



Boise ATV Trail Riders
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November 19, 2013 – Idaho Pizza Company in Meridian, Idaho

Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Steve Huffman, President

- Steve welcomed visitors, our guests and new members.

Guest Speaker:

- Stephanie Church of the Forest Service was our guest speaker. She is a graduate of University of Arizona. Her husband is a fire fighter. She presented a slide show was a depiction of the devastation incurred during the 2013 summer of fires in various regions near Anderson Bluff, Pony Complex, Elk Creek Complex and Trinity Ridge. There was major timber loss. There is no vegetation left. On September 13th there was major flooding causing mudslides and sediment into the river. In Danskin, the plastic culverts were burned. If ATV's are allowed in, and they drive over the bridges, there is danger of falling in. Trail bridges were burned out in places and need to be replaced. Even in unburned areas, the bulldozer lines must be reseeded. Some bridges are intact, but trails can't open until all are repaired. She asked that we all stay away. They will stay closed this season and probably most of next. The Wilson system fire was not bad, but there is much mudslide damage.

There is not enough money to repair, so we will have to apply for grants. We need to pull resources to write a grant. Will need volunteers, labor and money. Perhaps we can match funding money or volunteer time. Grants are due in January. Danskin is important. We need to seed and repair. Also plant bitterbrush.

Questions?

1) How do we volunteer? Sign Up? Stephanie said we have to see damage first to see how much the cost is to repair. Will need volunteers next summer. They need a contact for each club to put out the word.

2) Where are pictures of Trinity Ridge? She said they can't even get into it to look. Roads and bridges compete for ATV Trail emergency monies.

3) In 40-50 years there has been fire protection priority but most fires were lightning caused. Lumber is a Forest Service mandate, but it is not always compatible with wildlife habitat. We use logging as a tool, but try to achieve wildlife habitat.

Large fires are a part of our history. From 1970 to 2003 fire has been active in SW Idaho. Noxious weeds and cheat grass have always been a problem. We have a lot of tools – some homes in Fall Creek for instance. They provided a clue as to how fire burns around, came back and then over the top. Communities need to create defensible space to protect their own property.

She ended by saying that they will help applying for grants.

General Business:

- The Secretary's Report was given by Linda Colton. October meeting minutes were approved after a slight correction. There were no minutes for the September picnic.
- Treasurer's Report was given by Blake Burgess. Cash balance on October 1st was \$2876. Expenditures were plus \$125, and \$25, minus \$26 for a balance of \$2941 on October 31st.
- Membership Report – Mike and Yvette Pierce reminded us to pay now or get dropped off the website. They won the cupcakes that Steve had brought.

Ticket Drawings:

- The first ticket drawing went to Tom Skogerson (\$19). Mark Messing also won (\$19). Russ Burkhardt won \$19 and Darrel McCracken won the \$20 membership drawing.

Past/Future Rides – Jim Maxey:

- Jim reported on past and future rides. He thanked everyone that celebrated his birthday. He said that the Nov 9th ride was WET. Carl led a group from Canyon County on November 17th. He reminded us to check the website often for impromptu rides. The Ride Leader meeting in October planned the 2014 year. It should be posted in December.
- Jim received a call from Bonnie. Carl Reiterman is on the sick list. Extremely ill. Had a heart attack at home and was in intensive care for several weeks. Linda will mail a card representing the entire club.
- On December 7th Jay Hastings led a ride near Owyhee River. The club received \$315 for the volunteer work in May at Danskin. Jim thanked all who helped in that effort.

New Business:

- Linda Colton announced that the Christmas Party will be held on December 17th at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Boise with a cost of \$18 per person. She distributed special invitations to all who paid their fees that evening. One of the invitations contained a "free dinner." 23 people paid in advance. Jared Colton won the free dinner drawing.
- Haden Claiborne, Mike Dahlmier and Russ Burkhardt announced the nominees for officers, 2014. President, Steve Huffman; Vice President, Doug Davidson; Secretary, Blake Burgess; Treasurer, Dennis Colton; and Board Member, Mike Dahlmier were each elected when a motion was made, seconded and passed. Blake's name will be taken off the checking account signature card. Effective January 1, 2014 Steve Huffman and Dennis Colton will be authorized to sign checks.
- Haden also announced that there will not be more legislation introduced in the near future regarding ATV's.

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: *Linda Colton, Secretary*
Next Regular Meeting: *January 21, 2014– Idaho Pizza Company, Meridian*