caterers, musicians and others that they will need to contract with to make their special event on the weekend before Thanksgiving a success.

The next scheduled event is Culpepper's ATVCCS race on the first weekend in September. It was again confirmed that the BMRA Board cannot be promoters, but it sure would be nice to get the Superlift event revenues back again.

The Louisiana group that had adopted Airstrip and Nosedive Trails, which have been closed, has requested to adopt another trail. We need suggest and record their new adoptions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Harris
Acting Secretary
BMRA Operations Committee