

Minutes of the Rising Sun Four Wheel Drive Club Meeting September 4, 2002

Commander Rob Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and their rigs.

Officer Reports:

Event Coordinator Mike Aaron reported that August was an active month for the club, with Slaughterhouse Gulch, Spring Creek and Triple Bypass trail runs. Also there was an open house at Off Road Solutions. The coming weekend will feature our annual Ouray trip, next year we hope to make it a joint run with the Wasatch Cruisers. Steve Bennett will lead another club run this weekend to Caribou flats for those who can't make the Ouray run. There will be another Rock Crawl in Kremmling on October 5th and 6th. Due to insurance restrictions, no spectators will be allowed. Participants must sign up by September 25th.

Secretary Jeff Zepp read the minutes from the August meeting. Phil Simmons made a motion that the minutes be accepted, Rob Meredith seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of the membership.

Interim Webmaster Jeff Zepp reported that he had updated the roster several times, and still has a couple of details to update. He added the Glacier Ridge trail report by Scott Yoder and had deleted all links to the defunct discussion board and inoperable search page. He tested all pages and archived all content. He added a link to the club bylaws on the membership info page, and added all 2002 newsletters in PDF format.

Interim Land Use Coordinator Steve Crase reported that he has compiled all worker hours for the club trail cleanup on Deadman's Creek. He and Dean Baranski attended the White River Forest Forum. The White River Deputy Forest Ranger Steve Sherwood and the Transportation Planner Wendy Hastings described the plan for cataloging and inventorying the state of all trails in the forest. They may reopen some closed trails. No meeting is planned for front range areas for White Forest, however they are receptive to the idea of having meetings on the front range. We can provide input and information on the trails. The Forest Service and the BLM appreciate our efforts. Attending meetings carries more weight than sending form letters. The maps and drawings that Steve saw showed increased wilderness designations, but they also want to make better networks of trails. Neil Quigley suggested that we should volunteer more for the fire reclamation, to mention Rising Sun and get more recognition for the club.

Treasurer Phil Simmons reported that we have a balance of \$2484.18.

Vice Commander Dean Baranski reported further on the Forest Service meeting that he and Steve Crase attended. He said that Transportation Planner Wendy Hastings wants more information on trails so they can classify them. Mike Aaron asked if we could buy Forest Service road travel maps. Robbie Antonsen suggested that we could use GPS coordinates to help establish trails.

Old Business:

Commander Rob Meredith reported that the next TLCA board of directors meeting is in October, not September, but that September is the deadline for advertising in Toyota Trails for the November issue. The Spratlens have made an outline of a budget for Cruise Moab which we can use for our submission for TLCA sanctioning. We need to select a new Cruise Moab committee. We need to figure out what to do with the money.

He reported that we are now reincorporated with the Colorado Secretary of State, as a non-profit corporation. Every two years we must reincorporate. Our first filing was June 9, 1987, but it lapsed because we didn't re-file. He reported that we can apply for federal tax exempt status if we wish. We could be considered a social club. To do this we can not have more than 35% of our revenue from outside sources, but if we make more than that they may still consider that.

There was a debate on the club tax ID#.

Greg Luer suggested contacting other clubs in the area and see how they do this, clubs such as the Mile High Jeep club. Rob said that he would contact them and ask them.

Chris MacLeod made a motion to apply for federal tax exempt status. Tory Roesch seconded and the motion was carried by vote.

Cruise Moab: Neil Quigley pointed out that in the letter we send to raffle donors we say that we donate the proceeds to the Blue Ribbon Coalition and other off highway vehicle associations. Bruce Miller suggested that we should have a cash flow projection to ensure we always have seed money for the event. Rob said he needs to go to the bank with Phil to get Phil authorized to access the Cruise Moab account.

Discussion was made on creating the new committee. At the end of the discussion, the following Cruise Moab committee members were volunteered/appointed:

Neil Quigley
Dave Brown
Chris Hatfield
Phil Simmons
Chris MacLeod
Matt Farr

Greg Luer suggested that the trail boss should be separate from the person who handles registration.

New Business:

Steve Crase made a motion to reimburse Matt Farr for the pizza he bought the club at the conclusion of the Slaughterhouse Gulch trail run. Ige seconded and the vote was carried.

New full members voted in:

Jason Forbes (FJ60)
John McKenzie ('90 mini truck)
Brian Sandoval ('86 mini truck)

New associate member voted in:

Dave Bayer ('98 TJ)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.