

Texas Motorized Trails Coalition

Minutes for meeting held January 15, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by President Frank McKinnis in Gilmer, Texas. After welcoming everyone, Frank introduced himself and thanked everyone for attending. Minutes of the August 21st meeting were read, and a motion was made to accept by Tom Mitchell and seconded by Terry Shipley. Minutes were accepted as written. All board members present introduced themselves.

Jolei Bayard gave the financial report. Copies were distributed. The treasurer, Rhonda Treadaway, has resigned for personal reasons. The current balance is \$608.93. There was a significant amount of money received from dues today and several hundred from the raffle. Many thanks go to Clyde and helpers for procuring the raffle gifts and to the local merchants for donating the items.

David Ohlendaski gave an update about Web site. We will be changing servers soon and this should improve our ability to have dependable access. The name will remain www.texasmotorizedtrails.com. If you have information to put on the web contact David. He will be adding more information like some links to member clubs and information about Gilmer.

Frank identified the purchase price of just under one million dollars for the property. There will be some donations back to TMTC so net purchase price will be about \$720,000. The property has been appraised at \$960,000. We are waiting on the archeological survey that will cost between \$17,000 and \$20,000. This study will be completed in the next 2 weeks and we should be able to close on the property in the next 3 weeks.

Frank explained that Mr. Barfield (current owner) retains the gravel contract. The gravel people (Seton Corp.) have a contract to remove up to 300,000 cubic yards of gravel. They have removed about half as of now. Mr. Seton seems to be working quickly so he may have most of the contract amount of gravel already stacked up. The wording in the contract will restrict the areas in which he can retrieve gravel to the areas they've already been taking from. He retains royalty of oil, gas and minerals but we will have the right to decide when and where they can dig. Closing on the property should occur within the next 3 or so weeks.

Leslie reported that if we want to try to open the property for the end of March we would need a minimum of 3 trails for each user group. Victor began to discuss the “adopt a trail” program and asked for volunteers from each user group to help organize the development of the trails. OHV volunteers included Shawn Pagen, Chip Kinter and Bob Fleming. Don Ledbetter offered his assistance on behalf of ATV’s and Tom Mitchell and David Visniski we will on the dirt bike trails.

Jolei Bayard reviewed the SOP’s that have been written as of this time. The group asked that the Outline get posted on the web or mailed out for their review since it is such a large, lengthy document. Also, the membership we be given an opportunity to offer feedback as the document is completed and not just as a final product.

Frank announced that the next general membership meeting will be held in July and that he would like to see us move the meetings to the West to offer more members an opportunity to attend. Members of the East Texas Dirt Riders presented TMTC with membership applications from over 30 of their members including a check to pay for each membership and a promise that they would have even more members in the future.

Frank also mentioned that we have applied for a grant to help underwrite the expense of developing a motorized trail safety course. Multiple components would be created addressing classes for children as well as adults with specific information regarding each user group of motorized trails.

Suggestions for the name were discussed. David will post all options on the web site and voting will take place through early February.

There are currently three board positions that are vacant. First addressed was the position of treasurer. Bob Coker was nominated. There being no other nominations, Bob was voted in by acclamation. The next position was for a dirt bike representative vacated by Will Pattison. Russ Hobbs was voted in as the only nominee. The third position was for Bob Coker’s dirt bike representative position vacated due to his election as treasurer. The only nominee, Tom Mitchell, was voted into this office. Mr. Mitchell said that since he and Mr. Hobbs are members of the same dirt bike organization that he would step down if there were another dirt bike representative from another area of the state who wished to serve on the board of directors.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Jolei Bayard, Secretary, Board of Directors.

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