

EASTERN SIERRA 4WD CLUB

Meeting Minutes – June 2010

Date: June 9, 2010

Location: BLM Conference Room

Chair: Renn Everhart, Club President

Welcome Members and Guests:

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Renn Everhart. The previous month's minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is \$817.10 showing an increase due to club membership renewals.

Correspondence:

Parade entry form arrived. Parade starts at 1100 – 4th of July is on Sunday this year. Line up by 1000. Meet at 0900 at post office for dressing of the vehicles. Sherrie will be heading up the parade and discussed use of a previous year's parade "script."

Committee Reports:

Historian: No report.

Membership: Sherrie checking to see if all current member. The final count is pending but approximately 32 members are active as of meeting time.

Land Use: Nothing to report in Inyo County. Greg mentioned that Death Valley NP is in the planning process of more environmental/closure strategies. On another issue the Cal4Wheel drive association and the Off Road manufacturers lobby differ in their positions on recent Wilderness propositions that are in the planning process.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Safety: Mike Johnston– the California Association of 4WD Clubs Inc. ("Cal4Wheel") Safety Rules has been updated with respect to spare tires and parking brakes. The updates state that spare tires must be within 3" of other tires. And tires 37" or larger must have run-flats or tools to repair/re-inflate the tire. Also vehicles must be equipped with emergency brakes, parking brakes, line-lock or other redundant braking system.

John McVicker received "The Wrench" for using a large boulder to involuntarily dislodging right rear fender flare on his Land Cruiser during the Casa Diablo run.

Web: Kurt reported that the Club web calendar, home page was updated. He also noted that recent trip reports were added, as well as GPS tracks, and photographs from the last run.

Old Business:

Truman Meadows – Mike reported a great run. The Club was finally able to avoid the snow. The Club has been trying to get to these locations all winter. The group also traveled to Blind Hill Springs and over the top of Casa Diablo – three runs in one.

May Marathon – Earl, Greg, Jon, and Phil participated. Weather was great. Some of our members did double duty as they are also members of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club (BARC). Snow was still present in the higher elevations.

Corporation papers – Renn is still working on the paperwork. The Club needs to file and pay for the Corporation paperwork under the old Club name. Once all penalties are paid we file an addendum to officially change the Club name to our current ES4WDC moniker.

USFS project for Coyote Area Rehab – we inspected the bridge components on Saturday. Based on observations the bridge is heavy duty and will last a long time. We suggested to USFS that old bridge be reused maybe down by Onion Creek. Late August or early September will be time frame for construction. Greg mentioned that there is a need to install road identification signs in the Coyote area.

New Business:

Rich Williams (The Club's BLM contact) – Rich explained grant funds that were recently awarded locally and the associated projects. Friends of Inyo were awarded OHV grants in the amount of \$600,000. We are eligible to submit grant next May. Workshops are offered prior to grant process to understand the grant process. Travel and Lodging are the responsibility of the attendee. There is no maximum limit for restoration work. There is \$27 million available Statewide for the OHV process. Kyle from Chalfant (OHV guest) handed out maps that show Chalfant and plans/modification for OHV trails and abandonment in that area and in Hammil Valley. Brian (OHV guest) – He is working with Rich and evaluating north/south access to the State line on the east side of the Owen's Valley. Brian's organization would like to connect route from Queen's Canyon to Poleta. Kyle and Brian represent the Chalfant Land Stewardship. The CLS has been active for three years and spent two years constructing a mission and vision statement.

Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary):

We elected to have Mike Johnston as the new Club President for 2010-2011.

Sherrie Skare was voted into the position of Vice President.

Sherrie also volunteered, and was confirmed by vote, to remain in the position of Treasurer.

Kurt was voted in as Secretary.

Volunteers stepped up for non-officer positions:

Mike Conley volunteered the **Safety Officer** position.

Phil Hartz volunteered to be the **Historian**

Greg Weirick will remain in the **Land Use** position.

Kurt will remain as the Club's **website** contact.

Trip Reminders:

June 26 – Adopt-A-Highway clean-up followed by run to Mazourka Peak – led by Kurt

July 4th – Parade led by Sherrie, followed by run to McGee led by Kurt

July 18th - Trip to Cero Gordo – Larry leading. Meet at 0800 at Big Pine Chevron.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kurt Weiermann

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