

BMRA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING; MARCH 6, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Tom Mitchell

Roll Call; Rick Hawkinberry

George Caraway

Jimmy Jones

John Harris

Tom Mitchell

Greg Trulove by telephone connection

Also present; Gary Hazel, TMTC President

Jack Slack, TMTC Vice President

Lawton Watts, Property Manager of BMRA

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

Chairman thanked all present for their efforts and willingness to support the committee. In view of the fact that this committee would soon become a free standing Board of Directors for BMRA. Chair stated his belief that the committee should set a schedule of monthly meetings. This was agreed to by all present, and the second Tuesday of each month was established as the scheduled meeting date, with locations to be announced prior to each meeting. Chair stated his expectation that this would become a "hands on" management committee, and suggested that each member assume responsibility for an area of concern that best utilized their background and skills. Rick Hawkinberry agreed to continue as the liaison to the Property Managers, and it was repeated that he would be the primary communicator between the committee/board and Lawton & Karen Watts. Jimmy Jones agreed to serve as the

Treasurer. George Caraway agreed to act as the principal with regard to jeep trails; and John Harris agreed to do the same with motorcycle/atv trails. Greg Trulove was asked to act as Secretary for the group.

Chair gave a brief summation of the proposed Bylaws of TMTC and how they would alter the composition and duties of the committee. In short, following each annual meeting of the TMTC the next scheduled meeting of the BMRA committee/board would seat whoever was elected to dedicated seat(s) on committee/board, and the board would elect its own officers for the coming year.

Chair called for old business and two reports were presented:

Rick reported that TXDOT had agreed to our request to reevaluate the traffic situation at BMRA, and had sent a letter stating the problem was deemed to be enough to justify a blinking signal at the entrance turn-off. Rick is to communicate with State Engineer about details and bring any questions/requests to the committees attention by e-mail.

Greg revisited the subject of night riding at BMRA, and agreed to develop a written proposal for implementation for review by the committee at our next meeting. This schedule allows time to discuss or alter prior to the specially called general membership meeting of 28 April.

Chair called for new business:

Pres. Gary Hazel told the committee that TMTC Treasurer Leslie Ramirez has indicated that new bank accounts have been established for TMTC - BMRA - EDRA with minimum sums on deposit. Leslie is waiting for the IRS to notify her of their acceptance of our paperwork for separating the entities, and when that is given she proposes to deposit \$10,000 into each of the three accounts.

Gary stated his belief that we need to go forward with the construction of new automated entrance gate at BMRA. He and Jimmy Jones have two bids in hand for that work; one at \$8,300, and another at \$10,000. Chair stated his wish to solicit a bid from David Mayhan, and it was agreed to allow time to try and make that contact. Other bids may be solicited as well.

Gary explained that TMTC was obligated for approximately \$1,100 in the matter of repairing the SWECO dozer. Although the work was done under warranty, we were responsible for transportation costs one-way to the

California vendors site.

There followed a discussion regarding the question of how gate receipts would be disbursed among the new entities, after the separation was finalized. Particular interest was focused on membership dues, and how that money might be divided. It was agreed that we need to pursue this question, and create written policies for TMTC and BMRA that formally address this.

Chair stated his desire to see a budget established for BMRA as soon as possible. Jimmy said he has annual reports for several years, and would obtain the current year figures from Leslie, to include in our analysis. Chair asked that he break expenses into classifications that are compatible with accounting standards and IRS regulations, and that committee consider a bar chart type of presentation of year-to-date expenses versus income.

Chair asked that each member speak on items of concern to them, so that all could hear each persons ideas of what was important, for consideration by committee.

Rick: 1) Establishment of 1-3 helicopter-pads for emergency use by life flight craft.

2) Need to create a clear chain of command, both internally and externally.

3) Discussion regarding a request to allow a ham radio mast to be installed at

BMRA.

Tom: 1) Need for new and improved maps; discussed the offer by TP&W (Steve Thompson) to have a gps/gis mapping school and exercise at BMRA on

20-21-22 April.

2) Question of setting a work day/weekend for the spring. Suggested that the

mapping weekend and general membership meeting might be all that we can

handle this spring. Suggested that we focus on a fall date instead; 27-28

October was agreed as a likely target date for publication in the next news-

letter.

3) Asked for consideration for some free days for groups who we have not

marketed BMRA to as well as we feel we could have.

George: Questioned why we had the policy of no passengers on ATV's? General

discussion followed to explain regulations and the reasoning behind them.

Lawton: 1) Suggested consideration for building several sleeping cabins in the former

roadside park area. Stated his belief they would generate steady income and

likely increase ridership during hot weather seasons.

2) Questioned committee about Memorial Day weekend plans and activities?

Jimmy: 1) Suggested consideration for having BMRA surveyed, or having cornerpoints

confirmed and clearly marked. Stated his belief that we would be wise to build

and repair fences completely around the property.

2) Revisited his prior suggestion that we consider pursuit of an agricultural

exemption for BMRA. Discussed the rapid increase in property taxes (\$9,000

2001, to \$17,000 last year, and \$24,000 for current year),

and how ag exempt

status would lessen that impact.

John; 1) Discussed sad state of trail maintenance of motorcycle trail and lack of volunteer

efforts. Suggested consideration for a trail riding fee for use of mc trails, and the

hiring of a part time worker for the purpose of dedicated maintenance.

Greg: 1) Suggests consideration of application for maintenance work by inmate laborers

through either County or State jails. Suggests that someone contact the Adult

Probation Office for Upshur County and ask for their input.

Jack: Suggests that committee considers the use of a BMRA specific user survey form to

try to establish a listing of tasks/objectives that accurately reflect the needs of our

ridership.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by Tom Mitchell, Chairman