

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting on November 11, 2008

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

Meeting was called to order by Rick Hawkinberry at 7:20pm—Tom Mitchell arrived about 10 minutes later

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell	Jimmy Jones	Lawton Watts
Rick Hawkinberry		
John Harris		
David Carter		
Mike Green by Phone part time		
Terry Poe by Phone part time		

Hawkinberry with a second by Carter moved to accept the minutes of the October, 2008 meeting as submitted.

We have \$32,964.60 in our Barnwell Mountain bank account at present.

The credit cards and statements for same are being correctly mailed now.

Bi County Water has agreed and implemented bank account deduction for our monthly account.

Mike Green asked us to schedule the Spring Work Day at the Mountain so he could schedule lots of help from 4 wheeler clubs. After much discussion we agreed on March 7 & 8, 2008.

We discussed the upcoming Holiday Season and agreed that since Christmas was on Thursday, we would be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Christmas (December 26, 27, 28, 2008) for a typical weekend.

We also agreed that since New Years Day also fell on Thursday we would be open New Years Day, plus the following Friday, Saturday & Sunday for a four day weekend.

It was reported by Tom Mitchell and Rick Hawkinberry that ATVCCS (David Culpepper) had settled up and done extra mowing. We netted approximately \$2400 for his race weekend (the weekend after Labor Day). We also granted ATVCCS the additional race date in 2009 – to be June 7, 2009.

The Board unanimously agreed that the Mountain would be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Tom Mitchell reported that he needed to record three more statements about the Labor Day incident. All agreed it was time to get the door closed on this episode. Mitchell is to

record the statements on cds and to circulate them. Each Board Member is to review them and then we are to have a closed meeting to evaluate, recommend and conclude the incident.

We had a discussion about the communications tower to be constructed by ETMC on the Mountain. Mitchell and Hawkinberry have an appointment to meet with the ETMC team about specific locations on our property that could be used satisfactorily. We discussed how we might generate benefits from the tower on our property specifically could not identify many, but there are many benefits to Upshur County (communications) and we have politics involved in being a good neighbor! We will work with ETMC to host the tower, but there are details ahead.

Mr. Archer, the caterer, failed to come the two weekends that we offered in our last meeting so we assume that the issue is dead.

The Board gave final approval to our purchase of the Sport Water Bottles imprinted with TMTC, BMRA and Gilmer HS logos for the school to sell for a fund raiser. Our cost was \$599.50 and we received about two dozen bottles for our use to put in raffles, etc.

It is noted in these minutes that on August 24, 2008 the old Mountain Jeep Truck was sold to a Jeremiah Hunter for \$600.00. The buyer was told of the title questions with the Jeep, and the monies from the sale were sent to TMTC.

Mitchell had expense receipts in hand from the fall work weekend. There was \$119.05 for the T posts and snow fence. He also had receipts for \$360.54 for food expenses. The food expenses were used to feed volunteers for about 600 volunteer hours.

Friday night of the work weekend a fifth wheel travel trailer pulled down an electric service pole and attached wires in the electric campground because a wire was too low. We spent \$295.44 and volunteer labor to repair the damage. The pole needs to be replaced for a higher level wire and this will probably cost about \$500.

Mitchell has lots of new signs for the trails and property and most of them need to be installed.

It was reported that Tom Isabell worked two days in the last two weeks applying herbicides to trail areas. We need to record where he sprayed so we can monitor the results, and we need his bill to reflect market value so we can use it as matching on our grants. Hawkinberry and Poe are to contact Isabel and get this information and report back at next month's meeting.

The 80 gallon electric hot water heater at the office/restroom complex is leaking and has to be replaced. Mitchell volunteered to use his discount from a hardware distributor to buy the new heater and deliver to the mountain. David Carter volunteered to install the new heater for us.

It was reported that we had a tree down across our Southwest fence. No one present was able to identify the severity or location. Lawton Watts volunteered to check out the reported problem and report to the Board at our next meeting.

Aaron Adrian of the Black Sheep 4 x 4 wants to adopt the east side campsite. This Board confirmed that this is not an approved location for a campsite and never has been. However, anyone can camp anywhere on the property in unimproved campsites. The Board confirmed that if anyone were to camp at this location, they are still bound by the trails closing at 10pm.

The Louisiana 4 x 4 group wants to adopt a trail. Mike Green is working on the trail inventory so we can update our records and know which trails are available for adoption.

We have no policy on our electric campsite reservations. It is first come first served and in fact when a guest comes and wants an electric campsite, we have no way of knowing if one is available. It was suggested that we should have a policy, map of the sites and some way of allocating their use. All our electric camp sites are 30 amps and 110 volts.

There was some discussion of our open Board seat since the resignation of Dick Stuart. There have been some contacts with the TMTC Board about a replacement, and TMTC will replace him when the Barnwell Board is ready. There is no time schedule for a replacement to be named.

The Board discussed money issues, or rather division of money issues between TMTC and BMRA. A problem that always surfaces when money is discussed is how to handle the "free" pass that comes with a renewal of TMTC membership. The Board unanimously agreed that a PASS is for one day not a weekend. This Board asks the TMTC Board to discuss these issues and come to an equitable solution.

Mitchell reported that the TMTC/BMRA/EDRA fall retreat on November first was a good meeting and much discussion and 'off the record' accord was reached between fellow board members. We hope this will become an annual planning and meeting event. Mitchell reported that all attending agreed that we need to keep TMTC and BMRA separate and at arms length.

We need a motorcycle bridge inventory and had a brief discussion of what data needed to be included. Harris agreed to make the preliminary inventory, but cannot supply the gps coordinates requested for each bridge.

Hawkinberry motioned, Carter seconded and all agreed to adjourn at 10:35pm.
Respectfully submitted,

John T. Harris, Secretary.