

Minutes of the WMOTA July 13th, 2017 Membership Meeting

1. Welcome new members and guests

- There were no new members or guests present

2. Information was presented about the Club's July ride planned for Saturday, July 22nd.

- Maurice Colwell, the ride leader, presented information on Saturday's planned ride. The ride will start at 09:00. Since there is a BBQ planned to follow the ride, the ride will NOT stop for lunch. Riders should bring snacks.
- Karen Smith presented information about the planned bar b que that will follow Saturday's ride.
- Information about the camp & ride has been e-mailed to members and posted to the web site. It's not mentioned in the information, but the Club does plan to have a port a potty available following the ride for the BBQ.

3. WMOTA has been invited again to assist Epic Rides with the Tour of the White Mountains, a mountain bike ride that attracts about 650 riders.

- We're looking for volunteers to assist on Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th. This is a big event that draws a lot of people to the local area and is consistent with WMOTA "open trails" orientation. Members can expect to

receive and e-mail soon with information regarding how to volunteer. Nick Lund of Tracks is coordinating this effort,

4. August Activities

- Board Meeting will be Thursday, August 10th
- Membership Meeting will be Thursday, August 10th
- Club Ride will be Saturday, August 19th. The ride/camp is planned in the Forest Lakes area. Steve and Lila Dudley will be leading the ride.

5. Jack Dyer reminded those present that he and Jane will be gone from July 23rd through August 20th vacationing in Scandinavia and the UK.

- John Taylor will also be gone for the August Board/Membership meetings and Karen Smith will chair these meetings.

6. Jack Dyer also announced that the Maverick station at the intersection of 260 and 77 now has a dump station.

7. The Club has been asked to provide a short ride (2-3 hours) for several persons from Pine Top in the Fall to introduce them to OHV riding.
 - The Club enjoys an excellent relationship with Pine Top and receives support from the city. The Board thinks this is worthwhile. Jerry Smith will be coordinating this activity.

8. Lorna McNeil-Cox for the Forest Service provide a brief update on the thinning activity and its effect on the Maverick Trail.
 - It seems that this activity will allow the Trail to be moved to smoother, less rocky ground in a few places once the thinning is complete.

9. Jerry Smith reported that the Nature Center is planning to thin some of the brush/trees from its property.
 - They are looking for folks with trailers, our OHV trailers would be ideal, to haul the thinned brush on a, yet to be determined, Saturday in the Fall. This is NOT an official WMOTA event, but for those who may wish to help, Jerry Smith will be soliciting volunteers once details are finalized.

10. With the Fall Festival, the Club's support of this receives a donation, the Tour of the White Mountains and other Fall events the Club may need to change its planned ride date for September.
 - Ken Drozdowicz, the ride leader, will review the scheduled events and determine the best ride date for the Club.

11. Roger Held expressed concern that the Club has too many members that do not participate in the Club's meetings or rides. Roger made motion that the Club should send a letter to the member asking for input into how the Club could improve this situation. The letter should include a stamped return envelope. Roger's motion was seconded.
 - Discussion ensued. Roger's idea was generally well received but concerns were raised about the costs of such a mailing (about \$100) and about the non-specificity of the motion; i.e., specifically what should the letter say/ask.
 - A vote was taken with 13 Is and 13 Nos, so the motion failed.

12. Roger Held made a second motion, which was seconded, that the Board should return to the practice of sitting together at a "head table" for the membership meetings instead of simply sitting among the members.
 - A discussion ensued and a vote was taken.
 - The motion passed.

13. The Club's 50/50 drawing was held and the meeting adjourned.