

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting March 10, 2009

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

Tom Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:20pm

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell	Terry Poe	Lawton Watts
Rick Hawkinberry		Deputy Terry Carter
David Carter		
John Harris		
Mike Green by phone		

We need an extra dumpster for Lone Star Jeep Weekend on March 20th. Hawkinberry agreed to handle the provision of an extra dumpster.

Contract agreements for Lone Star Jeep Weekend above have not been signed.

Deputy Terry Carter was present and told us about his experiences on Mega Weekend. That was his first weekend to have full time duty at the Mountain. He stayed around the money when it was in high, in sight, amounts and helped Lawton patrol at night to insure the safety of the Park and its guests!

The minutes of the February meeting were approved with the correction that Jimmy Jones was no longer a member of the active operational Board. Hawkinberry made the motion to approve and Carter seconded before unanimous approval.

Treasurer, Hawkinberry, reported we now have \$38,892.95 in our bank account after paying the property taxes and operating bills. We paid \$13,637.15 for the property taxes. Taxes were originally \$12,745.00, but we were forced to pay extra in penalty and interest because of our late payment.

TMTC Treasurer Ramirez memo of budget said only a small amount for operations at BMRA and apparently did not account for all expenses. Our experience shows that operational expenses are about \$12,000 per year before "profit" and TMTC share. Carter and Harris motioned and seconded this confirmation.

Old Business

Harris raised the question from his gate time when Karen and Lawton were gone, of how do we know when day use members leave the Park? All agreed there was no system for monitoring, and agreed it might not even be necessary.

This Board is still awaiting opinions, confirmations and approval on or of:

Separation operation details of TMTC & BMRA including accounts and gate allocations

Approvals of separate By-Laws for the two corporations
Appointment of a Corporate Lawyer
Appointment of Outside Financial Auditors

We are hopeful of movement to resolve some of these necessary steps soon.

The three warning letters authorized at our last meeting and sent by Tom Mitchell will have lawyer comments soon.

Unless there is a lot of rain soon, we will institute a fire ban immediately. This motion was made by Hawkinberry, seconded by Carter and approved unanimously.

New Business:

New shower heads have been installed.

Mega Run: We had 10% of income go to extra expenses for that weekend, and the Board agreed that it was worth it for the extra park incomes.

60 memberships over that weekend:

2 before they had expired

10 brand new

10 inside 60 days

22 past 60 days but in 2008

16 more than a year past expiration i.e. in 2005, 2006, 2007

Barnwell office does lots of work in membership records/cards, etc. for TMTC. Lots of “free” riding time goes with a membership and all the money. Overall about one third of the total gate goes to TMTC.

Mini-Trucks: Used Japanese diesel, cab over pick up, service trucks. These trucks may not be licensed for highway use in Texas. Hawkinberry reported that we could buy two of the trucks (one for EDRA at the bequest of TMTC) for \$4900 each from a used dealer in Ore City. Mitchell made the motion and Hawkinberry seconded that we closely examine this purchase opportunity. The Board unanimously agreed that we pursue; as we need the vehicles for many service uses and possibly safety use on our property. The review of the trucks is to be made at 9am Tuesday, March 17, 2009 and all are encouraged to attend.

Mike Green got some feedback from a friend in Mississippi who has used the trucks for a long time. He said we need trucks with a granny low, a transfer case, 23 inch wheels and we did not need a lift kit.

If we purchase the trucks, Hawkinberry can outfit them with tires and wheels at low cost from his contacts in the atv accessory businesses.

The Board agreed that with proper rigging the truck could be used as a short run ambulance, but there could be liability issues involved with helping injured guests in our equipment that is not a “legal” ambulance.

ETMC has sent us a tower land lease agreement—we will give the money back to Upshur County that the tower charges the County for use of the tower from a tower lease. Thus

ETMC charges to Upshur County will equal what we charge ETMC for a land lease for the tower.

The Board was very pleased with Mega Run Security from Deputy Carter. He is very even tempered and guests respect and work with him. With Deputy Carter's presence and activity, night riding became a non issue.

The Board adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel matters for a few minutes.

At the request of the Board, Hawkinberry will order Donnie Watts a reflective security vest to use in his work on the night gate. The vest will enhance his visibility and professionalism.

There is a possibility that we will have a Sheriff's radio when we have a tower in place on the Mountain.

Spring Work Weekend: We need to get the sign up sheets out at the Park and on the web site for our Spring Work Weekend which is the first weekend in April this year. Lawton needs to get blades for the trimmer and other equipment ready to work for that weekend. Mike and Lenda Green will handle the food for the weekend as Tom Mitchell and John Harris will be away a vintage motorcycle races that weekend.

There was a reminder to the Board that the Park will be closed for the Texas Rovers Weekend April 16th thru 19th.

Adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary