



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday February 15th, 2006

Meeting called to order by Jason Kawaja.

Members in attendance:

Jason Kawaja, President

Jennifer Hawkins, Vice President

Russ Hawkins, Membership Director

Dan Stewart, Southwest Regional Director

Jennifer reported that there is \$5,366.51 in the account. Deposits include \$1105 from membership dues and \$1500 from raffle proceeds from the campout. A withdrawal for \$395 was for reimbursement to the Ocala Jeep Club for the cost of the meet for the campout.

Jason and Ray Woo have been preparing a letter of appeal to the “concentrated use” and “closed unless open” decision. The requested that Carla Boucher (legislative advocate for U4WDA) read through it and gives an opinion for corrections. The deadline for appeals is March 3rd, 2006.

The Board decided to read through private threads on the forum and make them public after censoring if the thread is beneficial to the club.

Dan volunteered to do more research on RTP (Recreational Trails Program). RTP is guaranteed money from the Federal Government for outdoor recreation. A percentage of the money goes to motorized recreation. Jennifer noted that we need to be thinking about filing legal injunctions against any group or organization that attempts to take money and not provide access to all users. Dan is going to check out all of the details and find out how the money is delegated and how to request funds.

Jennifer motioned to nominate Dawn Taylor from Ocala Jeep Club to be the new secretary of the club. The motion carried. Dawn is also serving as the secretary for Ocala Jeep Club.

Jason wants to schedule more events such as cleanups and trail rides. Jennifer mentioned wanting to have a Show-N-Shine, Campout, and Ride in one weekend somewhere south of Orlando in either May or September.

There will be an OHV meeting in Ocala from May 1st-4th. RTP and the Schmidt Act are just some of the topics being discussed. The members of the Board will be in attendance.

Dan is attempting to get an interview with the local FOX news channel to clear up the bad name of the ORV crowd. There was an interview stating that ORVs are using and abusing the land which had basically labeled ORVs as "bad apples." Dan is also trying to get an interview with his local County Commissioner who also appeared in the initial interview stating that he is looking for land for all ORV folks to have access to. Dan wants to ask him about the Hendry County OHV Park as well as the recommendation letter situation.

Meeting called to a close at 10:18pm.