

BMRA Operational Board of Directors

Minutes of the Meeting on October 14, 2008

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Mitchell at 7:15pm

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Board Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell	Jimmy Jones	Tony Eeds
Rick Hawkinberry	Dick Stuart	Lawton Watts
Terry Poe		Paul Steelman
David Carter		Jeff Haislet
John Harris		James Archer
Mike Green by phone		Donnie Watts

The usual order of proceedings was changed so we could allow the guests to meet with the Board and leave the meeting.

Paul Steelman, who is in charge of Emergency Services for Upshur County, introduced Jeff Haislet. Mr. Haislet is the Director of Communications for East Texas Medical Center, Emergency Medical Systems, and he made a short presentation that ETMC EMS would like to locate an emergency communications tower on the Barnwell Mountain Reservation. After questions, the Board unanimously agreed that the tower on the Mountain could be a mutually beneficial arrangement. The footprint of the tower with guy wires covers some 5 acres, but only 4 small areas would be fenced off and the balance could be driven over or otherwise used by our members. Mr. Haislet is to coordinate a visit to the Mountain with one of his helicopter pilots, a tower construction engineer, and Barnwell representatives, Mitchell and Hawkinberry. On this visit they will highlight acceptable Mountain locations and other details, and then report to this Board and the TMTTC Board. This proceeding was unanimously approved by the Board after a motion by Hawkinberry and a second by Harris.

James Archer is in the concession business and would like to bring his concession services to our customers at the Mountain with his concession trailer. Mr. Archer lives very close, but he is contracted to a carnival so his services would only be available to the Mountain about half the weekends of the year. Neither the Board nor Mr. Archer knows how such an arrangement would be received. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Archer to provide concessions on the weekends of November 1 and 8 to see how it worked. At our next Board meeting on November 11, 2008, we will together with Mr. Archer review this program and decide how to proceed in the best interest of everyone.

Donnie Watts, who is our weekend night gateman, was personally introduced to the Board. The Board appreciates his loyal service and admits that it has sometimes not given him adequate guidelines for his work. These guidelines have had to evolve as this part of our service to our membership has had to develop. After discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. Watts' hours were to be 8pm to 2am on Friday night and 8pm to midnight

on Saturday night rain or shine, crowd or not. For four day or holiday weekends, his hours are to be 8pm to 2 am on the first and second nights and 8pm to midnight on the third night.

The minutes of the September 9th meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Hawkinberry reported that we have an \$18,649 balance in our checking account. He reported that we have had some credit card problems because the credit card statements had been mailed to an incorrect address. Hawkinberry also reported that our auditors had some questions about some old checks from our account. The checks were issued before this Committee/Board came into existence and the questions fall under TMTC jurisdiction.

Hawkinberry has the new computer installed at the Mountain, but satellite service is not up yet. The Board is not receiving weekly email reports yet.

There was a short discussion about the division of funds between TMTC and Barnwell, but no decisions were reached. This situation will be discussed at the planned Fall TMTC Leader Retreat.

All members of the Board are invited and encouraged to attend the Fall Planning Retreat on November first and second. Only Tom Mitchell was a confirmed attendee at the time of this meeting.

There was a short discussion about David Carter and his wife moving his travel trailer to the Mountain and pay \$150 per month for his utility usage. It was agreed that his living there during the week would help the Watts and provide additional security for the property. This discussion was tabled until our November meeting.

We discussed having wireless internet available at the Mountain for our members through a non secure server. It would only be of use close to the office. This service would not be a revenue source, but a service to some few of our members. This service might be better implemented with the construction of the ETMC EMS tower.

The Barnwell fee schedule sheet was briefly discussed and one small change/addition made in it. Tony Eeds took the sheet and agreed to have some printed up and at the office for the work weekend.

Tony Eeds invited all members of the Board to meet with him at breakfast on Saturday morning October 18th of work weekend. There the new grants will be discussed and how we plan to divide up the funds and implement the projects. We are invited to come to Texas Traditions Restaurant in Gilmer at 6:45am. Eeds said we need to develop a contract to use for the construction type services that we will need to use the grants. Then we will need to get bids on the various jobs that need to be done under the grant: for roads, trails, silt ponds, etc.

The United 4 Wheel Drive event scheduled for this November has been postponed until summer of 2009. No new date has been approved, but the last weekend in May has been suggested and discussed. The Board agreed to approve the reschedule the event for the end of May or first part of June 2009. They are trying to schedule the Barnwell event back to back with their national meeting in Dallas. Green and Eeds are to coordinate this schedule for us and report to the Board at the November meeting.

There was a short discussion about the need for an event contract for the Lone Star Jeep Hayride on Saturday night of the work weekend. It was agreed that a contract for such an event was necessary. However, contracts for frequent Club gatherings was perhaps overkill and that we should develop an annual contract for the local clubs that had frequent Club events at Barnwell.

Texas Ravens SCARNOP? Event is confirmed for 4/16/09 time frame. We need calendar of events when the Park will be closed to public use posted on the door of the office and on the web. David Culpepper wants either 2/15/09 or 9/6/09 or both dates for his ATVCCS races next year. Does Mega Run need to be an open or closed weekend in 2009? We will further this discussion at the next meeting.

Dick Stuart resigned from this Board because of a change in his work arrangements. Jeeps of East Texas may be able to help us and TMTC to find a replacement Board member. The name of Brandon Belcher was brought up in the discussion as a possible replacement. It was agreed that the vacancy would not be filled at this meeting.

Work Day is to be Saturday morning of October 18, 2008. We will feed all who work for 4 hours and then give them the balance of the day to play for free. Tom Mitchell will be in charge of bringing the food and Lawton has the cockers. We will work on getting down trees out of the trails, trimming and bridge repairs.

Mike Green moved to adjourn and Rick Hawkinberry seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John T. Harris
Secretary