

BMRA Operations Committee

Minutes of the Meeting: March 11, 2008

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

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

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

Hawkinberry made a motion, seconded by Hill with unanimous consensus to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

The Committee confirmed Toyota Trail Riders January 17, 18, 19, 2009 reservation to close the Park for their event. Lease Rate will total \$3500 with a \$500 current paid deposit.

The web site is back "up", and dates and other information needs to be updated. Hawkinberry and Hill are to handle. It was also stated that currently you have to sign into the forums to get to the calendar for the Park.

EVENTS: or maybe coming events is better—

Polaris is having their annual regional sales meeting/demonstration on Monday, April 14, 2008. It was noted that this is a fully insured event.

Lone Star Jeep and Hummer Groups will both be at the Mountain this weekend. (March 14, 15 & 16, 2008) However, this is an open weekend.

Final contract has been forwarded to David Culpepper for his ATVCCS race on September 5, 6, 7, 2008. The two changes that were made in the final contract were: that the Committee had to inspect the final race trail before the race and that there be no campfires during the weekend. After a motion by Hawkinberry and second by Caraway, the Committee unanimously approved the agreement.

Superlift handled by Mike Law and John Chaney is asking for the second or third weekend in October for a closed park recreation of old Superlift. There are insurance questions to be resolved before this event. Caraway motioned and Harris seconded a motion that was unanimously agreed to approve the event, if it could be put together.

Contracts for group events were discussed at length. It is this Committee's plan to have any group event under **contract**, even when the event is on an open weekend to insure responsibility, knowledge of the Park rules, and responsible parties. It was agreed it was an **event** and subject to the **contract** if it was posted to the Calendar. A blank sample contract is attached to these minutes.

United 4 Wheel Drive needs action trail photos from Barnwell. Shane Hill has a reservoir of photos and agreed to email them directly to Marti Pugh, their magazine editor. The Committee upon a motion by Hawkinberry, seconded by Hill, unanimously agreed to offer UFWDA a reserved weekend, the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 21, 22, 23, 2008 for \$3500.00. This may be reduced rate for a big crowd on a prime weekend, but the Committee thinks the national exposure will be good for business.

Rick Hawkinberry reported that the TP&W sticker stock was adequate and we were in position to reorder easily.

Hawkinberry is ordering a new keypad for the front gate and will install upon arrival. This new one will be an outdoor pad, designed to be used in the weather. It was also discussed that the recent damage to the front gate may have misaligned it with the limit switches so that sometimes keypad operation was bad because the limit switches were not seating properly.

The issue of David Carter living at the Mountain in his trailer for additional security was tabled again for Carter is having additional medical treatments in Dallas.

Hawkinberry brought up the question from the Forums of generator noise at Old Camp. Noise and hours at Old Camp has been discussed previously by this Committee. After discussion again, this Committee unanimously agreed to exempt Old Camp from any Quiet Time, and to remind all campers that Old Camp was not a designated Family camping area.

Terry Poe was asked about the Memorial Trail for Christi and was excited and appreciative of the prospect. Hawkinberry has selected a trail in the Southwest area of the Park that will be named Christi's Curves. This Committee authorized the purchase of an approx 12 x 16 sign and post to be erected on that site. The Committee authorized expenditure not to exceed \$200. Hawkinberry and Hill will handle the design and purchase of the commendable sign.

No action on giving away the Jeep truck to a high school shop program.

Tony Eeds has passed on design responsibilities for the Park Welcome Sign, and erection has been delayed until the legal "split" of TMTC and Barnwell Mountain is complete.

Chairman Mitchell has picked up the coroplast signs from the Vital Signs. Included are two way signs, private property signs for the three outside gates, stay off signs for the

pipelines, motorcycle trail arrows and mileage signs. John Harris installed the signs on the outside gates on Saturday March 8, 2008.

There was a long discussion about the money split of the gate. We are giving a weekend pass with new and renewed memberships. The membership money goes to TMTC, but Barnwell is supplying the immediate benefit. There were suggested several ways to handle this that could be fair to both organizations, but the Committee agreed that further discussion would be pointless, at least, until after the TMTC meeting this week. There was motion made by Caraway and seconded by Hawkinberry to table this discussion until next month.

In the above discussion it was noted that current membership information needed to be available on line in real time at the Barnwell Office so Park personnel could properly classify visitors.

The Committee confirmed that Lawton Watts would be paid \$100 per month additional for his use of personal vehicles for Park business. There was discussion that perhaps a portion of his current earnings should be rendered as expense reimbursement. This matter will be revisited when the entities are separated, and it is confirmed which entity will be paying Lawton Watts as Property Manager.

It was observed that the TMTC audit committee was not active because of Jack Slack's continued absence.

George Caraway suggested that the Committee may need to meet more often, when the Park becomes a stand alone entity. The Committee agreed to wait and see what was necessary, but Chairman Mitchell said he was willing to call special meetings, as necessary.

It was noted that the Park Rules and the Member Survey both need to be rewritten. Chairman Mitchell noted he had written preliminary draft of constitution(?) for the stand alone Park without much comment from members of the Committee.

There was a long discussion about illegal entry into the Park, both through the front gate and through the woods. There were many of questions/concerns and few operable answers. Though illegal entry remains a concern, it was temporarily agreed that the numbers remain a relatively small percentage, and that additional controls would probably reduce member's enjoyment of the Park.

After a motion by Caraway and a second by Hawkinberry, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Harris
Acting Secretary to the BMRA Operations Committee

