

Silverthread Outdoor Recreation Club and Silverthreaders Club  
Minutes for May 20, 2014 at South Fork Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President, George Powell. A Pot Luck Meal was enjoyed before the meeting by 31 members. We had one guest, Erik (Mary and Dennis Shepherd's grandson).

The April Minutes and Financial Report by Lloyd Thiesfeld were approved.

President's Report:

- ATV Grant Letter

We received a letter from the Colorado State Parks. Evidently, we made three mistakes: 1) grant application 2) grant approval 3) not returning the grant. The Colorado State Parks does not approve of our purchases, waited too long to make a complaint, and now wants a full refund. We are working with them to make it right; if not, we have to return the \$15,000. The Colorado State Parks claim one ATV had prior ownership by the president, and the other one had a blade and chrome wheels which does not meet their specifications. When the two ATVs with dump beds were requested two years prior, the cost was \$7,500 each. By the time we received the \$15,000 grant money two years later, the prices had increased to \$10,000 each. We have finally gotten a response after 5 days of waiting on communication and will work with Colorado State Parks to come to a resolution. We're not sure if we will apply for another grant.

New Business:

- We need to decide on what month we will host the Community Pot Luck. Harolena Powell suggested a Fall month—possibly September. Harolena does a great job with interior décor.

Hiking Report:

- We have started our summer schedule. We meet at 9AM at the Visitors Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Wayne Moulds, Dennis Shepherd, and Doug Knutson are heading the hikes. Doug reported a total of 19 hikers yesterday. 6 hikers explored new territory today at Schrader Creek—unvisited by any of us until this trip.

ATV Report:

- We had a ride today--No one got lost. We unloaded at Hells Gate at LaGarita and rode to Poso and Raspberry with a total of 41 miles.
- With two work days on trails, we have a total of 68 hours. Hikers that work on trails need to report work hours to George. The hours do add up!
- We will have an ATV work day on Friday at Poole Table to pick up snowmobile trail marker poles. We will have a hot dog cookout for lunch. Bring your own drinks and something to share to go with the hotdogs.
- The Forest Service is opening trail gates today.

Barbara's Merchandise:

- Merchandise is on sale! We have T-shirts, caps, and other items that can be used to advertise our club. Barbara Thiesfeld and Tommy Goetz are working on colorful shirts to jazz up the summer.

Aspen Ridge RV Park Booth:

- \$20 per booth on July 11 and 12
- Great way to advertize our club

Meeting Locations:

- Our June meeting will be at the South Fork Community Center.
- We pay \$200 per year for the South Fork Community Center.
- The July meeting will be a special deal. Thanks to Wayne and Linda Moulds, we will meet at Alder Creek Station for a meeting and a meal. We could have a Cowboy Cookout where everyone brings their own meat. We will also have one or two hikes from there.
- Our August meeting will be hosted by Dwayne and Edna Powers.

Other Business:

- Directories are available. Directories were passed out to those that hadn't received one.
- Pay your membership dues at this time.

The 50/50 was won by Dwayne Powers. The meeting was adjourned.

Margie Patterson,  
Secretary