

Minutes of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting August 7, 2002

Commander Rob Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. He introduced the Board of Directors, then meeting attendees introduced themselves and their rigs.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Jeff Zepp read the minutes of the July meeting. Phil Simmons made a motion to accept them as read. Chris McCleod seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of the membership.

Commander Rob Meredith reported that he missed the last meeting to attend a family reunion in W.Va., and that he had been gone from home for a month of weekends. He mentioned that some members had not been getting the newsletter, and we had voted to make it available electronically. Jeff Zepp responded that all requests for newsletters have been fulfilled by postal mail. He mentioned that since we had changed back to dues being due at the beginning of the year, we need to notify former members of this. He said we haven't heard back from Dan Markofski on our reincorporation. Rob apologized for remarks he made on the club email list. He also said that insinuations and inaccuracies which are unlawful, libelous and tortuous are against the email list terms of service. He asked to "keep that stuff off a public email list", and to contact him, keep it private, and that he takes responsibility. Rob reported that at the recent TLCA BOD meeting, they discussed the policy for sanctioning events. The CMCC skirted around sanctioning by putting their info in their chapter report. Now TLCA is talking about no more free advertising. Cruise Moab was not the reason for the change in policy. There were insinuations on Topica about how much Rising Sun paid TLCA. Park Owens thought we should have made more money.

Vice Commander Dean Baranski reported that he and Rob Meredith attended the Co. Assn. Of 4WD Clubs meeting. At the next month's meeting, there may be a ranger from the White River district. Rumor has it that the district may be closed next season due to soil degradation from fire. The Forest Service is looking for volunteers to help with trail repairs and erosion control. Dave Brown went to the Hayman restoration, planting oak. He worked from 2:00 to 8:00. He said that the McGrew Trail ride may be off, they have a forest fire right now. Dean said that at the meeting, they discussed the next rock crawl for 2003. A possible date will be September 20. The association is trying to put together a woman's run. It may be

September 24th; meet at the buffalo herd overlook, run would be Empire Loop/Bill Moore Lake. Check the Association web site.

Commander Rob Meredith appointed Steve Crase as interim Land Use Coordinator, since Matt Lewis has been unable to fulfill those duties.

He also mentioned that the web site has become out of date, and that the current webmaster has had telephone problems. He **appointed Jeff Zepp as interim webmaster**. Matt Farr asked about our current web site host. He suggested that he has leads on other hosts. Our current contract expires 12/7/02. Rob suggested that we should bring that subject up at our October meeting.

Secretary Jeff Zepp reported that he had updated the club roster, posted the revised bylaws on the web site, and mailed out one newsletter. Bruce made a motion that copies of the roster be made available to members at the next month's meeting. Dean seconded, and the vote was carried.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that we have a balance of \$2589.99.

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that we had lots of runs in the last month, and more coming up in August Slaughterhouse Gulch led by Matt Farr, Spring Creek led by Neil Quigley on the 17th, meet at the gas station in Dumont, Triple Bypass led by Bruce Miller on Aug. 17th, and Ouray/Silverton Sept 6,7,8th led by Bruce Miller, meet at the KOA in Ouray.

There was no **Land Use** report.

There was no **Webmaster** report.

Steve Bennett applied for membership, and was voted in.

There was no **Old Business**.

New Business:

Cruise Moab. Rob Meredith led the discussion with the question: "Where has the money gone?" He said that after the event is over, people are too burned out and haven't taken the time to write a report. Dave Spratlen is the committee chairperson. The Cruise Moab committee members were introduced. Dave Spratlen reported that the committee was formed for goals. These are:

1. Put on a first class event.
2. Have a first class dinner
3. Have a first class raffle.
4. Have safety standards.
5. Be a TLCA sanctioned event.
6. Have respect for the trails
7. Have a limited number of vehicles.
8. Have qualified leaders and gunners.
9. Have quality event apparel.

Dave then handed out a number of sheets with all the financial information for Cruise Moab. (Secretary's note, details of this info not repeated in these minutes as hardcopies were made available to all attendees). Cruise Moab has a current balance of \$30,763.67

Kevin Ehrlick asked why this was the first time that the general membership of Rising Sun had seen these monetary figures? He said the goal was to give money away to Blue Ribbon, Co Assn., etc.

Dave Spratlen replied that some had been given away.

Bruce Miller commented that there were two sets of books, "2 clubs".

Chris Hatfield replied that there are not 2 clubs, but that the Cruise Moab committee is a committee of Rising Sun.

Bill Van Beek suggested that officers should report on Cruise Moab.

Dave Brown handed out suggestions he has made to the Cruise Moab committee. He made these suggestions in writing back in June, and they have been posted on the Topica list (secretary's note, for these reasons they are not repeated in these minutes).

Bruce Minney pointed out that until this past year, we were on very precarious finances.

Matt Farr suggested that we shouldn't be making decisions on how much to give to whom until the next meeting.

Chris Hatfield noted that we might have some kind of tax issue. Dave Spratlen replied that we have none until we make greater than \$32k/year.

Dan Dilley said that the BOD and CM committee should have been reporting to the club. Chris Hatfield reiterated Rob's opening comment that after all the effort of putting on the event, committee members are so spent that the follow up simply hasn't been done.

Greg Luer applauded seeing the numbers and seeing the info presented to the club, but complained that it was 2 and a half years late.

Dave Brown discussed his suggestions from June.

Christo Slee said that the average member does not know what the committee does, what it consists of.

Dave Brown replied that the typical Cruise Moab committee consists of 7 people. Chairperson, permits, finances, raffle sponsors, artwork design, registration, and safety inspection.

Rob Meredith reported that he has decided that there will be a Cruise Moab committee report at each Rising Sun meeting.

Steve Bennett made a motion to adopt Dave Brown's suggestions number 5., 6., and 7. These are: (5) Once the CM committee is formed, there should be a monthly progress report at each Rising Sun meeting. (6) After each Cruise Moab event a financial report should be submitted to Rising Sun membership, showing beginning and ending balances for tax purposes and distribution of the excess proceeds. A set amount of these funds should be earmarked for the next year's event. (7) Contributions to organizations such as the Blue Ribbon Coalition, United Four Wheelers and Search and Rescue, etc., should be voted upon by Rising Sun membership. Jeff Zepp seconded the motion.

Christo Slee and Bill Van Beek both supported waiting until the next club meeting to decide on this. Dave Brown suggested a Cruise Moab Standard Operating Procedures package.

The motion was defeated 6 votes for, 10 against, the rest abstaining.

Dave Spratlen noted that we have Cruise Moab dates reserved with TLCA for 5 years. This does not automatically confer sanctioning, just the dates are reserved. Tory Roesch made a motion to for the committee to apply for TLCA sanctioning for next year's event by September 15th. Steve Bennett seconded the motion, which was carried by a vote of the membership. The next TLCA BOD meeting will be in September.

Jeff Zepp won the raffle prize, Staun tyre deflators.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.