

In attendance:

Bobby Beamer	Keith Hendricks	Jolei Bayard Shipley
Paul Beidelman	Frank McKinnis	Bruce Shirey
Jack Gilbert	Tom Mitchell	Rhonda Treadaway
		Clyde Stanford, Prop. Mgr.

Absent:

Bob Coker	Mike Meeker
Jody Delino	Leslie Ramirez

President Frank McKinnis at the BMRA Property in Gilmer, Texas called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.,

Frank McKinnis on behalf of Treasurer Bob Coker distributed the financial report. Frank McKinnis highlighted that the outflow is increased, and that we have paid for the merchandise from Gary Webb in full. Tom Mitchell made a motion to accept the treasurers report, Bruce Shirey seconded the motion, motion passed.

Minutes from the July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. A motion was made by Tom Mitchell to accept minutes of the meeting. Paul Beidelman seconded, the motion passed.

Frank McKinnis gave the publicity report. He said that Leslie Ramirez has been overwhelmed, that Laura has become her one member committee. Laura helped lots with the Labor Day activities and has organized Halloween activities for this weekend. She has been able to obtain radio and television coverage. She had a wonderful story run in the Gilmer and Dallas areas on the Fox network. Clyde added that attendance for the last three weekends has been great, with over \$6000 brought in during these three weekends. Total collected was over \$2,300 last weekend alone. Clyde also reported that there are currently 630 members representing many organized groups including Southern High Rollers, Jeeps of North Texas, Jeeps of East Texas. He also reported that all adopted trails are now open. It was announced that if a group adopts a trail then TMTC is paying for the identifying signage (approximate cost of \$17.50 per sign).

Frank McKinnis gave the membership report for his wife Joyce. There are 660 members with about 66 up for renewal. We are experiencing a 70% attrition rate, and 80% of the gate collection each weekend is from new members.

Linda Stanford presented a request to the board for equestrian use of BMRA. After discussion Bobby Beamer made a motion to allow the trails committee to coordinate to allow horses to share the land for designated weekends in conjunction with other events, to be implemented once Frank McKinnis ensures that this type activity will be covered by the insurance. Rhonda Treadaway seconded the motion and motion passed.

Clyde Stanford also reported on the enforcement of the helmet issue. He said dirtbikers are doing fine complying, however, a few ATV operators are not. All ATV and dirtbike operators do have to present a helmet to enter the gate. This is being done and although a rider is

occasionally spotted without a helmet on there has been substantially less opposition than expected. Clyde also said that he will have the trash hauled off, the sign for the front gate with the open hours will cost about \$50, and the sign for down by the highway has been approved. Clyde requested again the creation of an appreciation wall utilizing inexpensive frames and computer generated certificates. Frank McKinnis said he would see that the list of names for appreciation would be included in the newsletter.

Frank McKinnis announced that he would be submitting the application for charitable status in mid November. He is also working on tax exemption status. He needs a revised Mission Statement and will pass one on to all board members then go with the final version. Frank also needs some modifications to the original charter stating that in the event of dissolution our property and assets would revert to a Texas State Trust. Bruce Shirey and several others expressed a desire to review. Bobby Beamer made a motion for Frank McKinnis to mail the revisions to each board member and each will respond with changes or approval. Once all have received and responded the revisions will be made. Bruce Shirey seconded the motion and motion passed.

Frank McKinnis said that Bob Coker asked the board to consider reducing the reimbursement rate for travel from 32 cents per mile to 11 cents per mile due to cash flow concerns. He suggested that the room rate for lodging not be adjusted from the current \$40 per night. Tom Mitchell made a motion to accept Bob Coker's proposal, Bruce Shirey seconded and motion passed.

Several sample newsletters were distributed. Much appreciation to Rick and others that helped get the interim newsletter out. Postage was discussed and can be reduced once Frank McKinnis has obtained charitable, non-profit status for TMTC. Frank told Bobby Beamer for him and Rick to proceed with selecting the best quality that we can get with a reasonable expense. Kawasaki is paying \$3000 for the newsletter to be produced. Bobby asked for people to send good photos. In addition, Frank said he would send out the membership list to the board members.

The Southern High Rollers will be hosting the SW4WD quarterly of 2001. The event will be May 4-6, 2001 and TMTC will receive \$5 per person gate fees. The fees for camping and RV sites will also be revenue for TMTC. BMRA will be closed to all other members and guests that weekend. Frank said that our insurance would cover the event. Tom Mitchell made a motion to reserve the weekend for this event. Keith Hendricks seconded, motion passed. Tom also made a motion to tentatively calendar a reserved weekend event so that he can pursue scheduling arrangements for an AMA event (on similar terms as the Southern High Rollers event) for the end of January. Rhonda Treadaway seconded and motion passed.

The water issue was discussed. Keith Hendricks discussed digging a pond for the creation of a water source for toilets and showers. Drinking water could not be obtained through the pond. Jerry Paul Higgins was recognized for the tremendous amount of help he has provided so far and he has also made a commitment for a bulldozer and operator to assist with this project. The second tier of the project will be the drinking water and it will be obtained from the city water

service. Frank requested GPS coordinates of the proposed pond so that we can assure protection of sensitive areas of BMRA.

Frank McKinnis said that there are at least two interested parties in the 32 acres across the highway. He said Beefy is prepared to offer \$850 per acre as is. Bruce Shirey made a motion to get an appraisal, list the property for sale in the newspaper, accept bids for purchase and then sell it when we obtain a fair high bid. Keith Hendricks seconded the motion and it passed.

Frank McKinnis discussed the bathroom facilities and stated that a turnkey job will be the way to go. Frank also expressed a need for an environmental policy. Scott Jacobs designed a policy statement and Frank passed around for everyone to quickly review. The acceptance of the statement was recommended by Tom Mitchell and seconded by Jack Gilbert, acceptance passed.

Rhonda Treadaway suggested sponsoring two scholarships at \$500 per year for a four-year program for a Texas Resident with a major related to environmental issues. Keith seconded the motion that passed.

Frank McKinnis addressed some recent issues with neighbors. A fence was moved further away from one person's cows, and some trees will be planted to alleviate another neighbor's concerns about fumes from exhaust. David O. has agreed to host the web site (BIG thanks to David and company). This is a \$50 per month service with a reliable server. Franks also told everyone that we need a phone line into the trailer for the computer. There is no longer a phone line in Nederland or Port Arthur, we have gotten a fax /membership line into Frank's house (the number is 713-880-5209).

Tom Mitchell shared some information regarding an analysis he has done regarding who our customers are. Jolei Bayard Shipley volunteered to work with Tom to create incentives for group enrollment like "guest" passes for a day.

Bruce made a motion that Clyde now be increased to \$450 per week to compensate him for his lovely assistant, Linda. Jack seconded the motion and motion passed. Bruce suggested that each Board member work with Clyde to work one weekend per year for the TMTC property in Gilmer.

Rhonda Treadaway has been talking with Kawasaki in an attempt to contact the Texas Dealer's Association. She hopes to establish some opportunities to introduce TMTC to the Dealers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jolei Bayard Shipley, Secretary, Board of Directors.

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Jolei Bayard Shipley