



Havasuside by Side Trail Association

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General Club Meeting Minutes January 16, 2020

The General Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Donna Pineau at the Quality Inn, Lake Havasu City, AZ. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The new members were introduced. Donna asked all with a January Birthday to stand, they were applauded.

There were four board members present: Donna Pineau, President; Linda Van Der Starre, Secretary; Leighton Kidder, Vice President; and Jacki Groll, Membership Chairman. Also present were the following Chairpersons: Lynne Jackson and Laurie Reynolds, Special Events; Larry Groll, Ride Committee; Joe Costa, Trail Maintenance; Dawn Perry, Social Media; Katie Macomber, Apparel; Jan O'Gorman and Jeanne Chilia, Sunshine.

-Linda asked for omissions and corrections of the minutes. They were approved as published. She asked members to email her if there were any problems with the web site.

-In Mike's absence, Donna reported a balance of approximately \$25,000 in our treasury.

-Jackie reported we have 477 members, 44 businesses, and 10 lifetime members with a total membership (with co-applicants) of 977.

-Guest speaker Buddy Dionne, a 37 year rider, and is the president of the New Hampshire Off Highway Vehicle Association. It consists of 26 clubs with over 9,000 members. There are over 37,000 UTVs registered in NH. They use over 1,500 miles of Hiking, Snowmobile and UTV trails. Many are logging roads. The state matches their fundraising with 60% state grant funds. They cooperate with the Fish & Game Department as well as the Sheriff's Department who patrol the trails. They employ one person for recordkeeping and have a five-person administration team. NH has an incentive plan with a discount on registration fees for club members. Their riding season is from May through September and they share trails with snowmobiles.

-Larry advised the orientation rides will be held the 2nd Saturday after the meeting and dates will be posted on Facebook and the web site. The rides are also listed on the white board. Take pictures of it for your records. In view of the recent problems, he stressed the importance of safety harnesses and spare tires. Members are urged to have a spare clutch belt and first aid kit and fire extinguisher on board. It will be up to each ride leader and tail gunner as to whether they will lead anyone without spare tires on their rides.

-Larry reminded members to keep those riders in front and behind in sight so the group does not get fragmented. Radios are important to hear what the leaders and tail gunners are saying. Universal hand signals are important. The leader holds up their fingers indicating how many riders in the group. Each subsequent rider indicates the remaining group riders with fingers held up, and the last rider holds up a closed fist indicating they are the last rider.

-The new frequencies are listed on the web site. We now have 13 frequencies.

-The ride colors are: green scenic; green moderate; green spirited; red; and blue.

-The Bouse campout on January 30-February 1 will have local rooms available for those who do not wish to campout.

-Be sure to sign up on Facebook for the rides and, also, cancel if you cannot make it.

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- The cowbell this month was awarded to Carmen Mortenson. Carmen was the ride leader for the orientation ride and took our new members on a side trail which included rock climbing.
 - Steve McNally won the \$25 gift card from the Ride Leader/Tail Gunner drawing this month.
 - Anne Slanina will run the chix ride on January 23 to Golden Shores for lunch. Be sure to sign upon Facebook.
 - Katie reported we had apparel sales of \$550 last month. She has name tags that were ordered and will order sweatshirts for those members wanting them.
 - Joe Costa reported we groomed for 59 hours and covered 130 miles of trails. He has 49 volunteers on his Trail Maintenance list. He is working with Rick Seales on the bullhead trails. Our BLM representative is liaising to get BLM approval on the bullhead trails.
 - The Trail Maintenance \$25 gift card was awarded to Chuck Owens.
 - Lynne and Laurie reported the plans are complete for our after-holiday party at the Aquatic Center. They will be posting the date/place for the Dinner on the Boulevard this month on Face Book. The Spring Fling will be March 27, 28 & 29 at Standard Wash. They will set up a committee of volunteers at a later date.
 - The Board of Directors voted to change the 50/50 to 50/25/25 as of next month. This way two members will benefit from the drawing.
 - Dawn Perry reminded everyone to watch Facebook and mark whether they are going for events and of course not going if plans change. She will assist anyone with questions on media.
 - The Volunteer of the Month is Richard Jackson.
 - Linda read thank you cards from the Prestige Home and food pantry.
 - Our tech talk speaker was Rocky Bertsch. Rocky stressed the need for each vehicle to have a radio for safety reasons. He has been in contact with Baofeng to get radios for \$25 and has ordered many for the club. They come with an earpiece. He or Scott Piersdorff will program them for members. Headsets can be purchased on the internet for \$19.99. Rocky's comments are below the minutes. He suggested downloading Back County Navigator XT which is a free program. Tablets or ipads can be used for navigation.
 - Jan and Jean asked for anyone hearing of a need for get well or sunshine cards, etc. contact them.
 - Gail Kulp mentioned the Lake Havasu School District is looking for substitutes, nurses, custodians, and aides. She can be contacted in anyone is interested. She also stated up to \$400 per couple, of your Arizona taxes due via a tax credit can be earmarked for the school district. Over \$567,000. was donated locally last year. She has the forms. Her comments are below the minutes.
- The \$148. 50/50 was won by Mickey Wolf.
- Joe said 1,660 pounds of trash was picked up during our clean-up last month.
 - Joe is planning another desert clean-up at the Spring Fling.
- The motion to adjourn was made by Mary Costa and seconded by Dave Schneider.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Van Der Starre, Secretary

Next Meeting February 27, 2020

You may contact our officers/chairpersons at their gmail addresses:

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Remarks by Rocky Bertsch:

My presentation was to ask members to consider a Standardized Tablet Based GPS System. I informed the membership at present there are over 60 different GPS Applications available on Google Play and Apple's App Store. This situation makes it impossible to offer Tablet and Smartphone GPS training because there is no current standard among all the offerings.

I recommended the club standardize on Backcountry Navigator XE as the Tablet and Smartphone GPS Application for club members. This would make it an ideal GPS tool to train members in a group setting. It would also enable members to seek help from fellow members when specific issues arise. There are pictures posted on the FaceBook page.

In addition, the General Membership wanted to learn more about the safety factor of Baofeng 2 way radios that I have been providing to members. Members also wanted to learn more about my willingness to acquire and supply the Baofeng 2 way radios to members at cost. After the meeting 35 members signed up to purchase a radio.

Ron "Rocky" Bertsch
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Remarks from Gail Kulp:

Substitute positions at the School District are needed; Certified substitutes who can teach in the classroom must have a Bachelor's degree and get paid \$100/day. Classified substitutes which include classroom aides, custodians, warehouse substitutes, and a few others get paid \$12.00/hour. Nurses are also needed and get paid \$100/day. The district needs substitutes all the time.

Tax Credit: If you file for AZ state taxes and owe money to the state you can do a tax credit at the District Office at 2200 Havasupai Blvd, Building C, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. To help with sports fees, club fees, etc for students throughout the district. If you file jointly (married) you can donate up to \$400.00, single filing you can donate up to \$200.00. It is a dollar to dollar tax credit. If you owe \$231.00, do a tax credit for \$231.00 to the Lake Havasu Unified School District and you will not owe the state. You can contact Gail Kulp at the District Office at 928-505-6901.

Thank you!

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