

Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club Minutes

General meeting Masonic Pavilion

July 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Longfellow at 7:10 pm after a pot luck supper.

Bill welcomed everyone, 41 members present, 5 guests including 2 Forest Service officers.

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

Financial Report: Lloyd gave the report. Although there was a net loss for June, the club is overall in good financial shape to tackle the upcoming grooming season. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

July 4th Parade: Bill thanked all the club members who decorated ATVs and participated in the parade. A good time was had by all!

Potato Bake: Bill did not have the final tally for funds raised at the Potato Bake on July 9, but the club did make money on the event.

Hiking Report: Dennis Shepherd gave the report. Earlier today the group of 17 hiked Alberta Peak. For this coming Tuesday's lengthy hike to Del Norte Peak, meet early at the Visitors Center at 8:00. Join in the fun each Tuesday at 9:00 (usually) at the Visitors Center. Bring lunch/snack, water, light rain gear and a friend.

ATV Report: Chuck reported last week's ride was to 4UR. Yesterday the group rode to Rat Creek and the scenery was gorgeous. On Mondays, meet at the Visitors Center at 9:00. Fun and adventure for all!

Connie informed the group there will be a ride to American Basin August 7 to view the incredible wild flowers. The ride will also include Cinnamon and Engineer passes (Bill subsequently sent an email stating the ride has been moved up to Friday July 31).

Silverthreader Clothing Items: Barbara has a list of all items in stock including tee shirts, polos, hats. She has order forms, also. She reminded folks the club will subsidize part of the cost of a member's first club jacket.

Old Business: The Poker Run will take place July 25. If you haven't signed up already, Joe has registration forms. There will likely be 60-70 machines. Bill has the required permit. Riders meet at Shaw Mesa at 10:00 am, food crew at 1:00 pm.

Ken reported on a recent ride to Tewksbury including much improved trail conditions. Barbara handed out the latest Club Membership Directory to those who did not already have one.

Dwayne reported on 2 visiting ATV riders on 1 machine who were warned a ride would be rough and not recommended for their non-4 wheel drive ATV. Problems were encountered with side hills and brakes. At one point Dwayne hollered "œjump"•

when they looked to be in serious trouble. The trip ended with everyone safe. Club members must be vigilant about visiting, perhaps inexperienced, guests.

Cowboy Cookout: There were 38 attendees at the 1st Cowboy Cookout on June 28th. The next one will be on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 on August 9. The site will be Pool Table Mountain, exact location to be announced. Bring what ever meat you want to grill and a side dish to share.

New Business: Lloyd requests more photos be taken on ATV trips.

Dennis Shepherd reminds ATVs to stay on designated trails. He has noted that on the last 2 rides he observed riders going around rough spots. Riders should stay on the trail as long as it is safe.

Dennis Vincent of the USFS presented Bill and Philip with certificates for successfully completing the Chainsaw Safety Course. Those interested in future courses should contact Dennis. He also reminds ATV riders to put safety first: recently both riders on a 2-up on Lost Creek Trail had to be life-flighted out after a bad accident.

Bill read a thank you note from the Jaycoâ€™s for the friendship shown to them by club members.

Helping Hand Award: Gary made a wooden box to hold the award statue, and this quarter it was presented to Joe Degrado.

50-50: The drawing was won by a young guest, a total of \$32.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Towns, Secretary