

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting May 12, 2009

Meeting was held at 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 Attending</u>
Tom Mitchell	Terry Poe	Lawton Watts
Rick Hawkinberry		
David Carter		
John Harris		
Mike Green by Phone		

Minutes of the April meeting were approved after minor corrections, by a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Carter.

Board agreed that however it is accomplished; we need current membership information at the gate so it can be easily accessed by workers there. The complete alphabetic roster of all members, past and current, is a valuable resource and is utilized continuously when the Park is open.

We have \$50,108.28 in checking with all bills current, and Mike Green has received the check for his expenses at the Spring Work Day.

It is noted that TMTC now buys the State Off-Road stickers. We now deposit the monies for those sales into the TMTC account. However, from 2/13/09 thru 4/26/09 we deposited those sales monies into the BMRA account. Hawkinberry researched the records and found that we had sold 553 stickers in that time frame. Thus BMRA owes TMTC \$4,424 for those sticker sales. Mitchell motioned with a second by Carter and unanimous approval that we immediately transfer this money from the Barnwell Account into the TMTC account.

OLD BUSINESS

We have not received grant funding for the mini-service trucks. Mitchell and Hawkinberry will ask TMTC Board where funding is on Wednesday conference call. If satisfactory timing is not given, after a motion by Green and a second by Hawkinberry, unanimous approval was given to purchase the trucks on Thursday.

We have been asked to add Jimmy Jones and Ed Quinones as members of the newly formed TMTC audit committee, to the BMRA circulation list. (Because this document is posted on public forums, their email addresses will not be included here.)

Hill Electric got the water pump repaired and running. The impeller had rocks/pebbles in it, but sophisticated controls saved the motor. Charges were about \$340.00.

There was a discussion about the contract for the communications tower to be constructed on BMRA by ETMC of Tyler. Mitchell read the suggestions on the contract that Harris and Poe had submitted for consideration and that ETMC had not objected to those suggestions. It was reported that the Upshur County Judge did not understand that ETMC was giving Upshur County the opportunity to put their communication equipment on the tower for free. However, the County will incur installation and maintenance fees with their equipment. Mitchell will circulate the revised contract for further review of all involved. Mitchell will contact the Upshur County Judge to see if he will be willing to be named to serve on a mediation panel to monitor future disputes about the Tower.

Mike Green reported on his efforts to get the trail sponsorship agreements updated and the maintenance activity continuing. Some agreements have fallen through, but he is working to get the information for the trail name signs updated and completed and to Hawkinberry for purchase of the new trail signs.

Green has nominated and agreed to let the Southern High Rollers group manage the individual ratings in diamonds for the Jeep trails.

Mike Green agreed to investigate for some material other than Lexan to cover the postings on the new bulletin board by the entrance office, because the sheet Lexan is very expensive and might be overkill for the application.

There was a short discussion about constructing picnic tables of rough sawed oak 2 x 6s. Those present agreed to try to determine the cost of the lumber and report back at the June meeting of this Board.

Culpepper is not having the ATVCCS race in June as had been scheduled. However, Culpepper's September race is on. There was discussion about the late cancellation, and it was agreed that a non refundable deposit and a signed contract before the posting of Park closing would help eliminate such cancellations in the future. There is a Houston promoter that wants to have an ATV race at the Mountain in 2010, but we agreed that there was no opening for later this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Someone has made the suggestion that we have made and sell maps for the Mountain. We agreed not to do this as it had limited profit potential and would be additional work for The Watts at a time when their time was needed for customer service.

Hawkinberry had the business cards from a party that would come and trap the wild hogs on our property for the hogs. This would be at no charge and would be done when the Park is closed for business. There would be no shooting. We agreed that the hogs were present, but were not a big problem at present.

The paper work for the dump truck (bill of sale and certificate of origin) has been sent to TMTC to apply for title and tags. No one knows why this had not been done long ago. This will be about an \$800 charge and is now necessary for the trailer will be used to haul off extra trash from the property that will not fit into the dumpster on the big weekends.

Terry Poe will continue to do the BMRA website, but not the one for TMTC.

There was a report on the upcoming big United Four Wheel event coming on Memorial Day Weekend. It was reported that there were not many signups yet, and that the expensive band planned might be downgraded. We expect 15 – 20 early guides in on Thursday pm. Donnie is scheduled for 4 evenings on the front gate. His wife is scheduled to help in the office all day on Friday and Saturday. Deputy Terry Carter of the Upshur County Sheriffs Patrol has been scheduled for the weekend. We will incur some extra costs for the weekend, but we hope it will be worthwhile for the public relations aspect.

Hawkinberry has agreed to place our game cameras near Daffodil Road to record trespassers. We also agreed to place them by the pump house and on the West side pipeline. Both of these areas are off-limits and are being trafficked.

The members of this Board terms expire the end of July. There will be a membership meeting at Barnwell in July. We need Jeep people on this Board now and for the following year. John Harris is resigning as Secretary of this Board effective after the July meeting. He made it clear he is not resigning from the Board, but only as Secretary after a long hitch. Our June meeting will include a call for nominations for election to this Board for the coming term of office.

After a motion by Green, seconded by Hawkinberry and unanimous accent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary