

Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club Minutes

General meeting Masonic Pavilion

August 18, 2009

The Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club met for its monthly meeting at the Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. Approximately 30 members were present. Following the Pot Luck dinner, the meeting was called to order by President Bill Longfellow at 7:05 P.M.

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President Longfellow asked if there were corrections or additions to the July minutes which were posted online. Having no changes, a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Lloyd Thiesfeld. He reported net income for July was \$952. The Potato Bake in July netted a profit of \$362.00 and the Poker Run netted \$534.00. Expenses for the Poker Run included \$110.00 permit fee for the Forest Service of which \$44.00 goes to the local Forest Service District, and \$430.00 paid for the winning Poker Riders. 85 people participated in the Run. Thanks were extended to Elizabeth, Joe, George, Bill and all the other Club members who assisted in these fundraisers.

An update on Joe DeGrado was given by Gary Goetz. Joe is home after his surgery, but is experiencing pain. Prayer was requested for him. It was suggested that members send cards.

The President's Report: The Grooming Grant is in. It was filed electronically this year. Additionally, Bill stated that the Forest Service had requested the Club's help with placing new trail signs this fall. Bill also mentioned that all the Club members who helped with the fundraisers this summer should be commended.

The Hiking Report was given by Dennis Shepherd. He stated that 23 hikers participated today on the Camel Mountain trail. It was a long and difficult hike. The next hike will be back on the 9:00 schedule.

The ATV Report was given by Chuck Holton. Chuck reported that rides have been good and well attended. Recently, the Club rode to Boot Mountain and Grayback. The next ride will be to Rio Grande Reservoir by Stony Pass. Meet at 8:30 on Friday at the Community Building.

The Club Merchandise/Clothing Report was given by Barbara Thiesfeld.

She stated that Harlena Powell had met with her to discuss new Club flags that will be made soon. Other shirts and hats, etc. are available on request. Free Membership directories are still available too. Contact Barbara if you need any items.

Old Business:

Tommy Goetz reported that visitors had problems on the Rio Grande River and were helped by Club members. They later talked with the Forest Service who had only good things to say about the Club and how they work on the trails.

Barbara Thiesfeld and Gary Goetz also remarked on comments made by people at the Poker Run regarding the trails and how clean they were.

New Business:

September will be the month that Club dues become due again. Additionally, we will be trying to contact members who have stopped coming for one reason or another.

George Powell reported on conversations he's had with other Clubs regarding the Lost and Ruby (Fern Creek) trail closings. They were originally supposed to be closed for reworking this summer, but as yet they haven't been done. Now it looks like it may begin during hunting season or later.

Election of Club Officers will be coming up in October. Three positions will be open. Vice President, Treasurer, and one Board Member will be needed. If you would like to retain your office or if you would be interested in being on the Nomination Committee, please let Bill know. Dennis Shepherd commented on a new trail to be opened on private land near Castle Rock and Elk Trail. More details will be given later.

The Fifty-Fifty drawing of \$19.00 was won by John and Rose who generously donated their share back to the Club.

The next meeting will be on September 15, 2009 at the Community Building in South Fork. Having no further business to discuss, a motion and seconded was made to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sandy Riddles