



FL4WDA Board of Director's Net Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2007

Roll Call:

- Jason Kawaja, President
 - Jennifer Hawkins, Treasurer
 - Dawn Taylor, Secretary
 - Bryan Crain, New Vice President
 - Brandi Crain, New Regional Director
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- Meeting called to order by Jason at 9pm.
 - Previous meeting was held over Martin Luther King Weekend at Lake Ocklawaha in January.
 - Jason reported that the documents page of our website is updated with current information that he and Jenn have been working on.
 - Current focus is on issues regarding a ranger from the Apalachicola National Forest. A letter was sent to ANF regarding the roles of Law Enforcement Officers and Rangers and to address the issues regarding said ranger. Jason stated that he did not get a sufficient response and plans to follow up with Paul Jernigan. ANF is the only Florida NF that has not responded to our route proposal.
 - Dawn mentioned that some of the Ocala Jeep Club folks have been issued tickets and citations for parking in a no-parking spot when signs were not very visible and another for "mud bogging" in a campground over in Croom. Some individuals are taking their cases to court. Jason added that if FL4WDA's involvement is wanted, leadership from the clubs need to contact a FL4WDA Board Member.
 - Jason reported that all three national forests in Florida are doing an inventory of trails to designate recreation and access. Ocala is half finished, Osceola has about a quarter finished, and Apalachicola is just starting.
 - With the route proposals, FL4WDA is suggesting a reasonable amount of 4x4 opportunities to include a legal route system that is similar to ATV access and obstacles. The plan is for certain clubs to adopt-a-trail of this system in order to eliminate the need for fees.

- The proposed route system for Ocala is expected to be seen in the proposed alternative map to the public for comments.
- Jason is meeting with the head ranger, Ivan Green of the Osceola NF on Wednesday. See notes from this meeting on the website.
- Brian and Brandi reported that their club, Treasure Coast, is putting in some volunteer hours and doing some fundraising.
- Dawn relayed on that the Ocala Jeep Club expressed an interest in receiving updates via email from the FS regarding changes in the forest so that everyone is aware and avoids problems. Jason responded that Bret and Rick are supposed to be sending these updates to Jason and Jason, in turn, would relay that information via our website. Jason stated that Bret set up a special position titled "4x4 Liaison" to deal with these issues but is unaware of who this person is or if it's a position that is currently available.
- We are in need of an Environmental Affairs Director and a Central Florida Regional Director.
- Dawn plans to attend The Orlando Jeep Club's Show-N-Shine again this year.
- The next FL4WDA Board Meeting is scheduled for 9am on the Saturday of the Spring Scramble.
- Meeting adjourned at 10pm.