

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club
Joker's Wild Restaurant, Missoula, MT

Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2013

Montana Back Roads 4x4 Club meeting called to order at 7 pm by President Willie Worthy. Members present: Pete and Karen Elmer, Steve Slagle, Jason Summerfield, Larry Garrison, Jay Schweitzer, Willie and Jeanne Worthy, Bruce Erickson, Mark Pickles, James Riggs and Alaina Strehlow, Steve Knutsen, Justin Kirkbride and son Jack, and Jeremy Hitchcock and son. And guests Jordan Summerfield, Kevin and Misty Broughton and girls, Sean Ringer, Curt Henry, Matt Heisler, Brian and Andrea Ellestad, Weston Ojaki, Rich Hood and family, Owen Hood and family, and Leroy Brown.

We definitely need a larger meeting room, as this was pushing the limits tonight. However, attendance has ranged from 5 to 35! Makes it hard to plan. Any one is welcome to recommend a different meeting spot.

Club reorganization: club will be even more low key if that's possible. There will be no local projects (such as Watson Children's Center trip) unless someone wants to totally take it on and do ALL the follow up.

Dues structure: will wait till January 1 to pay dues, \$5 a year, not going to rejoin Montana 4x4 Association as they've gone back to more racing than land use issues (as members of M4x4A, our club was also members of Blue Ribbon Coalition who deal more with quads and snowmobiles). The \$5 will cover domain name payment which is \$55, secretary of state filing at \$15, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Saturday, March 23, snow trip has been cancelled due to expected cold weather. Rescheduled for Saturday, March 30. Probably from Maxville to Philipsburg. Details will follow in email. If and when you do get to P-burg, stop in at Grassroots Gifts Gallery to view member Mark Pickles sculptures.

Definitely need more people to lead trips, you don't have to be a member to lead one...just contact me for the email contact list and I'll send it to you.

Mark will lead a trip to Deer Lodge area, especially Mountain Ben Lake this summer. Jason will lead trip to Blacktail/Wild Bill north of Polson, man made trails, Skyliners Club of Polson worked with Forest Service to construct these. Larry is going to Moab May 11 for full week.

Membership requires two trips with the club and attendance at two meetings before being voted in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Bruce presented power point presentation on how to easily build a survival fire. These instructions are now posted on our web site at montanabackroads.org.