



Boise ATV Trail Riders
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November 15, 2011 – Idaho Pizza Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doug Mason, President

Doug welcomed our new sponsor and his family – James Risch of American Trailer Sales

General Business:

- Secretary's Report was given by Linda Colton. It was accepted as read
- Treasurer's Report was given by Linda Colton, as Blake Burgess was not available. The report had been presented to the Board on November 10th
- Bonnie McBrayer reported that Membership fees for the 2012 year were due before January 1st. \$20 for family and \$15 for singles
- Club Store Report – Bonnie McBrayer introduced the new items in the store. Hats are available for order - \$8 with names included, and \$7 each without names. Flags mounted on antenna with quick release are available for \$35
- Website Report and Media Reports were not available

Political Updates:

- David Claiborne said that he had nothing to report from the State Association
- At the Federal level, the recently appointed Super Committee has been charged to cut the budget. It is almost certain that the Recreational Trail Program funding will be lost
- David also reported that at the State of Idaho level, the gas tax money that recreational users usually receive will be lost. Sandra Mitchell of IRC is still working on this issue
- The Fish and Game Commission and the Attorney General of Idaho have conflicting opinions as to who has authority over regulation of ATV's. Each has a bill which will be presented to the Legislators

Ticket Drawings:

- Russ Burkhart won the \$39 Raffle Drawing; Pat McBrayer, Scott Dickson and Doug Davidson each won a hat
- Member Drawing of \$39 went to Barney Skogerson after a number of members names were drawn

New Sponsor Speaker:

James Risch of American Trailer Sales announced that members of BATVTR bringing in their trailers for service would receive a 50% discount. He said that they have stores in Boise, Caldwell, and Hermiston, Oregon. Several points were made:

- ✓ Small trailers (open and closed) were very susceptible to theft – often because they do not have titles to trace. He recommends that they be kept locked or in chains at all times, even in use.
- ✓ Trailer maintenance is an issue. Keep tire pressure at correct level. Needs to be checked more than cars and especially before any trip. Make sure you lubricate bearings correctly.

- ✓ Be aware that the Dept. of Transportation is making trailer stops to enforce weight limits. They are checking lights, brakes, and the break-away kit. They are not giving warnings – they are giving high price tickets.
- ✓ They recommend 10,000 miles or once a year for bearing change.
- ✓ TIGHTEN lug nuts.
- ✓ Check out their web site or come in to the store for any questions and help. They carry 7 – 8 brands.

Old Business:

Because it was deemed that the motion made on October 18th to elect Bill Jones as our representative to the Idaho State ATV Association was out of order, the motion was withdrawn. David Claiborne has been elected as their President, and according to their by-laws, the office must be held by an active member of a club. David is still our representative and State President.

Past/Future Rides & Events:

- Jim Maxey reported that his Oct. 22nd ride to Danskin had 13 riders on a beautiful day. There are plans for a Dec. 10th ride to Leslie Gulch but due to high water levels, the ride may be changed to Swan Falls or Fossil Butte. Watch the web site for changes.
- There was a successful Ride Leader meeting on October 20th. Plans have been made for the 2012 year by the 15 attending leaders.
- New rides will be posted on the web site in December. Jim also announced a ride to Casper Mountain on Nov. 16th.
- Carl Bloomquist led a ride last Sunday to Sage Hen. They had a great time – even with 6” of snow.

Presentation:

- Jim Maxey presented the “Oops” Trophy to Russ Burkhardt for his daring spill at Owyhee Loop in August. Russ said that the trail was really challenging considering he had done most of his riding on the tundra’s of Alaska.
- There is a “waiting” list of recipients for this trophy.

New Business:

- Haden Claiborne made a motion that BATVTR donate \$500 to both the Blue Ribbon Commission and to the Idaho Recreation Council, as the club usually gives money to an organization that does a good job promoting ATV programs and pertinent issues. After discussion on the motion, there was a unanimous decision to forward this action to the Board for recommendation at the January meeting.

Membership Open Discussion:

- Meridian is not going to sponsor a holiday parade. Kuna is still planning to hold theirs.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: *Linda Colton, Secretary*

Christmas Party: December 20th – Louie’s in Meridian

Next Meeting: January 17, 2012 – Idaho Pizza Company, Meridian