

# Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club

## General Meeting minutes

**May 19, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Longfellow at 7:05 pm after a pot luck supper.

Bill welcomed everyone, 34 members present, one guest and two Forest Service personnel.

Bill asked if everyone had a chance to read the April club meeting minutes. As there were no additions or corrections, motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Lloyd presented the report for April. We had a negative cash flow for April due to the repair cost of the groomer. However, we did receive a final grooming payment in early May for \$4,445. The next-to-last groomer payment of \$11,222 has been made. Motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

**United States Forest Service Report.** Dennis Vincent and Ronnie Day of the USFS were guest speakers for the meeting. They opened by thanking club members for all their volunteer hours in helping to maintain trails. However, there are new rules for assisting the forest service and being covered under their volunteer agreement against legal and medical claims in the case of an accident. Volunteers must pass ATV and chain saw safety courses and wear all appropriate protective gear (Dennis will provide the gear). There must be one designated lead volunteer. Prior notification must be given the USFS as to where the team will be working that day. In fact, there is a new database into which trail conditions are to be delineated. The USFS will try to make Tewksbury, Middle Alder and East Church Creek trails priorities for receiving critical maintenance. It is of great concern that these trails, so close to town, will be ridden by visitors who rent ATVs and are not qualified to navigate these terrible and unsafe conditions. There need to be posts put up to keep novice riders off these trails. There is also consideration being given to adding CPR and First Aide Training to volunteer requirements. Ronnie and Dennis urge the club to apply for grant monies for trail maintenance by contract professionals like Creede is doing with the \$180,000 they received.

**Hiking Report:** The Thiesfelds reported that today's trek was to the Dove Ranch Cow Camp for 6 hikers. The hike was about 3.5 miles. Join in the fun each Tuesday at 9:00 at the visitors center. Bring lunch/snack, water, light rain gear and a friend!

**ATV Report:** Chuck Holton reported. Rides are presently on Mondays along with alternating Friday/ Saturday rides. Some are work rides as there is still trail clearing to do. Yesterday there were 9 machines riding to East Bear. Fun and adventure for all!

**Silverthread Club Clothing:** Barbara reminded everyone that Silverthreader clothing is available. She displayed several items, long and short sleeved tees and sweatshirts. The decals

and embroidery are by Tommy Goetz. Order forms are available. Barbara reminded everyone that the club will pay \$30 (of the total of \$62) for your first club jacket.

**Trash Pick Up :** Harolena thanked everyone who helped out on May 13. A delicious barbequed chicken lunch at the Powellâ€™s was enjoyed by all after the work was done.

**Town Board Meeting:** Bill and other club members attended the recent meeting to respectfully request we be allowed to use the community building for our Potato Bake Fund Raiser on July 9 to coincide with the Kitchen Tour. Although Bill was able to secure the community building for this yearâ€™s event, permission was given grudgingly by the town council for this year only and never to be granted again, even though the money we make goes to the town of South Fork for the childrenâ€™s fishing derby.

**South Fork Childrenâ€™s Fishing Derby:** This is scheduled for June 20, but the club membership voted no to providing the hot dog lunch as we have done in years past. Motion was made and seconded to *not* participate in the derby this year. Motion carried.

**Blue Peaks Fishing Day:** This event for mentally challenged persons will be held on June 22. Joe will notify Blue Peaks staff. For this event, club members will be asked to be volunteers for hot dog lunches, but more importantly to help each resident with fishing. Also, close coordination will be needed to ensure adequate amounts of fishing gear to be lent by club members for the day. Plans will be finalized in June.

**Poker Run:** Volunteers are needed for publicity and to get flyers out ASAP if not sooner. The stage for the event will be Shaw Mesa. We also need some idea of how many participants will be eating at the cookout after the run.

**Kitchen Cleaning:** It is time for the club to again clean the community building kitchen, historically done quarterly. However, this year there is protest because of the way the town council treats with apparent disdain the Silverthreader Clubâ€™s efforts to provide activities for the town of South Fork. This issue will be decided at a later date.

**50-50:** The drawing was won by Lester Wells who donated his half back to the club.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

*Sally Towns, Secretary*

