

BIGHORN OUTBACK EXPLORERS
BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 2, 2023

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Rusty Anderson at 9:12 am.

Members present: Dakota Dawson (by phone), Debbie Baker, Gretchen Voeks, Rusty Anderson, Karl Olson

II. General Public Comment – None

III. Approval of Agenda for December 2, 2023

Debbie Baker made the motion to approve the agenda. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of the minutes for October 21, 2023

Debbie Baker made the motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2023. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. New Membership

Gretchen Voeks motioned to accept Richard Smitt and Sandra Rowe as new members. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Debbie Baker presented the 09/23/2023 treasurer's report. Gretchen Voeks made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Acceptance of Donations

Gretchen Voeks motioned to accept a \$40 donation from John and Gennie Lisle. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Approve invoice from Symphony Graphics

Debbie Baker presented our annual invoice from Symphony Graphics for the website. Our first year was free, but for 2024 we will need to pay a fee. Karl Olson motioned to approve payment of the invoice. Debbie Baker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Donation to BGID

Debbie reported that the board presented a pledge of \$7,000 to BGID for playground equipment on December 1 at the BGID board and public meeting.

X. Staging Area Project

BOE member Mathew Giltner presented our outline and desire to build a staging area west of Highway 95, on BGID land formerly used as a golf driving range at the December 1, 2023 BGID board and public meeting. The presentation was excellent and well received. The BGID board will meet again in December to approve or disapprove our proposal. If accepted, we will apply for a NVORO grant to grade the land, apply herbicide, build a cattle guard, sign the property, and potentially add a shade structure. We will utilize blue rooms (porta potties) for events. If the grant is approved, we will complete the work in 2024 and Mathew will request that the 2025 NVORA off-road summit be held in Beatty!

XI. Redesign of Hold Harmless Agreement

Debbie Baker motioned that we add several lines to our hold harmless agreement to allow passengers to sign. Gretchen Voeks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Debbie Baker will make changes to the agreement.

XII. Website Postings

Debbie Baker motioned to approve placing Richard Stephens photographs of BOE events, our playground equipment pledge to the BGID, our staging area project, and 2024 poker run flyer on the website. Gretchen Voeks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. November 11 Fun Run and Bombo's Pond Cleanup Report

Rusty Anderson reported a super fun run on November 11 including a cleanup of the Bombo's Pond area, a trip to Republic Services (formerly US Ecology) for lunch and tours of the facility, and the military plane crash site. We had 12 vehicles and a total of 26 participants. A new record!

Karl Olson suggested we begin our runs with introductions, so we know who we are riding with.

XIV. Design of Poker Run poster for 2024

The board discussed minor changes to the poker run poster for 2024. For this run we will make donations to the Beatty Senior Center and a scholarship fund for Beatty High School students.

Debbie Baker made a motion to approve changes to the poster for 2024. Gretchen Voeks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. Calendar of events for rides, etc.

December 16: Local area Fun run. Lead by Karl Olson.

March 16: Tentative Fun run in the Amargosa Valley. Lead TBA. Members are welcome to lead!

April 27, 2024: Annual Poker Run

Debbie Baker moved to approve the December 16 and potential March 16 runs and add them to our website calendar. Gretchen Voeks seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Logo trademark and tradename registration

Debbie Baker reported that we have received the Certificate of Registration from the Secretary of State to use our logo on merchandise including T-shirts, coozies and hats. The certificate is good for five years. We do not have legal possession of our tradename yet, which must be registered before we can use it. This is in progress.

XVII. Future meetings

January 14, 9am: General meeting, Board, and members. At the Beatty Senior Center.

XVIII. General Public Comment:

None.

XIX. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 11 am.

Submitted by: Gretchen Voeks –Secretary