

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club, Inc.
Minutes, May 9, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Willie Worthy at 6:45 pm at Joker's Wild Restaurant in Missoula.

Members present: Steve and Deidre Slagle, Willie and Jeanne Worthy, Jay Schweitzer, Jason Summerfield, Derek Emerson, and Bruce Erickson, with guests Rich Hood, Owen Hood, Leroy Brown, Lonnie Labbe, Matt Heisler, Ashley Jamarron, and Joseph Colasanti.

Willie had everyone introduce themselves, tell what they drive, and where they work.

Rich had done research on where else to meet: Perkins Restaurant on Reserve holds 30-35 (about the same as Joker's Wild), room at Broadway Inn holds 40-50, Westside Lanes' room is bigger yet. Thanks much for his input and for finding out contact information.

Watson Children's Shelter 4x4 trip: has been scheduled last two years in June, where our club runs the Blue Mountain trail with the Shelter's older children. Bruce offered to help, but doesn't want to be the person in charge. So far, no one has volunteered. It is great publicity for our club if someone wants to take it on.

Jeremy Hitchcock has volunteered to be the in charge person for the Blue Mountain Graves Range trail with the Forest Service. Bruce volunteered to help open the trail this spring. Jeremy and Willie had talked to Dave at AEV and the trail is still deep in snow on the shady sides at that point. However with the warm weather and warm rains we have had there is a good chance that the trail may now be open.

Remember, any one can lead a trip or do a meet and greet type event. Bruce mentioned assigning trips for certain dates, it worked a couple of times, more so than not doing it. Discussion of sign up dates instead with when you can lead a trip. Larry Garrison is leading five trips this spring: unfortunately, they're all starting at the market in Moab, Utah!

Montana 4x4 Association: As discussed at the April meeting, the consensus was that the club will not join the state association again as of July 1, 2013. Some members thought \$45 was too much money, and that we were not receiving enough benefits. Dick Riebe notified M4x4 that we would not be re-joining this year, but will reconsider next year. Our club dues will be \$5 due the first of each year as stated in the April minutes. Willie stressed that members should consider joining as individuals. The Association does have a new President, Destry Walker of the Mountaineers and Vice President, Richard Hiltz of Frontier. Stacey Osborne has taken on the task of editing the 4xForum in an electronic newsletter form only. Deadline is the 25th of the previous month, you can contact her at spidycats@q.com. If there is anyone who would like to receive a printed, mailed copy, send me a SASE and I'll get it to you.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Willie presented program on tow strap usage that will also be emailed to all, as well as posted on the club's web site.