

# WMOTA Membership Meeting

June 8, 2017

- Introduction of new members and/or guests -- Jack welcomed Mark from AZ Fish and Game and Lorna McNeil-Cox from the Forest Service.
- Sponsors present: Scott from Show Low motorsports was introduced. He advised members that their service department was now booked two weeks out and encouraged members looking for service to call ahead for an appointment.
- Approval of Minutes from May meeting—Jack said no minutes were taken during the May meeting. Ken Drozdowicz then made a motion that they be approved, and there were multiple seconds. No vote was taken.
- May Ride: -- Jack thanked Mike Radford for his support to the May ride which covered the entire extent of Maverick Trail. Mike and his campground in Clay Springs treated the riders to a wonderful breakfast, he said.
- Derby Down the Deuce -- Jack expressed appreciation to the members who volunteered to tow Derby cars from the finish line back up the hill to the start line. They were: Paula and Sue, Dawn and Barbara, John and Marsha, and Jerry Allardice
- Treasurer's report - Karen Smith: Copy attached.
- Rack Cards – Jack announced that the club had a new brochure in the form of a card that will be placed in brochure racks at places like the Show Low and Pinetop visitor centers, at sponsor's locations, Fool Hollow State Park, etc. He asked John Taylor, who developed the card, to comment. John said he had selected the lead photo due of three factors: First, it depicts popular long-time club member Dave

Donno, who died recently; second, it shows Dave riding the Maverick Trail west of Show Low, and it is one of the best ride photos he's taken.

- Rodeo or No Rodeo? Jack said he had sent out a clubwide email asking people to tell him whether they would prefer a rodeo or a ride for the July excursion. The three answers he got indicated ambivalence. So he called for a show of hands. How many would like to do the rodeo, vs how many would prefer a ride instead? The result was close to even, so Jack said he would commit to the Saturday rodeo this year with a ride on the Friday, one day before.
- He then asked all those who voted for the rodeo to again raise their hands so they could be counted as rodeo committee members to help Dawn Brady plan and run it. There were eight volunteers.
  
- Map status update – Lorna McNeil-Cox/Forest Service
- Lorna said the first draft of the new trail map had been reviewed and suggestions made. It was back in production.
- She also reported that a grant for \$5 million had been approved by the state for Maverick Trail maintenance. The Forest Service plans to use the money to replace all of the existing fence ramps with a new, stronger design. The existing ramps are too narrow and not holding up. New ones will be lower and be 68” wide to accommodate most new UTVs. The old ramps will be given to TRAX for use as bike crossings. There will be some other maintenance done as well.
- They also received \$208,000 to fund extending the Maverick Trail beyond Sky High Trailhead on toward Springerville. The necessary environmental assessment has already been done as part of the forest thinning NEPA so the only thing left is a “heritage clearance” signoff by their archeologist.
  
- Game and Fish -- Mark from Game and Fish then stood to remind members that state law required DOT-approved helmets be worn by anyone on a UTV/ATV who is under the age of 18. He also reminded us that our offroad vehicles should have two stickers, one for registration and the second one is the OHV decal which funds things like the Maverick Trail extension. He said that if you register your quad or side-by-side *as mostly off-road* you are still legal to ride on city, state and county-maintained roads, but it reduces your combined registration, property tax and decal bill to only about \$35 a year.

- Bylaws Review—Jack said he has asked John Taylor and Nancy Drozdowicz to do a review of the club’s bylaws to see if any changes are needed. They both have experience with planning documents. He invited club members to pass any suggestion/comments they might have on the bylaws to John or Nancy.
  
- June Camp & Ride - Pat and JoAnn Wojack
  - Pat said the ride would be going from the usual 409 Road campsite, overlooking Crescent Lake, at 9:30 am on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a new ride, 55 miles long and will take about 6 hours. Maurice Colwell will be the tailgunner.
  
- Activities planned for June Camp & Ride - Dawn Brady announced that instead of a breakfast before the ride, there will be a potluck dinner afterwards at the 409 Camp for all club members.
  
- Board Appointed a Ride Leader Committee—Jack said the board needed to formally appoint a “Ride Leader Committee” in order to cover leaders and tailgunners under our insurance. The insurance covers directors and *members of committees*. Jack said the board created the committee and appointed all those who signed up to lead rides in 2016 and 2017. More can be added.

- Summary of treasurers report.

Beginning Balance \$2841.51 Income \$428.00 Expense \$559.57 Ending  
Balance \$2609.94 Reserve Balance \$5301.75

- New Business—None.
  
- Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

John Taylor for Secretary Wendy Call