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## MINUTES

California Off-Road Vehicle Association

Board of Directors Meeting Conference **January 28, 2019 7:00 PM**

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### I. **Call to Order** - 7:05 PM

II. **Roll Call & Welcome Guests** Managing Director Amy Granat, Board members: Vinnie Barbarino, Bruce Brazil, Ken Clarke, Wayne Ford, Lori Lewis, Charlie Lowe, Diana Mead, Mike Moore, Ed Stovin, Bruce Whitcher, Jim Woods and Roberta Woods.

Guests: Kirk Pascell, Jon Kinley, Jared Macleod, Ken Oyer, Don H. and Terry Work. And another guest - can't hear name from Oakdale.

Absent Board Member: Chad Clopton and Bob Ham

[Twelve attending BOD members]

### III. **Review Agenda, modify as necessary**

IV. **Minutes from previous BOD meeting** – Minutes did not get emailed to correct address so they were not approved. They will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

V. **President's Report** – Ken Clarke – thanked everyone for their efforts on the Truckhaven Challenge. He called again for volunteers for the CORVA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. Additionally, a committee is needed for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Ken and Amy attended a State Parks Commission meeting in Sacramento. There is another lawsuit in the Carnegie SVRA expansion area concerning a bridge. Amy will cover the rest of this information. CORVA will have a booth at the Truck Fest and another at the Hangtown race in Prairie City. CORVA has been introducing themselves to the new people in Sacramento, but who will be staying on in the administration has not been determined as yet. Ken would also like to ask every board member to be on the upcoming special meeting on February 11, 2019

VI. **Legislative Reports** Managing Director's Report – Amy Granat – reported about the three "spot" Bills presented on CORVA's behalf by our lobbyist Kathy Lynch to the Legislature before the January 25<sup>th</sup> deadline. They relate to the 10 Million dollar take from the OHV Trust fund, the permanence of the OHV Commission and the purchase of Quail Ranch, an 872 acre plot in Riverside County that Paul Slavik has proposed become a dedicated OHV area (possible SVRA). We have bi-partisan support for this action and will wait for fair market evaluation to be done in the next few months. CORVA has been introducing themselves to the new people in Sacramento, but who will be staying on in the administration has not been determined as yet. Lisa Mangat, the acting head of State Parks, has discussed her future and at this time does not think she won't be reappointed, but she doesn't know for sure. [Amy's phone dropped off.] The next Commission meeting will be in Jawbone with the tour on February 28<sup>th</sup> and the meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. It will important for OHV attendance at this meeting. Make a reservation online to arrange for a seat on the tour and to attend the meeting. Discussion will include Red Rock and overall planning efforts focused on removing control of the SVRA from the OHMVR division. Amy invites everyone on the Board to attend. The comments on the Travel Management have been submitted. There is much discussion about all the closers including the over snow users trails. [Read Amy's comments already submitted via email.] Amy continues to work with other state groups to suggest an Executive Order concerning these issues as well.

VII. **Finance Report** - Treasurer's Report. Mike Moore – (*See Financial Reports sent via email*) Mike reminded everyone that the CORVA yearend is February 28, 2019. Bruce Whitcher remarked that income was down but that expenses were down as well. He also complimented Mike on his excellent reports.

VIII. **Northern Report** – Bruce Brazil reported on the issues with Carnegie and the Connelly family easement. The family has sued the State for disrepair of the dry river bed which is used for access to the OHV track areas. A bridge needs to be built and maintained. It has been in court for two years. More movement is coming very soon. Bruce feels that the State Attorney General's office is handling this well. There is a phone number to text for more information about Carnegie. Ken Oyer reported that you can text OHV to 662-200-4303 for ongoing information.

IX. **Southern Report** – Vinnie Barbarino - referred to his report. He asked where and when the Northern Jamboree was held. Diana Mead says she sent it out. The event is held the last weekend in October each year. Mike Moore reported that he received a check without any breakdown. Vinnie asked more questions about the Jamboree and what they do. Ken Clarke explained the event and reported that since the event is put on by the clubs exclusively, CORVA really has no control over the jamboree.

Vinnie discussed the Truckhaven event. The raffle was bigger than ever and Vinnie has the most difficulty with this. He thanked all his volunteers again. Clubs were a major help this year. Clubs provided the check-points and Trailmasters provided the food. Almost everyone volunteered to help again next year. Roberta reported about Keith Lyon of GenRight who won the poker game but refused his prize and gave it to the next inline winner. Wayne Ford reported that the Truckhaven event was dedicated to Raymond Davies, who passed-away last year. He was the President of the Trailmasters. There is a drone view of the event which shows how many people were there supporting Raymond Davies with the FORD shirts (Friends Of Raymond Davies). His passion for CORVA was carried through by his club. It was impressive.

#### X. **Ongoing Business**

A. CORVA 50<sup>TH</sup> Birthday 2020 – sub-committee needed to create budget, etc. –Lori Lewis asked what date is necessary. Ken will put out an email about this. Lori suggested a location in Manteca. She will be a part of the committee.

B. Family Fun Run Event – Pt. Mugu 4x4 Club – Jared Macleod reported that Pt Mugu 4WD Club went to Hungry Valley and they are working on the planning a trails for the run. The possible dates are August 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> or August 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Jared is now the President of Pt Mugu and he has a committee set to work on the event. Terry Work is the liaison with the SVRA staff and will work on the permit process. The park wants us to use Honey Bear area for base camp which is not near the obstacle course. Terry reports that the permit should be issued with no problem. Pre-runs will be held over the next few months. Jared wants CORVA to apply for the permit and then Pt Mugu will send out donation letters. Donations to CORVA are not tax deductible but businesses can deduct donations as advertising expense. Jared will be in contact with Vinnie. Wayne Ford expressed concern about the Honey Bear area because of the elevation and trouble with leveling for the RV's. A flyer about the event should be ready for the JUNE 2019 ORIA (deadline approximately 6 weeks prior.) Trail Crew 4x4 club volunteered to assist with the event. Jared reports they want to include all types of clubs and overlanders.

C. AirMed Membership benefit – Board approval needed to proceed. Motion to approve endorsing the membership benefit by Diana Mead, seconded by Amy Granat. One oppose vote. Motion carries.

#### XI. **New Business**

A. Membership Chromebook for Northern and Southern California – Small laptop type device to enter membership at events. These would replace the membership form in the brochures currently being used. Charlie Lowe uses and recommends the Chromebook devices. These devices cost approximately \$400 with touch-screen. Young people prefer this method. Ken wanted to know if we can sell our merchandise through this. Charlie says yes, if you have Wi-Fi. Amy thinks this will assist Ken Oyer. Lori remarked that this is a nice Green approach. Roberta expressed concern about where these would be stored and how they would be shipped. Amy says Steve Gardiner will keep them. She also explained that the Chromebook

is more like a large phone, with the Square integrated and a keyboard. Mike thinks Steve can be responsible to provide both to and from shipping labels. Vinnie asked if this would help us put our membership directly into our database. Amy reiterated that this replaces our current brochure sign-up sheets. But at this time our merchandise is through another provider so we may transfer it all over and then we can sell merchandise. Lori asked if we can do any of this on our smartphones. Currently no one other than Amy can use this. Amy will send us a budget proposal for this purchase.

B. Annual Meeting Date set. (Hangtown is May 18<sup>th</sup> and Overland Expo is May 17-19, 2019) Lori Lewis suggested May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ed Stovin suggested Oceano Dunes. More discussion via email and for next meeting.

C. Overland Expo is May 17-19, 2019. Wayne Ford, Charlie Lowe and Amy Granat will be attending the Overland Expo.

D. Social Media – Amy is giving our new media people lots of information.

E. Due Date for ORIA is February 8<sup>th</sup>.

## XII. **Adjournment**

Vinnie motioned and Lori seconded to adjourn meeting by 8:53 PM.

Next CORVA regular scheduled board meeting **February 25, 2019**

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Meeting Date: January 28, 2019

## **MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Wow - Truckhaven was an incredible event! We have to make sure we have enough help and assistance lined up so our wonderful people don't feel overwhelmed.

I've been under the weather the past couple of days, and held it together enough today to get to the State Parks Commission Stakeholder meeting with Bob. We had some good conversations outside of the meeting as well.

I've attached the comments [see separate PDF] that I submitted on the Plumas NF over-snow plan. We have been working closely with Sierra Snowmobile Foundation and Sierra Access Coalition, and a few other enthusiasts to put together these comments. We identified the core issues that we wanted to address, and each one of our groups took that issues and attacked it in a different way.

Much of the last month has been concerned with over-snow issues, including the grooming program. The grooming program criteria suddenly changed without any public input to the point that the program is no longer working for the snowmobile community. It is one of the only programs that does not involve the public in any way. Since the costs are paid out of the OHV Trust Fund, the public should have a say. Right now, some of the people making these decisions are not snowmobilers and don't understand the ramifications to their actions. CORVA is leading the way on this issue and we'll have a state parks meeting soon. The snowmobile community has also been very generous and made numerous donations, including \$1200 from the Sierra Snowmobile Foundation.

Our Carnegie issues are not going away, and I did find out more information today, but either option the state is considering, including building a bridge or a new access road, are going to be quick in coming. That's going to create a big problem with the Mx track in Carnegie. The 4X4 area is not as important, but there are events held at the Mx track on a regular basis. Our attorney is on standby, but so far the state doesn't need us to intervene.

We found out about the issues at Carnegie during the State Parks and Rec Commission meeting. Ken and I were the only OHV enthusiasts to attend the meeting, and it turned out to be a very good idea - we were about to talk with Director Mangat, and have a voice about the ways the reorganization is now affecting (somewhat negatively) operations at our SVRA. I also attended the State Parks and Rec Commission tour, and met with the Exec Dir of Parks California, the new non-profit formed as a result of the recommendations of the Parks Forward Commission. We don't know what roll this new non-profit is going to take.

We have submitted language for 3 bills in case they're needed during this legislative session. One of the bills concerns a possibility for a new OHV park in Riverside County that has already received grant funding for a feasibility study. It's being spearheaded by Commissioner Paul Slavik.

The Overland Expo has been sold to Jessica Kirchner, longtime manager of Off Road Expo. She has formed a new management company for this event. We worked compatibly with Jessica in the past, and hope to extend that relationship to this event as well.

We are all waiting to see what happens when the federal agencies return in force. We have a Final Environmental Impact Statement due from the Tahoe National Forest, plus Stanislaus. We are waiting for the Eldorado Objection meeting to be announced.

Thanks and welcome to the new Social Media Team, Tommy, Ian and Brittany and Nick!

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**REVIEW:**

## **Jan 2019 Southern Report**

The Truckhaven Challenge this year was another big success. We grossed about the same amount as we did last year (around \$17,000 and change). You can see Mike Moore's report for details. It was a ton of work. Overwhelming at times. Next year if we want to have an event as good or better, we need more volunteers. Not just at the event but throughout all the planning stages. One of the biggest challenges for me was securing raffle prizes. Early on I asked for all the board members to work to get some prizes but the only ones that did were Jim and Roberta Woods, Wayne Ford and Jon Kinley. Even though Jon is not a board member, he sent me numerous leads through Instagram that panned out into some really good prizes. Having a good raffle, I think, is key to having a successful event that people will want to come to next year.

I want to especially thank Jim and Roberta, Wayne and Mike. Without them there would have been no Truckhaven Challenge. They all paid for an event registration and none of them went on the course. Mike didn't even take his Jeep off the trailer. Roberta knows exactly what we need at registration. I don't have a clue but they both are teaching me. Friday morning before we opened registration, we realized that the registration forms were missing. Panic. A few phone calls and google searches later Jim was off on nearly an 80 mile round trip to Brawley to have copies printed. He was back by 1:30 just in time to open registration. My wife Kathy and her sister Janet sold raffle tickets for a day and a half and then helped Wayne with the raffle. I know I'm missing people so thanks to all that helped.

I want to thank all the clubs that helped too. Once again The Trail Masters put on a great dinner and donated the proceeds to Corva (\$1000). The Dirt Devils, The Axle Benders and Creeps N Jeeps all worked poker check points and had their own games to play at the checkpoint. Samuel Cervantes from Trail Crew 4x4 set up a communications repeater in basecamp and handed out radios to the checkpoints and he monitored the radios if there were any problems along the course. Tierra Del Sol 4x4 donated a 50" smart TV for the raffle. Creeps N Jeeps donated Hi Lift Jack. B.A.M.F. side by side donated a 50' light bar and smaller light pods. Axle Benders gave a check \$980 to go to land use fund. Ed Stovin worked a checkpoint as well. A big Thank You to everyone.

**Ken Clarke**  
**CORVA President**  
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Meeting Date: January 28, 2019

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

We are off to a great start to 2019 with the success of TruckHaven. Thanks to the hard work of Vinnie with the help of his Family. Just as hard working, Jim, Roberta, Mike and Charlie jumped in to make this happen. Thanks to all of you. Without your efforts CORVA could not do what we do.

Please volunteer for the CORVA 50th committee or find volunteers. It has been suggested that we contract an Event Planner. To pay for the event a raffle of donated items could one source of income.

I would like to add to the agenda that our Annual Meeting will be here soon and will need a planning committee. Oceana Dunes is a location of concern for us; we may be able to find a hotel in Pismo Beach to hold our meeting.

In the North Amy and I attended a State Parks Commission meeting in Sacramento. Our public comments can be viewed on the CORVA Facebook page. At this meeting we learned about a new lawsuit concerning an Easement at Carnegie SRVA by Mr. Connolly. Bruce Brazil has been digging in to this one. I may plan on having a booth in Livermore and Tracy's town festivals this spring. These are the major cities on either side of Carnegie.

I am preparing to have a booth at the 4WP Truck Fest in San Mateo in February. We have also been asked to set up our booth at Hangtown Motocross Classic this May 18. This may conflict with our Annual Meeting.

The idea of having two Chrome Books for the North and South has been suggested. The purpose would be to use them at events to automate our new membership process. I would think we could also record our sales and inventory of merchandise. These devices are also capable of taking electronic payment. I believe this investment will be well worth cost. This will help get memberships sent out quicker plus money in the bank sooner

I am extremely disappointed that we must continue with our plans for a February 11th at 7pm at which we will discuss the removal Chad Clopton from his Board position. We need all Board Members on this call. The call in number will be the usual.

It's all of you that make it possible for CORVA to do fantastic things.

Happy Trails

Ken Clarke

CORVA President

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**CORVA TREASURER'S REPORT**

**REVIEW:**

The usual reports and then some.

Truckhaven – still have some expenses that need to come in but should not be more than \$2,000 – biggest expense is the event shirt that still needs to be paid.

IE4W challenge – we took in over \$7,800 so should get our \$5,000 match from the club.

Between the Challenge and Truckhaven should end the year on a high note.

Mike Moore

Treasurer