

Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club of the San Luis Valley  
Minutes from South Fork Community Center

**April 20, 2010--South Fork**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Longfellow after a pot luck supper.

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

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Financial Report: Bill presented the report in Lloyd's absence. The final groomer payment of \$11,000 is due the middle of May. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Grooming: The problem is our trails are not being used as much as others (Willow Park, Tucker Ponds), and it is of concern that as a result, State Parks will cut our allotment of hours. It is hard to keep enough snow on the western side (ie Alder). Parking on Agua Ramon is a problem, and to provide better parking would be on private land and would require additional insurance. The board's decision was to table the discussion until next year.

Club Meetings: May's meeting will be at the community building. Meetings in June, July and August will likely be at Masonic Park Pavilion.

Highway Clean Up: This event is scheduled for May 15. Participants will eat lunch at a local restaurant afterwards. Bill has agreed on the club's behalf to continue this effort for 2 more years.

Hiking: Hikes will be on Mondays at 9:00 at the visitors' center.

ATV Rides: Rides will be on Tuesdays, usually 9:00 at the visitors' center.

Safety Report: Dick spoke to this issue. For ATVs, first take the safety course. Wear protective gear and especially helmets. Two riders on a machine should only be on an official two-up.

ATVs should not be on paved roads. No one under 16 years old should drive a machine. Never ATV while "under the influence". Wear long pants, boots gloves.

Dennis advised that 90% of serious head injuries can be prevented by wearing a helmet. Take an ATV course, along with first aide, CPR, chain saw and trail training courses. Adopt a trail for the club! Dick will coordinate these classes.

FFOF: This award was presented by Philip to Dwayne, and the award will probably now be retired.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Towns

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