

WHITE MOUNTAIN OPEN TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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August General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date 2017-08-10

CALL TO ORDER/OFFICER ROLL CALL: KAREN SMITH-Treasurer , Wendy Call-Secretary, Judy Koski-Membership Director, Roger Held-Ride Committee Chairman.

Officer Reports:

- Jack Dyer and John Taylor were out of town and Dawn was working, Barbara was not present.
- Barbara was not present for the 50/50 drawing, Karen asked to put your money on the table ☺

Secretary's report

- There was a motion to approve Jody's minutes from the July 13th Membership Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report- Karen Smith

- The report was passed to all members present. The total amount of operating money was \$1,849.64. Other monies, \$5,502.01 are reserved for the trailer if we should need it.

Membership-Judy

- New members were introduced as well as friends. There were two new members present and two guests. Judy reported a total of 98 members currently.

Other Business

- A sign up sheet for the Fall Festival was sent around to all present members. Currently, they are in need of nine people for overnight observation, three shifts for three days. Reportedly, this will make the club some money. The event takes place on September 22nd and 23rd and 24th. Jerry suggested we need more signatures on the form to cover the event. Karen stated that you will see the sign up sheet next month once again.
- The August ride will take place on August 19th, 2017. Steve Dudley handed out extensive information for the ride including directions, indicating that there will be signs out, and all events that will be occurring during the week. They will be going out on Sunday and will have the signs up by Monday. Friday they will have lunch in Forest Lakes and on Saturday there will be a breakfast potluck. The ride will start at 9:30. He presented the information orally and asked that you bring wood if you have it. Karen related that it is a beautiful and very "green" ride. There is a quarter mile rocky climb but very doable.

- Chuck Wood discussed the Jamboree which will take place on Labor Day weekend. The Apache Club is helping to put it on and the club will be sponsoring rides. "Great rides and Great ride leaders". "All are welcome!"
- Chuck Wood discussed the Apache Club ride this weekend, September 12th beginning at 9:00 am at Green's Peak. "You will get muddy!" He encouraged all to come.

Fish and Game: No one present.

Forest Service: Lorna gave an update. She discussed the Pin Tail Lake grant. Hours were volunteered by Tracks to move material on the trail. No date for this has been set. She is looking for volunteers to make the trail accessible to Pin Tail Lake and to put sand down. They should have a date this month and will notify us when they will need the volunteers. The trail is approximately one mile. They need to match the grant dollars with nonagency funds.

- Roger asked if there were any updates on extending the Maverick Trail? It was reported that they have a new archeologist who is buried with work and she will not get to review the plans to provide clearances for the trails until the winter. Next year they will hopefully be able to add some new trails. We have more work than we have people. Roger stated that after 20 years we only have 49 miles on the Maverick Trail. Lorna indicated that we have approximately 75 miles and that in the next few years they may double the number of trails.
- Maurice reported on the map project progress on the Maverick Trail. Catherine from the city of Pine Top Lakeside is planning the final review by the 21st or the 22nd of August. Lorna will look on the calendar to verify that tomorrow. 80% of the money is available for the printing cost.

Old Business: Maurice reported that WMOTA might be asked to help with tree thinning on the 260 in an area owned by the Nature Center. They are looking at what trees need to be cut and set up for fire wood. They are in need of a dump truck to put chips in and haul to the Nature Center. He does not feel there will be a demand for the utv's. They hope to chip as much as they can. It was stated that Stan has a dump trailer approximately 16 feet long. Karen stated that Perkins has trucks and maybe they would like to donate.

New Business:

- August ride is the next weekend, August 19th and the September ride was changed to the last weekend of September. The ride is off of 249 RTE by Big Lake and will be led by Ken and Nancy Drozdowicz.
- Tour of the White Mountains is the first weekend of October the 6th and the 7th at the Equestrian Center in Pinetop. They are looking for utv's to help find camping spots, mark trails, give assignments, pin flagging, monitor intersections to flag everyone as they go by. You get a t-shirt and a cold piece of pizza. Last year the club made \$100.00 at the Tour of the White Mountains and at the Fall Festival we made \$750.00.
- September 14th is the next meeting.

Judy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was adjourned at 6:25 pm.