

Texas Motorized Trails Coalition Minutes for Meeting held July 22, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Fun Country 4 Wheelers Vice President Terry Shipley at 3 15 p.m. in New Braunfels, Texas After welcoming nearly 70 participants, Terry gave an overview of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition and the proposed mission statements

Jody Delino spoke about current land issues. He gave a history of an individuals right to use property and create trails and urged all users to be active in land issues. He cited several specific cases where letter-writing campaigns have been successful in keeping trails open

David Olendaski of the Texas A & M Off Road group spoke about the web page being created on behalf of Texas Motorized Trails Coalition. He stressed that it will take several dedicated people to keep the information current. If you have information for the web page send it to David at DAVIDO@CWCOME.COM.

Bobby Beamer informed everyone about a directory he created that inventoried all motocross tracks in Texas. He has a vision to complete a similar project for trails in the state that are currently being used by all user groups. This project would require participation from all user groups and information sources from all parts of the state.

Rhonda Treadaway presented information regarding the Texas Trails Fund. She outlined the history of the grant program, it's mission and direction and how the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition has already been granted funding for a project through this program. These are tax dollars that each of us pay and this is our opportunity to put our tax dollars to work for us! She also mentioned a trails directory being put together by the Texas Department of Health and suggested that we should request motorized trails be included and each member can contact TDH at web site: www.tdh.state.tx.us/wellness/registrv.htm or by calling (512)458-7111 extension 6524 or faxing (512)458-7618 or contact Elizabeth Graves at elizabeth.graves@tdh.state.tx.us

Jolei Bayard, Secretary of Fun Country Four Wheelers, reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and the proposed by-laws. Sylvia Delino made a motion to create an organization with those present and interested being the Charter Members of said organization Motion seconded by Richard Strather. Motion passed. Rick Neal made a motion to accept the name Texas Motorized Trails Coalition for the organization. Motion was seconded by Carol Keate and motion passed. David Brown made a motion to accept the Articles of Incorporation as written with suggested changes from the attorney's and with approval of the Board of Directors in lieu of the full membership approval. This motion was seconded by Clyde Stanford and passed After a great deal of discussion, a motion was made by Swede Garpne and seconded by Clyde Stanford. This motion was to accept the by-laws as written with the few noted changes for the purpose of incorporation and with the understanding that the Board of Directors would review and prepare suggested amendments for the members' approval at the next regular meeting. The by-laws included dues set at \$10 per year per family. This motion passed.

Nominations for officers and user group representatives were accepted from the floor. Each candidate present was given an opportunity to make a brief statement. The nominees were:

President: Frank McKinnis and Will Pattison
Vice President: Victor Ramirez
Secretary: Jolei Bayard and Bruce Shirey
Treasurer: Rhonda Treadaway
Public Relations: Leslie Ramirez
Web Master: David Olendski and Melissa Pattison
ATV Reps: Martha Kelly and Rhonda Treadaway
Dirt Bike Reps: Bob Beamer, Bob Coker and Will Pattison
OHV Reps: Paul Beidelman, Jimmy Campbell, Sam Davis, Jody Delino, Swede Garpne, Frank McKinnis and Dan Neuss
Trail Buggies Rep: Mike Meeker

Elections were held by secret ballot and counted by a committee of four. Officers and representatives elected were:

President: Frank McKinnis
Vice President: Victor Ramirez
Secretary: Jolei Bayard
Treasurer: Rhonda Treadaway
Public Relations: Leslie Ramirez
Web Master: David Olendaski
~ Representatives: Rhonda Treadaway (ATV) Martha Kelly (ATV)
Bobby Beamer (Dirtbikes) Bob Coker (Dirtbike)
Will Pattison (Dirtbikes) Jody Delino (OHV)
Bruce Shirey(OHV) Mike Meeker (Trail Buggies)

After dinner Leslie Ramirez made an announcement that many more reservations for dinner had been made than had actually eaten. The difference between the bill and the collected funds was \$358. Jolei Bayard made the motion to pay the difference from club funds, the motion was seconded by Rick Neal and passed. Clyde also asked that any members who could contribute a few extra dollars to please do so to cover this charge. Many did.

Leslie Ramirez then reviewed the Gilmer Project". She told how Clyde Stanford helped find the property, the grant process, the revision from leasing the property to the purchase of the land, the approval of the \$997,000 grant, the topography, the community's positive response to the project, and many other amazing and wonderful details. Discussion ensued regarding the fencing, management of the property, the matching 20%, and various ideas for developing and implementing public use of the land and trails. The project manager will make suggestions to the Board of Directors for development of the project guidelines as we move forward.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Minutes submitted by Jolei Bayard, Secretary, Board of Directors.

Jolei Bayard, Secretary