

BIGHORN OUTBACK EXPLORERS CLUB  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2024

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by President Rusty Anderson.  
Members present: Rusty Anderson, Dakota Dawson, Karl Olson, Debbie Baker
2. General Public Comment – none.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Debbie Baker asked if a 15a could be added to include a Letter to the BLM for the North Bullfrog Mine Project Overview Public Scoping. Rusty Anderson agreed. Dakota Dawson made the motion to add this item to the agenda. Karl Olson second. Motion carried unanimously. Karl Olson made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Dakota Dawson second. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve of the minutes of April 14, 2024** – Karl Olson made the motion to approve the minutes. Dakota Dawson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously
5. **Nomination of member for Board Secretary vacancy** – Debbie Baker made the motion to nominate Jennifer Anderson to the position. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Close nominations for Board Secretary nominees** – Debbie Baker made the motion to close nominations. Dakota Dawson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Election of member for Board Secretary** – Dakota Dawson made the motion to elect Jennifer Anderson to serve the unexpired term of Board Secretary ending on 12/31/2024. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously
8. **New memberships** – none.
9. **Treasurer's Report** – Debbie Baker presented the Treasurer report. Karl Olson asked if the donation of \$7000.00 is back in our account. Debbie Baker stated it is not and she will report on that further down on the agenda. Dakota Dawson made the motion to accept the report. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Acceptance of donations** – none.

11. **BGID playground equipment project** – Debbie Baker reported that at the April 10, 2024, BGID meeting agenda, our request for the return of the \$7000.00 we made to them in January towards the playground equipment project was approved. When asked how & when it would be returned, Amina Anderson, BGID board president stated they would have to get with the County Treasurer office to see which account it was deposited into to determine how the check would be made out. At the May 8, 2024, BGID meeting, Debbie asked the board when the check would be issued. Autumn Arroyo-Byington, Office Secretary stated that the minutes from the 4/10/2024 meeting had to be approved before the request could be submitted. These minutes were on the 5/8/2024 agenda and were approved. Their playground project, formerly referred to as the Cottonwood Park Project, is moving very slowly, albeit at a standstill.
12. **Poker Run post committee report & final financials**. – Debbie Baker presented notes from the post committee recommendations meeting. We had 176 vehicles on the run this year. Down from 197 last year. There were good suggestions from all aspects of the run, and all will be looked at for change for the 2025 poker run. The one major disturbance that was heard from many participants was the slowness of the Jeeps on the run and several not pulling over to let faster vehicles pass. There were no accidents, although there was a flat tire. The club thanks Rusty Anderson and crew for going out the night before and the morning of to repair or replace directional stakes & signs that got damaged by the winds Friday afternoon. Rusty ended up making the run 3 times in 2 days. Due to their diligence, no one got lost. In total, the club had 40 volunteers which included the set-up crew, registration, radio club, sweep crew & repair crew. Debbie reported that the final financial report does not reflect the BLM SRP Post Use Report fee as they are revamping their form, and it is not ready for distribution yet. Debbie notes on the report that the fee would be either \$1232.00 or \$279.00 and asked for leniency to approve the report with both amounts so when the form is ready to submit, we will not need an emergency meeting to approve. Dakota Dawson made the motion to approve the poker run committee meeting minutes & final financial report with both totals due to BLM with the understanding only one would be owed due to approval of their SRP Post Use Report form. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
13. **Website postings** – Debbie Baker reported that we presently have the following on our website –  
May 17-19 – Jeep Topless Run at Diamondfield, NV.  
June 7-9 – Tonopah Poker Run  
No action taken.
14. **Purchase of laptop** – Debbie Baker reported that for this year’s poker run, we borrowed a laptop from Nicole Altman, which came in handy to record the participants. However, the club needs to have a laptop to keep all club information, minutes, etc., in one central location. Presently, the minutes are all on either Debbie Baker or Gretchen Voeks (former board secretary) computers, with both having hard copies. Debbie has researched and one that will serve the club is around \$450.00. Karl Olson stated that the VFW has a requirement in their national rules that all records be on a single device and the club doing the same is a very good idea. Dakota Dawson made the

motion to purchase a laptop not to exceed \$500.00. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 15 **Calendar of events** – Rusty Anderson stated that we traditionally do not have runs in the summer due to heat. Debbie Baker reported that Butch Baker had talked about a non-side-by-side run to Ash Meadows or the Triangle. Karl Olson reported that he will be leaving in June and not back until September. More discussion for a run will occur. No action taken.

15a. **Letter to BLM for North Bullfrog Mine Project Overview Public Scoping for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** – Debbie Baker read into the minutes the letter that the Beatty Town Advisory Board submitted to BLM with reference to the Trails disturbed by AngloGoldAshanti (AGA) and Corvus Gold Nevada. Karl Olson had a lot of input

n to the BTAB of this information. Karl Olson reported that our reply is very important to keeping the connectivity of our trails open and is our club Mission Statement. Currently, AGA & Corvus Gold have been very good partners in recognizing our trails and have demonstrated their commitment by identifying appropriate alternative trail locations and re-routing the affected trails. Debbie Baker made the motion to draft a letter to BLM for the EIS on DOI-BLM-NV-B020-2024-0019-EIS in support of the BTAB letter submitted with the letter due 5/10/2024. Karl Olson second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 16 **Staging Area** – Debbie Baker reported that Mathew Giltner with NVORA reported that the June grant cycle with Nevada OHV is at a standstill and probably will not be scheduled this year. They are in the process of replacing the director of that department and hope to get back on track for the mid-fall grant cycle. At the 4-10-2024 BGID meeting, they voted to send a Letter of Support request to the Beatty Town Advisory Board and to the Nye County Commissioners to submit along with their Land Use Plan for Parcel 018-361-01, which consists of our 4 acre OHV staging area plan. They did receive the Letter of Support from both boards this past week and BOE will be sent a copy.

- 17 **Set next meeting date** – Dakota Dawson made the motion to set 6-15-2024, 9:00 am for the next general membership & Officers meeting. Karl Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Submitted by Debbie M. Baker

Debbie M. Baker - Secretary