

Texas Motorized Trails Coalition

Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2000

President Frank McKinnis called meeting to order at 10:55 a.m at the Gilmer property (Barnwell Mountain Recreational Area).

In attendance were:

Leslie
Victor
Bob
Frank
Tom
Russ
Jolei

Absent:

Mike
Rhonda
Jody
Bobby
David
Bruce

Minutes from the meeting of April 1, 2000 were read. Victor made a motion to accept with noted corrections. Russ seconded. Motion passed. Corrected copy attached.

Conversations and decisions were made on several topics simultaneously. An organized report follows:

WATER

It will be cheapest to run water to the roadside park than to an area past the entrance gate. There may be 3 old wells on the property. They need to be located. We will check with the county courthouse for records of the wells. Seton may be leaving the property. Also we have to take into account an easement for the power line. WE need to plan a permanent master plan for the entire property including running the water to several spots. We will be meeting with Longview Power Company. They will help us as is feasible for them. The base of the power poles will be 7' in diameter and 30' deep with concrete. We will be working with them to use any excess concrete they may have. This could facilitate building a bathhouse. The rural Water Company has a easement across our property and we will explore options if they really have water running near by. Our first priority is definitely having water. Tom will price drilling a new well near the trailer. We guess between \$2000 and \$3000. We will need to remember that electricity would have to be run to each well to power the pumps. If Leslie can identify the three wells we will consider revitalizing them. Clyde, Leslie and Frank will get ideas on Sanitation and report back. Leslie will ask Andy Goldblum what Texas Parks and Wildlife require. In the interim Port A Potties were discussed. Russ made a motion to procure 3 port-a-potties to lease or buy for a 12 month period for about \$125 per month with services scheduled as recommended by the provider. Tom seconded. Motion passed and Clyde will price and order within the spirit of the motion.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance is \$31,735.56. We have spent \$12,000 since April 1st. The archeological study is \$11,250 and half is paid. The archeologist said he will be making a donation back to the center. Also, The Nacogdoches FWD Club has made a commitment for \$200. The Board has reiterated that all designate donations will be honored as specified by the donor.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Current Status
Reimbursements to Board Members – various expenses	\$3,500	Still have \$200
Insurance	\$2200	Still have
Gates	\$250	Spent all of budgeted amount
Fencing	\$250	None spent
Signs	\$353	Will cost us \$300 plus a lifetime membership
Telephone	\$0	We will look into a pay phone on the property
Storage	\$200	None spent
Paint	\$350	None spent
Sea Boxes	\$1200	None spent
Building	\$4000	It is regularly \$325 per month; we will pay \$250 per month for one year plus \$15 for steps and \$28 TOTAL about \$325/month
F & F Inventory	\$1000	\$563 for entry passes
Electric	\$300	To be discussed at this meeting
Water	\$1500	To be discussed at this meeting
Sewer	\$2000	To be discussed at this meeting
Utility Trailer	\$700	To be discussed at this meeting
Property Taxes	\$3200	To be paid
Grand Opening	\$2500	None left
Trail Signs	\$3000	Waiting on Bobby
Miscellaneous	\$615	Spent about \$600
Cash on Hand ALWAYS	\$3000	Still have / will keep

ELECTRICITY

We need electricity at the trailer. Russ made a motion to authorize Clyde to procure a loop meter pole with up to two lights as needed with an limit of \$750. Leslie seconded and motion passed. Clyde will contact REA and a contractor.

GATES

We still need to run 1/4" to 1/2" cable between the poles on entrances that were permanently closed. Tom will take care of this task. Purple paint was discussed as a legal means to post property lines. Tom and Frank will find out more and the cost of the specific purple paint needed.

PROPERTY

Tom asked if we have met our 20%, we have and now our only obligation is to maintain records and property in the sense it was given. We will still maintain Volunteer hours for the purpose of impressing others for future grants. Everyone has done a great job in accomplishing this task!! IMPRESSIVE!! This is the fourth weekend that Clyde has had the property open to local members. We brought in \$460 the first weekend, \$340 or \$350 the second, and \$560 the third. Clyde has had a number of questions about bathrooms and drinking water. We will encourage helmets on all ATV's and REQUIRE helmets on all dirt bikes. Bob Coker will check with our insurance requirements and the board agreed to post the rules by their decision. The SOP's need to be completed and in effect for the 23rd of June. Bob Coker made a motion that primitive tent camping or RV overnight stays are allowed for \$10 per tent or RV per night. Victor seconded the motion. Motion passed. Clyde will have temporary cards to use. Leslie is working with Clyde to set up the office and files. We decided that other non-motorized users could rent the property on our closed weekends. Linda (Clyde's wife) is going to pursue a grant for the pavilion. Liability insurance not required by each vehicle, but each will have to meet safety requirements.

TRAILS

After lengthy discussion, the priorities identified were for:

1. The Perimeter trail
2. The existing ridge road
3. The power line road
4. Clean up existing trails

The perimeter road need to be wide enough for a fire break and be usable by the least skilled in each user group. Victor will instruct work crews to these tasks, as will Clyde. No new trails will be started without concurrence from the trails committee since there are lots of usable trails that just need to be cleaned.

SIGNS

Bobby Beamer is working on signage for inside the property. Frank and Clyde will work on the wording for the sign at the entrance.

WEB

No report.

SOP's

Leslie reported that Jody Delino is working on them and will have them completed by the 23rd of June.

NEWSLETTER

Leslie reported that the newsletter will go out in the next two weeks. CopyCat printing company in Nederland is printing the 4 color, up to 10-page newsletter. BUT we need information to put inside. It will be a quarterly newsletter. We can use black and white photos. Kawasaki is paying for 3000 shells and the 1st publication inside. In the future the newsletters will cost us \$.80 for inside and \$1 for each shell. We need an ad manager specifically to generate money for the newsletter with corporate ad sales.

ASSOCIATIONS

We need to join and align with certain groups. Blue Ribbon Coalition for \$100. Frank will call and discuss a membership with them. Tread Lightly! for \$250. The organization that is a combination of all working groups

(Frank's contact) for \$100. A motion was made by Tom to join BRC, Tread Lightly and the third mentioned by Frank. Russ seconded. Motion passed. AMA will not let us join because each board member would have to join individually first. East Texas Dirt Bikers will be our gate to AMA. Upshur County Medical Services normally sells a membership for \$100 per family. Tom will contact the owner and discuss our options. He will also work out the helicopter pad details.

UTILITY TRAILER

It was decided that we would wait until a later date to take action on procuring a trailer.

Bob Coker made the motion to adjourn the meeting around 2:20 p~m., tom seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolei Bayard Shipley
Secretary