

Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club

August 15 ,2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. There were about 46 members present. The meeting was held in Tim and Ellen Boyles' back yard and the club furnished burgers and hot dogs. We all thanked Tim and Ellen for hosting the meeting. We had several new members attending for the first time.

Club directories were handed out to folks who hadn't already received them. We have several new business members for a total of five. The business members are Rocky Mountain Ski and Raft, which also includes Rocky Mountain Beetle Busters, Rainbow, Harding Dental Group, The Malt Shoppe and Doc's Sporting goods. Please patronize these businesses that support our club. Merchandise was also available for a reduced price and members were very gracious and bought \$345 worth of hats, shirts and jackets. Thanks!

There were no minutes to report from the July meeting.

The financial report was given by Bill Longfellow and it was approved.

Hiking report was given by Wayne Moulds, there has been a big interest in the summer hikes. Monday hikes are led by Wayne and Wednesday hikes are led by Doug Knudson. Meet at the visitor center before 9 AM. Some of the recent hikes were along the Continental Divide by Wolf Creek Pass and Tucker Ponds to Alberta Lake.

Five club members hiked to the top of Uncompahgre Peak, a 14,309-ft. mountain near Lake City last Wednesday. They were Tim Boyles, Gary Kissick, Linda Cooper, Wayne and Linda Moulds. Congratulations to all of them.

Terry Riddles gave the ATV report, the fun rides are on Tuesdays and work rides are on Fridays. There will be no ride on Friday, August 18th. The ATV trails are in poor condition and many trees are down. If you see down trees on the trails, please report them to Connie Gillespie or Harry Fluck. We need more folks helping on the trail maintenance. This summer the forest service only hired 2 college students to help with trail maintenance. We worry that trails could be closed if we don't keep helping. Rides on Tuesdays leave from the Visitor Center, Friday rides leave from the Hungry Logger parking lot. 9 AM departure. These rides are for machines 50" or less wide.

Doug Knudson told us about a car tour this Saturday to show where part of the Old Spanish Trail system is found on the east side of the valley. If you are interested Doug has a detailed outline of the day long trip. Contact him if you want more information.

Old Business: George Powell sold the snow groomer to someone from Minnesota. Today they helped load it on a trailer to be hauled off. We are officially out of the snow mobile grooming business and all of the equipment we had has been sold. We thanked George and Harolena for their time and dedication for the work they did. Dennis Shepherd was also a groomer in the earlier days of our grooming and he was also recognized for his help. In all the club groomed snowmobile trails from 2001-2016.

New Business: Dennis Shepherd announced that the children's hikes are over for the summer. There will be a Cowboy Cookout on September 10th up near Shaw Mesa. If the weather is bad that day our alternate date is September 17th. These take place in the afternoon; each person brings the meat they want to cook and a dish to share. Bring your own plates, silverware and chairs. More information will follow for directions, time etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thiesfeld