

ALASKA EXTREME 4x4 MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2004
7:00PM @ MULDOON PIZZA

OFFICER'S IN ATTENDANCE: Dan Lance-President, Kurt Hala- Vice President, Scott Hala-Treasurer/Membership Coordinator, Carrie Lance-Secretary, Corey Menzel-Seargent At Arms

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Arieno, Jay and Stephanie Bird, Jeremiah Dahlen, Beau and Rhonda Flowers, Jerry Hermann, Al Hofler & Stacey Hofler, Kyle and Letitia Jones, Robert Ludwig, Noah Miller

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Nate Berger, Wesley Dietrich, Gus Gustafson ,Amy Hoyle, Brian Ireland, Stephanie Jasper, Andrew Kahler, Jeff McAllister, Jessyka McAllister, Theron Peplow

If you did not sign in at the meeting, your name will not appear here

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm

Dan Lance said we will try this new meeting place and see how it goes.

Dan Lance asked for introductions of any new faces. Andrew has 2000 Cherokee Sport with 5" lift, A Ford Explorer on 36s and is building a 1 ton Bronco II. Theron has a 1989 suburban on 33s and plans to do more to it.

Dan asked how everyone's weekend was. "It was hot and is going well!" was the general consensus. People discussed how the recent runs went. Sheep Creek was dusty!, No one was present who had been on the Hick's run, and the Craegie creek run was lots of fun!

Scott Hala did a treasury report. The club had one minor expense, \$15 for the processing fee of incorporation. The money for T-shirts and the deposit from the fairgrounds have been deposited. The total balance is \$1186.38. There are currently 28 members and 8 associate members.

Nate Berger is interested in becoming an associate member (he is now 18). No one had any objections, Nate will pay his dues and become an associate member.

A couple of the members have gone to trail meetings about the trails we run. They did an overview of what they have heard at these meetings.

*Eska Creek Falls- the borough has applied to the state for an easement on the trail for motorized and non motorized use. The Sutton Trails Committee is wanting to shut the trail down to motorized use- they would rather shut it down than see it fixed. They are concerned about the last 2 ½ miles. They are worried about the continuous bypassing.

*Rippie Trail(Jim Swan Lake)- Robert Howard wants immediate emergency closure to motorized use. Some of the Butte local community voiced strong opposition to his suggestion. There was very definitely two sides to this discussion. One group wants to be able to shoot and drive while one wants to be able to walk and ride horses only.

This is a fairly remote area. There is also a group that calls themselves the Trustees of Alaska. They are a group of lawyers that are investigating the legal aspects of closing this trail down, which they are in support of. The State Troopers cannot enforce the DNR rules made about these areas. DNR would like to see the Jim Creek area be given special use only status, which would give them the power to make shooting and burning vehicles in that area illegal in this area. However there is no money or resources to enforce any laws that may go into effect.

*Permanente needs brush cleared badly. The Mat Su trails council is looking at trying to get a 2005 recreational trails grant to finish the surveying of the area so the easements can be established, so that future grants can be obtained for trail maintenance in the area. The club is going to brush it at the end of September.

*Scott has a petition to pass around about keeping the trail at Jim Creek open.

*Wishbone Lake Trail-the bridge near the trail head needs rebuilt-the club has discussed trying to get a 2005 grant to have the money to buy supplies to redeck it, if we can't get a grant, then we would look into donations of supplies from local area businesses, and then club funds as a last resort. Dan Lance and Scott Hala would like to set up a committee to work on the grant paperwork. See Scott Hala if you are interested.

Jay just got contact info on the Tudor Road illegal wheeling issue. At the Tudor Rd. curve people are driving off the road and wheeling in the bog. If you see anyone please try to discourage them.

Dave Arieno has talked to Pat Brown about the Christmas party being on base again. Dave let him know that we will need to have easier access for all club members this year though. Pat said he will work on that.

Dan Lance asked if there were any questions on the grants or the trail meetings.

Dan Lance talked about the junk vehicle recovery on Church Rd. He has received approval for the club to go get them out as well as the information on who to call to tow them. Dan wondered about next weekend? A date will be decided later.

Scott Hala motioned for us to form a Meet and Greet 2005 committee now. He asked for interested people. The following people expressed an interest in being involved: Jeff, Stacey, Kurt, Noah, Stephanie B., Stephanie J., Brent, John Dahlen (Jeremiah said his Dad is interested) Stephanie B. asked that there be minutes taken and sent out after every meeting and volunteered to do so with Stephanie J. doing so in her absence. Stephanie J. has been meeting with the lawyer that helps the Motocross club. She wants to get the donation letter done by October and sent out in November.

The run this weekend is to Purchase. It will be the 2nd day of hunting season. Dan will be the trail boss and Jay will be the tail gunner. Meet at the Williams in Muldoon @ 9:00am. Theron would like to ride along if anyone has an extra seat.

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Lance at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting: September 3, 2004 @ 7:00pm @ Valley Street Park

meeting minutes by Carrie L. Lance, secretary

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