



DMFWDC Meeting Minutes

Thursday 16 Feb 2023



Location: Desert Lakes Golf Course 19th Hole Restaurant.

OPENING:

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: 10 people attended the meeting

Welcome New Guest: Richard Paulus, a previous club member from way back renewed his membership

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Previous minutes were sent out via email and approved at the meeting

REPORTS:

Vice President: Happy to be part of such a fine Executive Counsel

Financial: Mike briefed the financials and talked about re-opening a bank account to keep track of the money and to have a debit card to make purchase with i.e. Door prizes. Nothing was finalized on this and we will bring it up again in the future.

Trip Report:

23 Jan 2023 - We did a trip into Rattle Snake to work on the new hard trail, four people showed up; Al, Dale, Brian and Matt. We did manage to get the climb portion of the trail all trimmed out just need to find and trim a way back into the arroyo.

27 Jan 2023 – This was an unscheduled trip into Coyote Canyon to do some scouting and required maintenance on the Jack & Willey. Mike, Brian and Matt made the trip and after hours of rock stacking and trimming the trail was ready for the scheduled run.

31 Jan 2023 – This was the scheduled run of the Jack and Willey trail. We had a good turnout, 11 rigs in all. Attendance; Brian, Mike, Glenn and Lois, Bill and Margie, Al and Linda, Robert, Jack and his son Jesse and his wife and son, Bill F. and Mitchell new to group. Ride went pretty well, had a few sketchy episodes with the ATVs, wheel base was too short for this type of trail, and Glenn and Lois cut a sidewall. All in all a great day with perfect weather.

Face Book Membership:

New Members:

3 new members joined us; Logan Norris, Sam Vigil, and Anthony Trout

Declined Applicants:

Declined 5 requests, most did not answer the questions or agree to the rules; some were from a foreign country with a very weak profile.

Notable Events:

20 Jan - added the buy sell feature to the group page

22 Jan - Our Face Book Group went from a public page which anyone could look at and comment on to a private page. Now you have to be a member to view the page.

29 Jan - Reviewed membership for activity determined only 83% of the people on the page were actually looking at anything.

3 Feb - removed about 30 people who were inactive on the page based on recent activity

You Tube Info:**Subscribers:**

258 subscribers; we had 3007 views in the past 28 days.

Most viewed:

Bill's Toyota FJ Cruiser short, with over 15,437 views.

Most commented on:

Cherokee XJ 7+ Rated Climb short, with 16 comments

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None noted

NEW BUSINESS:

Club Organization: Talked about and asked how organized we want to be as a club, do we want By-Laws? This was put to a vote and it was decided we would organize further to include having By-Laws.

New Forms: New forms were handed out to members present and everyone enthusiastically filled them out and returned them. Forms included: New Member Checklist, Membership Application, Waiver and Release of Liability, and Video Release Form. Provided copies of trail ratings and tread lightly documents to members to keep.

New Member Welcome Pack: I brought up the idea of a welcome pack and discussed what it would contain. We voted on the items that would cost the club money and it was decided that one sticker and one patch would be part of the package.

Emergency Contact List: I spoke to why we need the emergency contact list, (just in case someone is hurt and incapacitated so we can contact a relative or friend to let them know.) Most of us are getting older and it takes less for something to happen.

Email Addresses: Not sure if I mentioned this but I have just about everyone's email address now, thanks for getting back to me. Email will be used to send out meeting minutes, agendas, information and any changes in events.

Trail Leader Package: I explained what the trail leader package would consist of and why it was needed. Showed a sample of the one I made up and discussed buying the clipboard case for the other Trail Leader packages. This was not really finalized as to whether the club would purchase the cases or not. I feel we need a total of 3 more the case is \$20 dollars at Staples. Mike mentioned he had a container he could use. Need to vote on this next meeting.

Open Discussion:

We actually had a good open discussion with more input than usual and I just want to say thanks before I get into it.

- Concerning having a bank account, it was brought up about being a non-profit and the IRS/Government, taxes and what have you, concern was brought to the attention of the club about the government getting into our business. It was suggested we get with a Tax person to see if we can qualify as non-profit/tax exempt to keep things legal. The overall feeling I got from the attending members is that we are so small and our funds are so little that we shouldn't worry about it at this point. If we grow to be a larger club and moneys increase significantly we can readdress this.
- Also brought up; the videos on You Tube are well liked and the video guy was thanked for his effort.
- Communication during the runs was discussed and what type of radio would be best to have on trail runs. The CB was the old preferred radio back in the day but most groups are moving towards the GMRS radio. This radio provides features the CB does not and it has a better range, you can get it in a hand held unit or mounted in your vehicle. If you are purchasing a new radio I would suggest you get the GMRS. If you're the only person with a CB on the trail it's not going to do you any good. There is a license required for the GMRS radio, it's just a matter of registering on the FCC web site and giving them some money. It was 35 dollars when I registered mine.
- Also brought up was some trail safety suggestions. It was brought up that it would be a good idea when on the trail that you can always see the person behind you so that everyone stays together and if anything happens we don't get separated. This is a good idea and is part of the Trail Rules in the new By-Laws.
- Speaking of the By-Laws, they are written and will be reviewed by the executive council (EC), when the EC has approved them they will be emailed to the membership for review and comment. These By-Laws were derived from what we had previously and 10 other clubs by-laws. I tried to take the information that would apply to us and bring us in line with the current by-laws for off-road clubs; there were some big differences between clubs so I took what should work best for us being a small club. Oh, and be forewarned, it's ten pages long.

Runs Scheduled:

I almost forgot to schedule this month's runs with all the other stuff going on, but fear not we have three on the books. **REMINDER:** Everyone on the runs must have a Waiver and Release of Liability form and a Video Release form filled out, signed, and returned to the Club before they can participate in the run. We will have blank copies with us just in case you didn't get it done at the meeting.

- 25 Feb 23 – Easy run to Oro Grande meet at the Dog Canyon weigh station on Hwy 54 south of Alamogordo at 10:00am. It's a run what you bring, so 4x4s and SxSs are welcome to come out for this one.
- 4 Mar 23 – Another pretty easy run doing Upper Coyote Canyon this is also open to 4x4s or SxSs. We will meet at the Y in Tularosa at 10:00am
- 18 Mar 23 – This one will be in Rattle Snake Canyon with the primary run doing the new hard trail. This is probably a 6 or 7 as far as rating so if you're locked and have 35s you could attempt it. That being said

you do not have to run the trail it goes up and out of the canyon then will come back in so you can come out and watch then we can run up Rattle Snake for some fun.

DOOR PRIZE:

OOPs, we forgot to bring the door prize for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.

Note: The meeting may be back on its normal time and location for next month.