

BMRA Operations Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on September 9, 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>Committee Members Present</u>	<u>Committee Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Tom Mitchell	Jimmy Jones	Terry Poe
Rick Hawkinberry	Chris Jester	David Carter
John Harris	Shane Hill	

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

There was no treasurer's report for the information was not back from the CPA.

The new BMRA Operational Board elected by TMTC:

David Carter, Mike Green, John Harris, Tom Mitchell, Rick Hawkinberry, Terry Poe, and Dick Stuart = (7 members) Mike Green is the TMTC Board member on this Board.

Subsequently we elected:

Chairman – Tom Mitchell

Vice-Chairman – Rick Hawkinberry & Terry Poe

Secretary – John Harris

Treasurer – Rick Hawkinberry

Then the following appointments were made:

Webmaster – Terry Poe

Employee liaison – Rick Hawkinberry

Single track trail coordinators – Terry Poe & David Carter

Two track trail coordinators – Dick Stuart & Mike Green

Special Committee to focus on ohv trail problems: Dick Stuart, Mike Green, George Caraway plus others to be named

Work Day Weekend is October 18 & 19.

We will serve lunch to workers and Tom Mitchell will be in charge of foodstuffs.

George Caraway and Dick Stuart will handle "Jeep" assignments.

Terry Poe and Rick Hawkinberry will handle motorcycle trail assignments.

Terry Poe is to contact Isabell to talk about the needed timing for the herbicide spraying on portions of the motorcycle trail. Poe reported that the test spraying on two or three very limited trail spots had been successful.

Tom Mitchell has had no luck contacting Gilmer Area Firefighters to coordinate the proposed open house for them at the Mountain. Clint Steelman is the main contact and

Mitchell will continue to try to make contact and arrangements before our October meeting.

Hawkinberry reports that the new computer is installed at the Park and he is waiting for a pole to mount the internet dish on.

Port potties were not serviced after the Labor Day weekend. The Board agreed that we must have better service. Hawkinberry reported that the portapottie fee had been reduced to \$55.00 per month per unit.

United 4 Wheel Drive is still scheduled to come the weekend before Thanksgiving and we should have more regular contact as the time for the event approaches.

ATVCC Race the weekend after Labor Day had good weather and 98 entrants. The organization was happy with the trail and our facilities. One entrant was hurt bad enough to need medical helicopter evacuation. David Culpepper, the promoter, left the Park clean and even mowed the electric campground. Rick Hawkinberry said the racing, which was all on existing ohv roads, did not damage the roads. He did report that there were a couple of trees that had blown down on the roads just prior to the event.

The drink vending operation at the office is still satisfactory.

Christmas and New Years are both on Thursday this year. Do we plan to close any days or be open extra days during this season? We should decide at next month's meeting, and post to website.

The Board had a long discussion about the problems that occurred over Labor Day Weekend. We agreed to contact each "player" and record their statement about what happened and didn't happen. The Board should then be able to reach a better decision about the occurrence.

We will have the deputy sheriff on site more soon, as soon as, he is able. Mitchell reported he has had some health problems and has been confined to light duty, which meant he could not moonlight at the Mountain.

The Board had a non-public discussion about the actions of the Property Manager and agreed that he needs more coaching, especially in the PR department. He also needs his late night rest.

The Board agreed that campers could come to the Bath House using the access roads any time day or night.

Should we form a committee to visit area off road clubs to promote Barnwell?

Hawkinberry made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Harris and unanimously concurred that we adjourn at 9:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Secretary, John T. Harris