

WHITE MOUNTAIN OPEN TRAILS ASSOCIATION, INC.
September General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: 14 September 2017

Call to Order and Welcome:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Dyer. Present were President Jack Dyer, Vice President John Taylor, Treasurer Karen Smith, and Ride Coordinator Roger Held. Absent were Dawn Brady, Judy Koski and Wendy Call.

Secretary's report:

- Approval of August meeting minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August meeting. All ayes and no nays.

Treasurer's Report:

- Karen Smith provided the Treasurer's report, which will be posted on our website

Membership:

- Judy Koski is out of town – no report
- One new member, Bill Marshall, was introduced. He's from Michigan.

September Camp & Ride

- 56 mile ride will be led by Drozdowicz
- Saturday, September 29th
- Camp & ride site about 1.5 miles from the end of 273 on 429

Nancy and Ken provided an overview of the September Camp & Ride. They've created a handout with directions and a schedule of rides and other events, which was handed out and which will be posted to the Club's web site tonight. The ride will depart the campsite at 9:30, am after a breakfast for all club members being arranged by Karen and Jerry Smith.

Revision of Bylaws –

Jack spoke briefly about the new bylaws being proposed tonight. He said the main changes would:

- Reduce the elected positions from eight to four: President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. This *Executive Committee* is in place already, and the current Bylaws give this committee the authority to take actions independently of other board members between meetings.
 - By reducing the number of people who must run for election, we hope to make it easier for members to serve in the now-appointed board positions. The current board voted unanimously to approve the changes.
- The second major change places new emphasis on the maintenance and expansion of the Maverick Trail, which wasn't even mentioned in the previous Bylaws:
 - The proposed Bylaws create two new positions for Maverick Trail Coordinators (East and West) who will be our liaison with the Forest Service and other agencies on all trail matters
 - The new Bylaws also establish the clear goal of extending the Maverick Trail to Springerville/Eagar and to Heber.
- Since the proposed Bylaws were posted to the website a week ago, several people have submitted suggestions changes. These will be considered in a "clean-up" action similar to the way the Arizona legislature makes corrections to bills they've already passed. The board will review those and will submit appropriate changes to a vote of the members at a future meeting.

A question arose regarding the possibility of a tie vote with only 4 voting Executive Committee members. One association member suggested there should be five on the Executive Committee to prevent ties. Jack made the following points:

1. Under the new Bylaws, three votes are required to pass any measure.
2. If we can't get three votes of the board then the Club probably shouldn't be doing whatever it was anyway.

John Taylor said the four-member executive committee was already in existence, and that three members were already needed to pass something. Jerry Smith then pointed out that if we had 5 voting members, it would still take 3 votes to pass a measure, so really there is no difference between a four-member EC and one with five members, except that with five we would need to find one more person willing to run for office.

With 28 members present, which meets quorum requirements, it was moved and seconded that we approve the new Bylaws. A vote was then taken. The measure passed unanimously.

Other Business:

August Ride - Thanks to The Dudleys.

The August ride had great reviews from everyone and Jack expressed the Club's thanks to the Steve and Lila Dudley, who coordinated and led the ride.

Map Project Update:

Maurice Colwell provide a brief update on the status of map project. There is a meeting scheduled for next Thursday or Friday to approved the final proof.

Fish and Game: Not Present

Forest Service: Not Present

Slime: The representative of the Slime tire accessory company announced that he would be available to install free Slime in member's tires and that he'd also available to support WMOTA. He brought tire repair kits and tire pressure gauges to give out.

Nominating committee: In August, our Vice President, acting in the absence of the President (who was out of the country) appointed Jerry Smith to head a nominating committee for our fall election. Jerry asked Maurice Colwell to join him, and as of this meeting they now know their task will be to nominate only a President and Secretary since the Vice President and Treasurer each have one year left on their terms of office. Members who would like to volunteer for these positions are encouraged to contact Jerry or Maurice. Nominations close October 1, 2017.

No other corporate sponsors were present.

New Business:

Upcoming Events:

Fall Festival Support

- Nights of September 21st through September 23rd - Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights. The Club gets \$750 for our support of this event.

Still looking for two members to help with this activity for which the Club gets a \$750 donation. New member Bill Marshall volunteered. Karen Smith now only needs one more person to serve a shift Friday morning from 2:00 am to 6:00 am.

Tour of the White Mountains Support

- Equestrian Center in Pinetop - Friday, October 6th and Saturday, October 7th
Sister organization Tracks now has enough volunteers for this, but if you like to participate let Nick Lund know. WMOTA get a modest donation for encouraging its members to volunteer, and this supports a group with the same open trails agenda as ours.

October Meeting: At this meeting we will hear from the candidates for President and Secretary. The vote will then be taken by email to allow all members to vote, and not just those who can make the October meeting. October 12th Show Low Café. 5:00 pm social and dinner; 6:00 pm meeting.

October Ride will be Saturday, October 21st. Possibly a lunch ride to Taylor. More information to follow.

It was then moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. President Dyer called for a vote, which was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

John Taylor
Vice President

