

**Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club, Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

February 23, 2012

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club, Inc., meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm at the Joker's Wild Restaurant, Missoula, MT, February 23, 2012. by president Willie Worthy

Members present: Curtis Evelo, Larry Garrison, Derek Emerson and Kristina, Pete and Karen Elmer, Paul Schaller, Bruce Erickson, Willie and Jeanne Worthy, Mark Pickles, Dick and Sue Riebe, Dave and Karen Knapp and children, and guests Jason and brother Jordan Summerfield, Chad Tomlinson and son William, Steve Settle from Big Sky Four Wheelers, and Lonnie Labbe.

Club received an email a couple of weeks ago from Divide Ride Chairperson Richard Hiltz that the Divide Ride will be held in Whitehall July 24-29. Contact him at [c2tsales@mtnet.net](mailto:c2tsales@mtnet.net).

A member had brought up the possibility of using the Wheat Montana at Muralt's meeting room. Discussion was that it was too small. If anyone has any other ideas of where to meet, please let Willie know.

Discussion of dues structure change to \$10 from \$20....consensus was to leave dues at \$20 and possibly donate some money.

The club web site was down for a couple of days, server had said we hadn't paid domain name. Jeanne spent several hours getting it back on line after their mistake.

Willie will contact Joe Lorenzo for checks to cover web site hosting of \$53.55 and \$15.00 for state incorporation fee, both of which have been paid.

Willie and Jeanne's book 4x4 Routes of Western Montana is finally done and there are copies available for purchase at 20 bucks. The book exchange at Tremper's Shopping Center also has it and the price there is \$22.45 I think that the U of M book store and Fact and Fiction are selling it for 24.95. More places will carry it once they get an ISBN.

Steve Settle is liaison with Forest Service for Big Sky Four Wheelers and they're doing the final environmental impact study for the Blacktail/Wild Bill Trail out of Lakeside. Go to the Flathead National Forest web site, then to NEPA projects, and then to Blacktail/Wildbill to comment during this final 30 day comment period.

Steve has also been talking to Andrew Johnson, a FS coordinator, about Plum Creek selling off properties to keep FS access open, as new owners have been closing roads that were FS access. Plum Creek is looking for maintenance projects with user groups. Montana Back Roads should also have a FS liaison....Dick would be a good person.

Steve also presented info on the Foy's Lake to Blacktail route. A private group has purchased property segments of this for hiking or mountain bikes.

A map of the Blacktail/Wild Bill trail is on the Flathead National Forest web site as a PDF file that can be downloaded and printed, as well as posted at the trail head.

Next meeting will be **APRIL 19**, Thursday, and the speaker will be from Animeals, the Missoula food bank for animals.

Dick reported that the Montana 4x4 Association convention will be held in April in either Billings or Butte. All officers will be re-nominated. There will be a 4xForum out soon with more information.

Willie will plan summer trips to Melrose/Dillon area, where there are new trails and mining remains. Other members can plan local trips with no excuses of "I don't know where to go"

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Willie presented slide program on four wheeling in the 1960-70s.