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Carnegie SVRA Update

The state park currently remains open further pending court action. The plaintiffs (PEER & CSPA) allege that Carnegie SVRA is in violation of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act by not submitting a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. State Parks argued that the OHMVR Division has been working with appropriate resource and regulatory agencies to address water quality issues since 2001. Agencies who have been working with the park include the Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game. In 2004, the OHMVR Division, working closely with the regulatory agencies, began a comprehensive watershed assessment to proactively assess and improve water quality throughout the SVRA. There was no indication at the time that a ROWD was necessary for the park. Had the governing Regional Water Quality Control Board indicated there was a need for a ROWD, State Parks would have submitted one.

The waste water discharge under debate is storm-water runoff in an area known as Corral Hollow Creek. This ephemeral stream briefly flows 4-6 weeks per year, running into agriculture fields and dissipating into the ground. Contrary to thought the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA) is one of the plaintiffs, there are no fish in the stream. Carnegie is a popular Northern California SVRA. Locals in the area are passionate and angry about the closure. A rally with good attendance was held. There has been considerable TV and newsprint press coverage on the issue.

15th Annual Truckhaven Challenge Report

By Steve Hewitt



Secretary Katherine Kelsey having fun in the mud during the Truckhaven Challenge in Ocotillo Wells OHV Park

Well the 15th Annual Truckhaven Challenge is already behind us. This was my first year as chairman of the challenge, and what a challenge it was. Last year was my first year even volunteering at the Truckhaven Challenge and all I did was work at the registration desk. Now I'm promoted to full on chair--what did I get myself into? Was I crazy for taking this on? My wife sure thought I was, but it's in my blood right now to help keep our public lands open for public use. My other duty with CORVA is the show coordinator, the one you see at all the off road shows twisting your arm to become a member of CORVA, or to make a donation. Hey, I'm just doing my part.

I started off by contacting Rick Fisher, Geoff Teare, and Terry Work, who have staged the challenge for the past 14 years. These guys were awesome, and my inbox quickly filled up with all the information I needed to get started. I was really starting to wonder what I had gotten myself into at this point, (State Park permit, course GPS mapping, magazine ads, flyers, printing, raffle prizes, t-shirts, etc), but I was up to the challenge. Luckily, CORVA has wonderful volunteers that helped me with everything.

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TREAD LIGHTLY! WORKS WITH CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS TO PROVIDE TRAINING COURSES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

Tread Lightly! through a grant provided by the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division, has announced six, no cost training courses to be held in 2010 throughout the state. Since 2003, Tread Lightly!'s train-the-trainer program, Tread Trainer, has provided individuals from Puerto Rico to Alaska with instruction in innovative, practical methods of spreading outdoor ethics to the public with a curriculum specifically focused on motorized and mechanized recreation.

With the opportunity to train so many outdoor recreationists, land managers and instructors in California, Tread Lightly! hopes to more fully incorporate its message of responsible outdoor recreation in OHV education programs, employee and volunteer training, and throughout the state's many recreation areas.

"The Tread Lightly! ethic is a critical component to enjoying and protecting our beautiful state," said Daphne Greene, California State Parks OHV division deputy director. "By offering this educational opportunity to willing volunteers, we are investing in a better future for our children by teaching people to value and protect our trails, parks and recreation areas."

Individuals that complete the one-day Tread Trainer course become representatives of Tread Lightly!. Tread Trainers present the Tread Lightly! message of responsible recreation practices to other educators, clubs, government employees, outdoor enthusiasts or community members. Presentations often focus on guidelines for minimizing recreational impacts as well as motivating individuals to be ambassadors of their chosen activity. Since the program's launch, Tread Lightly! has increased its outreach ten fold and has made nearly a quarter of a million face-to-face impressions. In addition to the Tread Trainer courses, two Master Trainer courses will also be offered in the California schedule. The Master Trainer course is an intensive two-day workshop designed to create volunteers equipped to train trainers on behalf of Tread Lightly!.

Tread Trainer course schedule:

May 14 & 15, 2010 – Rancho Cordova, CA
June 11 & 12, 2010 – Ontario, CA

Master Trainer course schedule:

March 20, 2010 – San Jose, CA
April 10, 2010 – Borrego Springs, CA

Individuals interested in the Tread Trainer program can go to www.treadlightly.org for more information or to register for a course. Each course is free, but a credit card is required to register.

WHAT IS CORVA?

The California Off Road Vehicle Association (CORVA) is a varied group of outdoor recreationalists who are extremely active in promoting the positive aspects of vehicular access on public lands and protecting that right.

The group is composed of the owners of "Green Sticker" vehicles such as ATV's, motorcycles, 3-wheelers, trail bikes, and dune buggies, as well as "street legal" 4x4 vehicles, dual sport motorcycles, baja and desert racers.

The main purpose of CORVA is to have fun! We also work with the land managers for responsible off-highway vehicular access and recreation opportunities. Secondly, we educate our membership on the constantly changing rules and regulations and promote conservation, clean-up and trail maintenance projects.

We participate in lobbying activities in both Sacramento and Washington DC. We work closely with the State Department of Parks and Recreation providing input to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) program from the users' standpoint. We provide a valuable resource to land managers in the form of dedicated OHV enthusiasts who believe in using our public lands responsibly.

We are active at all levels of the land management public process with both the BLM and USFS. We do this by commenting on many environmental documents on issues that affect us.

We coordinate with other multiple use organizations such as snowmobiles to horse enthusiasts to protect multiple use rights that we both share. Only together can we fight the extremists. We are,

"Dedicated to protecting our lands for the people, not from the people."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jim Woods

CORVA Lobby Day 2010 Challenge

Ten years ago I heard of an event that was sponsored by the California League of Off Road Voters (CLORV) held at the Capitol in Sacramento for a couple of days in spring. It was called "Lobby Day." As I had never been to Sacramento before, I was excited but also quite intimidated. To think of going by myself into the office of an elected politician was not something I was comfortable doing. Knowing what to say and how to say it was harder. Despite my nervous apprehension, off I went to Sacramento. Together with a hundred-plus other OHV users, I got my first taste of what "Lobby Day" is all about – learning to promote a positive image in person for our OHV activities.

On Sunday night we gathered in a meeting room at the hotel for training – that was my first real education about why I had come to Sacramento. Our lobbyists Pete Conaty and Terry McHale greeted everyone and went over the information we would discuss with our representatives. Groups of four walk the halls together and our strategy was to be effective and personable. After our lessons, we all got a wealth of knowledge from many different leaders from all the different OHV organizations. I was so thrilled to finally hear from people that worked closely on the OHV issues. Now they were answering my questions. I discovered there were many great and passionate men and women working in the area of their expertise and they wanted me to be a part of it all. The knowledge I gained was priceless.

On the following day I set out with my team leaders – they had prior Lobby Day experience in the process of going to the legislatures' offices'. The hands-on training taught me a lot and now I use the same format today. We even learned how to handle some tense situations – like when we were assigned a non -OHV friendly legislator. When they saw we were sincere and polite, they usually would at least listen and sometimes ask questions about our OHV use. That allowed us to put a real face behind a piece of legislation. It let them know that their decisions would affect the lives of real, normal people – that just happen to use OHV vehicles. At the end of the day, we all attended a reception to honor some of the legislators who promoted good OHV policies during the year. Solid relationships began during that first Lobby Day – not just with the legislators but with other OHV users like me - that are passionate about keeping OHV opportunities alive and well in California.

Now, ten years later, the same OHV leaders and I invite you to please join us on April 25th & 26th at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento. Come to learn and to make a difference in the future of OHV policies for California. Bring your kids and the whole family. Help us show Sacramento that OHV users are all about the family and encourages family values. I personally have never met the Governor, but who knows, you may!

To get registered and discuss the costs involved, e-mail me directly at: jim.woods@corva.org Get ready for a life changing experience. Remember **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!** I want to see a blanket of CORVA Orange shirts in Sacramento!

If you come out to our FAMILY FUN RUN next month at the Hungry Valley SVRA (Gorman, CA) we can talk more about Lobby Day. Don't forget to mention CORVA at the gate – to waive the State Park Fee. You can win some terrific prizes, show off your dog and sing some karaoke songs, too. (Check out the flyer on the next page for all the details.)

See you at both events!



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CORVA Land Use Resources and Public Policy Report

By Bruce Whitcher

CORVA VP of Land Resources and Public Policy

• Carnegie SVRA Update: Park Remains Open Pending Court Decision

On January 14th, the Court of Appeal, in San Francisco, filed an order accepting an amicus letter brief from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), filed on January 11, 2010. This letter argued that the Superior Court in Alameda County lacks jurisdiction to close the park because PEER and CSPA failed to exhaust their administrative remedies with the Water Board first before going to the Court.

At this time, the park will remain open pending further court action.

State Parks argued that the OHMVR Division has been working with other resource and regulatory agencies to address water quality issues since 2001. Agencies who have been working with the park include the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game. In 2004, the OHMVR Division, working closely with the regulatory agencies, began a comprehensive watershed assessment to proactively assess and improve water quality throughout the SVRA. There was no indication at the time that a ROWD was necessary for the park. Had the Regional Water Quality Control Board indicated there was a need for a ROWD, State Parks would have submitted one.

• OHV Grants Calendar:

Public comments on preliminary grant applications are due April 5, 2010.

The Cooperative Grants and Agreement Program allows for a 30-day public review and comment period. This period provides an opportunity for the public to review the preliminary applications submitted to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division for consideration during the current grant cycle. The public may provide comments to both the applicant and the OHMVR Division by emailing the contact person listed on the preliminary application and carbon copying (Cc) the OHMVR Division at OHVinfo@parks.ca.gov. The public comment period begins March 3, 2010, and ends April 6, 2010. The Division's On-Line Grants Application (OLGA) database allows the public to view preliminary applications in a centralized location. The following directions will allow you to view all the preliminary applications in a PDF format.

For more information go to the "Grants" drop down menu at: <http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov>.

In 2010, \$27.1 million will be available for distribution among four funding categories:

Education and Safety:	\$ 1,300,000
Law Enforcement:	\$ 5,200,000
Operations & Maintenance:	\$13,000,000
Restoration:	\$ 7,600,000

• Senator Diane Feinstein Introduces new Desert Protection Act S 2921

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), the author of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act, today introduced a comprehensive bill to designate new lands in the Mojave Desert for conservation, enhance recreational opportunities, and streamline and improve the federal permitting process to advance large-scale wind and solar development on suitable lands. The carefully crafted legislation, titled the California Desert Protection Act of 2010, is the product of discussions with key stakeholders in Southern California.

"I strongly believe that conservation, renewable energy development and recreation can and must co-exist in the California Desert," Senator Feinstein said. "This legislation strikes a careful balance between these sometimes competing concerns."

Among provisions for over a million acres of National Monument, wilderness areas, and energy corridors, the bill also provides Congressional protection for five desert of the largest OHV open areas including Spangler Hills, Rasor, Stoddard Wells, El Mirage Dry Lake, and Johnson Valley, or at least what is left of it after the Marine Corps base expansion. The bill would also establish a "land bank" pilot program to provide special species habitat to offset habitat used for renewable energy projects. CORVA representatives are analyzing the bill and have not taken a position at this time.

• [Clear Creek Draft Resource Management Plan Update](#)

Please take the time to write comments, or visit the CORVA comments page on the CORVA website. A copy of the draft EIS/RMP can be downloaded at http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/clear_creek_management_area/CCMA_RMP.html.

Written comments may be submitted to BLM by any of the following methods:

Mail: Bureau of Land Management

Attn: CCMA RMP/EIS

20 Hamilton Court

Hollister, CA 95023

E-mail: cahornp@ca.blm.gov

Fax: (831) 630-5055 Attn: CCMA RMP/EIS

Comments are due by March 5, 2010.

On Saturday, February 6, the CORVA Comments Project held a workshop in San Jose attended by members of the Timekeepers motorcycle club, the Ramblers, and other groups. The workshop, which provided instruction in writing substantive comments, featured an outside consultant and NEPA expert and was sponsored by participants and several OHV organizations. Those who attended gained valuable information about how to write effective comments on NEPA documents. The NEPA process required public involvement, and comments that are correctly submitted require a response by the agency.

“The goal of submitting comments is to effect changes in the document that will result in a better environmental impact statement.” Comments can direct the agency to provide a scientifically sound basis for decisions and help assure that all alternatives are considered. Public participation is recognized as the one opportunity we have to influence the outcome of federal NEPA actions such the proposed closure of the CCMA.

CORVA, Blue Ribbon Coalition, AMA District 36, and many other OHV organizations have developed a strategy to address the controversial Clear Creek plan.

The future of Clear Creek is seen by all as a precedent setting national issue that will have repercussions for the future of OHV recreation for years to come. The document identifies the key issues as: recreation, public health and safety, and transportation. Of paramount importance is the consideration of potential human health risks from exposure to airborne asbestos fibers in CCMA.

There are seven alternatives. The agency preferred alternative would completely exclude motorcycle use in Clear Creek and allow limited 4WD, UTV, and ATV touring on a “permit only” basis.

• [In Recent Development, Judge Overturns Decision to Open Trails in the West Rands](#)

LOS ANGELES— An administrative law judge for the Interior Board of Land Appeals upheld the Center for Biological Diversity appeal of the Bureau of Land Management’s decision to open two off-road vehicle routes in desert tortoise habitat in eastern Kern County. The Bureau’s decision was tied to the flawed West Mojave Plan, which was struck down in federal court last year. The two routes at issue in the Rand Mountains Management Area, an area of critical environmental concern, had been closed in 2002 to protect the desert tortoise.

In rendering its decision, the board set aside and remanded the decision to the Bureau of Land Management. As a result, the Bureau will need to reinstitute the closure of the routes and go back to the drawing board. The Bureau’s 2008 decision was based on an education and permit program that the plaintiffs claim is inadequate.

• [WEMO lawsuit - Remedy pending, negotiations continue](#)

The Center for Biological Diversity and several other environmental organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the WEMO (West Mojave) and other desert BLM route designation plans in 2006. The judge hearing the case recently rendered a decision and will issue a remedy.

The ruling, by the Hon. Susan Illston of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California impacts off-highway vehicle (OHV) routes established within the last 30 years, as well as the designation of future routes.

The court held that the BLM's extensive environmental review failed to consider an adequate range of alternatives and was insufficient in its consideration of impacts to soil, cultural resources, certain plant and riparian resources, sensitive animal species, and air quality. This ruling means that the BLM must reconsider environmental impacts of OHVs on public lands in the Western Mojave region. The extent of the additional planning that will be required will be issued as a remedy. Negotiations regarding the lawsuit have been attended by CORVA representatives.

Carnegie SVRA

by Diana Mead

Carnegie SVRA is nestled into a valley across Corral Valley Road, from Lawrence Livermore Laboratories testing site 300 (named as a superfund site in 1990) and adjacent to ranches on the east and south in rural Tracy, California. On the western most border, a piece of land sold to the state a few years back to grow the park, buffers the ranch beyond it. The park is located on the site of an old brick manufacturing and mining town named, surprise, Carnegie. Some of the reminders of the old town and its manufacturing remain today.

This is by far the largest OHV park close to the bay area and is host to more than 100,000 visitors per year by park estimates. It is heavily used but also consistently maintained and monitored. Due to its diverse riding opportunities and population proximity, Carnegie is a great place for the experienced and those who are just learning to ride.

Corral Hollow Creek crosses the lowest part of the park. "Creek" would describe a flow of water which is seldom the case for this waterway. In years of very heavy rainfall, there is some water in the creek which lands in holding pond. At most, the water can be seen for six weeks. This year, after the end of our record-breaking January rainfall, there is some water in the creek, but it certainly isn't flowing anywhere. Nor is there any aquatic life here, unless it can arrive, procreate and get out in a six week time period. Mosquitoes maybe.



In any event, the state failed to file for a permit to allow for waste water discharge. The permit was never requested by the state water board, probably because the requirement generally applies to industrial dumping into a waterway. So, Carnegie was ordered to close because the state failed to submit a permit that was never requested by the issuing authority.

The folks that felt it necessary to point out this apparent illegal oversight probably aren't bad people but their perception of our sport certainly isn't positive. It is also probable their motives weren't purely to ensure state regulatory organizations are doing their jobs. The off-road community must understand what we are up against: well-educated, resourceful individuals who know how to band together to limit access to our sport.

What can we do?

Ours is an off roading family. My husband built his first sandrail when he was in his twenties. Our children, and now our grandchildren, were raised vacationing at "exotic" off road vehicle parks. Our son, at age 15, is a competitive hillclimber going pro this season.

We are also avid wine fans. I am referring to wine not whine, although, when our off-road opportunities are being limited we are fans of whining as well. What might these two passions have in common besides this particular couple?

Stay with me and I will explain.

Several months ago while touring the vineyards of one of our favorite wineries, the owner took us (in a Jeep of course) to a high point on his land. From this spectacular vantage point, he showed us the acreage his vineyard had designated as "undeveloped", an area of beautiful old oaks, much undergrowth and evidence of wildlife, integrated into the well-groomed vineyards.

He then asked what we saw on the more distant land adjacent to his property. We saw ranch land, some with cattle, some without.

Ranches, more ranches, undeveloped land, right? WRONG! How often have you looked out over a field and seen a lone oak tree with cattle all around it? A single oak tree to offer relief from the summer sun for cows. On midsummer mornings the cows gather on west side of the tree, moving their way east as the sun makes its way across the sky.

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As we learned that day at the vineyard, the land is initially cleared for the ranch, leaving a few trees. Then the cattle keep it cleared by eating the grass and trampling the oak seedlings. No other oaks can grow on that land. Eventually the single oak will go the way of all life in the natural world and the field will be open with no trees, no undergrowth, limited wildlife. That is, as long as cattle are on the land.

Contrast this image to Carnegie SVRA. Trails are marked and use of the land is managed; the state employee oversight is ever present and most of us follow the rules. Periodically trails are closed for a season or two allowing a return to a more natural environment. This time of the year the area is lush, green and teeming with wildlife. In the summer months, the heat limits use, and the area becomes golden like the surrounding valley.

The trails that host the hill climbs 5 times a year (not during the rainy season) and are very visible to travelers on Corral Hollow Road, are shifted after each climb to allow for regrowth and to prevent erosion. Although some might see the hill climb area as "scars" on the landscape, we have seen how quickly the land recoups when encouraged to do so. Just like the ranch land would.

In fact, by the broad definition we could easily be considered environmentalists: those who support goals of the environmental movement, an information-based perspective on appropriate use of technology to prevent adverse effects on the environment. In other words, a dose of realism and intelligence regulating human activity like, ranching, grape growing and off-roading.



Now, some of you are suggesting that a true environmentalist wants to take away all off-roading and ranches and public beaches and even hiking trails. I invite you to consider that those are fanatics, little different than the self-described off-road enthusiast who rides off trail, into closed areas, dumps trash, refuses to participate in trail clean ups, and gives us all a bad name.

OHVing is not going away. Closing the places that we ride will only push us further into less restrictive areas, just as cutting off the sales of smaller bikes will encourage young riders to use one that is too big. At the same time, we need to continue to earn our speaking rights by taking care of our riding places and our equipment; practicing good trail etiquette; teaching our children to ride safely.

We are families, individuals, professionals, blue collar workers, people who believe passionately, who are willing to work and fight to protect those beliefs. I believe that I have just described the people on both sides of this issue.



To win this war, and make no mistake, it is a war, we will need to build bridges. First the ones over Corral Hollow Creek, and then with reasonable people who understand that, "one man's whiskey is another man's poison". There is ample land in this great state for all of us. Off-roaders, tree huggers, ranchers, developers, Mother Nature, and even the fanatics can enjoy this land if it is used responsibly and we look for what we have in common. In this way most of us, on both sides, can win.

We are due to hear about the next steps in the Carnegie lawsuit. As of February 1st there was still no further news and thus far the park remains open. The area where Corral Hollow Creek sometimes runs is blocked off with designated crossings from the parking and camping areas into the riding acreage. If Carnegie is one of your destinations, please use the crossings and stay on the trails. The same goes for every place we ride.

CORVA will do its best to keep you updated on these assaults on our riding areas. Stay tuned and practice the 3 P's: Participation, Political Action, and Positive Press.

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Truckhaven Challenge (cont.)*Jim Arbogast, Rick Fisher and Vinnie Barbarino*

Rick Fisher and Steve Santa did a fantastic job laying out this year's course. It had everything: tight twisting areas, hills, and washes. We had to do this several months in advance so the State Parks can review and approve the course. When the day came for the Ranger tour of the course, we met Rick and Norb Ruhmke from the Ocotillo Wells OHV Park for the ride along. Rick and Norb rode in Rick's Rubicon, I in my Cherokee, my dad in his Rubicon, and our friend Bob in his Cherokee. We had a great time pre-running the course, but I did have to question Rick a couple of times when he really laid it out in 2 wheel drive. I guess I will have to break down and get some lockers for my rear axle if they really make that big of a difference, because with open diffs, there was no way I could make it up some of those hills or the off camber situations where I had one wheel off the ground. I am very proud of my Cherokee though, as I didn't get stuck once. Not to mention any names, but I did have to pull a couple of Jeeps out of some peculiar situations. After the tour and a great day of off roading, we parted ways for the night.

The Wednesday before the event, Rick met me to give me hands-on experience on how to mark the course. We drove in on Holly Road en route to our base camp, and there was already lots of water and mud on the road from the storms the weekend before. Upon arriving at our planned camping location, we were discouraged to find that the ground was muddy and soft, not exactly ideal parking conditions for RV's. However, we found more stable ground closer to S-22.

After setting up camp, we met up with my dad, Bob Hackler, and Don Rued, to start marking the course. It started out great, and we made good time while trying to keep up with Rick, which is like keeping up with a jackrabbit running thru the desert. I at least knew we were on the right trail as his tire tracks were the only ones in the desert due to the rain. We were making good progress until Rick found what I call "quick mud", the result of flowing water in one of the washes, which caused the bank to collapse and create a dam. When Rick dropped into the wash he sank nearly to his floorboards. Something happened in his transfer case causing it to pop out of four wheel drive whenever he started moving forward. Rick got out of his jeep and was up to his knees in mud as I tossed him the tow rope. We pulled him out and Rick earned the nickname "Tractor Rick". He said "I can make it through this", as he jumped back into his jeep and dropped into the mud again, its wheels spinning, and mud flying everywhere. He would have made it without a doubt if his transfer case wasn't broken, but nonetheless, out came the tow strap again. After about 45 minutes of playing in the mud and rerouting the course around the mud trap we called it a night and headed back to camp.

We arrived at camp just in time for it to start raining, and it rained nonstop all night. When we awoke in the morning, we assessed the situation and decided it was probably not a good idea to try to mark the course at this time, as all the washes were flowing bank to bank. So we decided to wait it out to see if it would stop raining. Around 2:00 in the afternoon after checking the radar all day and posting on forums and e-mails claiming that everything is fine, I began to wonder if this would be the first year the event would be cancelled due to weather.

Jim Arbogast was the first CORVA board member to show up. After talking about his trip down and unloading some materials he brought, we took a drive up the S-22 overlooking the Tectonic Gorge, where we could actually hear the water flowing like a river through the wash.

Then more CORVA volunteers began to arrive. We met Vinnie Barbarino and his crew, along with Jim and Roberta Woods, and directed them to a place where we believed they could camp without getting stuck. That, unfortunately, didn't work so well, as one of the first to pull into the dirt got stuck, so they looked a little further down the road and eventually found a decent place to camp.



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Friday morning we awoke to nice weather, and the washes had stopped flowing, but Holly Road was a mess, and was virtually impassable to RV's. After doing maintenance on the road it was time to finish marking the course and setting up camp. Rick, Jim Arbogast and a few others set off marking the course, but after several hours of trying, they were forced to call it off, as the miserable conditions made it impossible. Rick came up with an idea to have a trail boss and lead everyone, following the course as close as possible.

On Saturday the weather was picture perfect, and we ended up with 118 registered vehicles, which is respectable considering the horrible weather which preceded the event. The motorcycle/ATV group took off first with Vinnie Barbarino leading the way, and Rick Fisher led the vehicle group. The checkpoints were held around the camp area due to the absence of a marked trail. I would like to thank the Hemet Jeep Club, On The Rocks, Vinnie's Annoyed, and Ocotillo Wells SVRA Interpretive Program for manning the checkpoints this year.

After the run, everyone was treated to a terrific barbeque dinner hosted by the Trailmasters. I ate so much I could barely move afterwards. Thank you to Raymond Davis and the Trailmasters for donating \$580.00 to CORVA's land use fund. This club is awesome! The members donate all the food supplies then donate the proceeds to CORVA as well.



Immediately following dinner, we held the raffle with numerous prizes donated by the off road industry. Wayne Ford did a great job emceeding the raffle, and was helped by my daughter Katie who announced some of the winning raffle tickets. Vinnie's Annoyed was voted best checkpoint by the crowd. Their checkpoint was definitely hard, as participants had to drop pushrods into various size PVC pipes stuck in the ground. They earned bragging rights and a perpetual trophy to hold onto until next year's event.



Sunday morning we were treated to a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Salton City Fire Department. My wife was certainly happy about not having to cook breakfast on the day we had to pack up and leave our little piece of paradise. A special thank you goes out to the Salton City Fire Department for the incident plan they had in place for the event. Thankfully, however, there were no incidents on the course that required emergency attention.

After the kids games, the Ocotillo Wells Interpretive Program put on a Junior Ranger program by which the children could earn a Jr. Ranger Badge upon completion. They took the kids on a hike to look for animal tracks and animal scat, and showed them how to make a journal of their sightings. They also demonstrated what happens in a flash flood, which was particularly appropriate considering the weather.

I would like to thank all the CORVA fans who braved the bad weather back in the Los Angeles, San Diego, and Inland Empire areas to attend. It is people like you who help to keep our public lands open. Remember to mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Truckhaven Challenge on January 22-23, 2011.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped make this event a success, including: Jim Arbogast, Wayne & Panida Ford, Don Rued, Michelle Evans, Scott O'Connell, Clayton & Lisa Miller, Ed Stovin, Darren & Katherine Kelsey, Jim & Roberta Woods, Vinnie Barbarino & Crew, Rick & Judy Fisher, Michele Hewitt, Katie Hewitt, Bob Hackler, Richard Hewitt, & JoAnn Mayhew.

I would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to the vendors that donated products to our raffle. When you are ready to make your next purchase please contact them first for your parts and supplies.

Vendors:

4 Wheel Parts Performance Center, Thousand Oaks; Alpine Stars; Ancra Tie Downs; BF Goodrich; Coast Drivelines; DJ Safety; F Word Industries; Gen Right Off Road Products; Kal Guard; Moose Off Road; Motion Pro; MotoComm; Napier; No Toil; Olympic 4X4 products; O'Neal Apparel; Pit Bull Tires; Powder Coating Plus; Sidekick Off Road; Simi Valley Honda/CanAm; Simi RV; Wood-Ease

ROHVA Urges Enthusiasts and Industry to Comment on CPSC's ROV Rulemaking

-Organization Creates Website to Facilitate Submission

IRVINE, Calif., Jan. 28, 2010 -- The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) is calling on enthusiasts and industry representatives to submit comments by March 15, 2010 in response to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) proposed mandatory standards for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs), also known as side-by-sides and UTVs.

ROHVA previously expressed disappointment with CPSC's October 2009 vote to issue an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for mandatory ROV standards. ROHVA believes this action is premature because an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) process to develop standards for ROVs had long been underway. Since that time, the process has been completed and the proposed ANSI standard is under final review. Components of the standard include protective gear requirements, a certified roll-over protective structure, a minimum of three point seatbelts for each seating position, and multiple lateral stability criteria.

ROHVA has created a web page - www.rohva.org/anpr - for enthusiasts and industry representatives that contains explanations of ROHVA's position on ROV standards and links to important documents. The page also contains a link and other resources to facilitate stakeholders' submission of comments on the CPSC's ANPR.

"ROV stakeholders need to be heard on whether the appropriate next step to establish ROV standards is moving forward with CPSC-imposed mandatory federal standards or instead gaining experience under the ANSI standards and promoting the ROV Safety Rules available at www.rohva.org," said Paul Vitrano, ROHVA executive vice president.

The ANSI standard development process involves a variety of interests including CPSC and other government representatives, industry, consumers and others. Participants reach a consensus on an appropriate ANSI standard for ROV equipment, configuration and performance requirements.

ROHVA has met several times with CPSC staff in an effort to address their concerns about the ANSI standard.

"ROHVA appreciates the Commissioners' and CPSC staff's interest in and willingness to discuss key technical issues, and our dialogue has been productive," Vitrano said. "While there is agreement between CPSC and ROHVA on many aspects of ROV standards, there continues to be disagreement over some important technical issues, including vehicle stability, vehicle handling and occupant protection and retention."

Vitrano concluded, "It also should be noted that the overwhelming majority of ROV operators and passengers use the vehicles safely and responsibly and benefit from the unique recreational and utility capabilities of these vehicles."

The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association is a national industry organization that promotes the safe and responsible use of ROVs. ROHVA is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop equipment, configuration and performance standards. Based in Irvine, Calif., the not-for-profit association is sponsored by Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris and Yamaha. For more information visit www.rohva.org.

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CORVA Annual Meeting and Elections

by Jim Colln

The time is almost here, our Annual Meeting where we hold our elections and take care of business. This years meeting will be held again in Bakersfield, CA. We have 3 board positions open this year. As you might remember, we changed the bylaws a few years ago so that not all positions would be up at once. This year we have; VP - Administration, VP - Education, and Treasurer . If you are interested in any of these positions please let me know.

The Annual meeting will take place on Saturday, May 15th 2010 at the California State University Bakersfield located at 9001 Stockdale Hwy Building 44B Room BDC 153, Bakersfield, CA 93311 (parking lot J) Elections for the Association Board (3) will take place at this meeting. Registration of members and clubs will begin at 9:30am followed by the Annual Meeting starting at 11:00am.

On the following pages are the suggested changes to our bylaws. A committee was formed last March and reviewed the bylaws one section at a time. What started out to be just a few revisions quickly turned into a complete review. Please take a look at the suggested changes and let us know your feedback. I would like to thank those on the committee; Jim Arbogast, Bob Barada, Wayne Berg, Dan Eger, Rick Fisher, Amy Granat, Bob Ham, Katherine Kelsey, Scott O'Connell, Bruce Whitcher, and Jim Woods.

One of the most changed words found is "Supporting". This replaces the word "Family" in many places and better suits our membership in general. There are also some gender related changes, grammar and misspellings corrected.

A few tips to the suggested changes:

Underlined = word that changed or were added.

Italics = New word or words added.

~~Strike Thru~~ = words that will be removed

The online version of this newsletter will have those words Underlined and in *Italics* also in RED. For the complete current bylaws please see our web site. The last revision was in 2007. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Thanks Jim Colln

Contact me at: jim.colln@corva.org or 800-42-CORVA ext. 509

Section 1

Membership shall be of three types as defined herein. *In addition, the Board of Directors may establish an additional class or classes of members upon such qualifications as the Directors may deem advisable in the best interests of the Association; provided, however, that no such additional class of members shall have any voting rights in the Association.*

A. Family *Supporting* Membership

Active *Supporting* Members are individuals or families of individuals who are current in their dues and are interested in off-road vehicles.

B. Associate Membership

Associate Members are representatives of manufacturers, wholesalers and dealers of vehicles, accessory equipment, services and/or parts for off-road vehicles who are current in their dues. *Associate Members shall be recognized as Supporting Members of the Association.*

C. Lifetime Membership

Lifetime members are individuals or families of individuals who have paid a one-time membership fee as provided for in Article V, Section 3, and shall be recognized as paid-up *a Supporting Member* for the life of the Association *member*.

Section 2 Membership Duration and Limitations:

A. *Supporting* Membership shall be on an annual basis.

B. Any member may resign, provided written notice of such intention is given to the State Secretary of CORVA.

- C. Any member may be suspended or expelled by the 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors for violation of these by-laws or any other rule or practice properly adopted by CORVA, or any conduct prejudicial to the interest of CORVA, after an open hearing to be held by the BOD within thirty (30) days of notification of all involved parties.
- D. Any Supporting Member who has not paid his dues within 60 days of expiration date shall automatically forfeit membership.

Section 3 Membership Application:

- B. Application shall be approved forms or facsimiles thereof. Supporting Membership application shall be accompanied by annual dues and/or any applicable fees.

DUES

Section 1

Dues for Family Supporting Membership shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time but no more often than once a calendar year. The membership must be given sixty thirty (30) days notice before the meeting at which the change will be voted upon in the manner specified in Article X, Section 1. At least two-thirds (2/3) of the Board must approve the change.

Section 2

Dues for Associate Membership shall be a minimum donation of \$365.00 per year. Dues shall be payable within sixty (60) days of expiration date.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1

The elected officers of CORVA shall be: President; Vice President - Administration; Vice President - Land Resources and Public Policy; Vice President - Education; Vice President - Sales & Marketing; Secretary; Treasurer; and ten (10) Regional officers, five (5) from each region as follows: Regional Director, three (3) Assistant Directors and Regional Secretary.

Section 2

The officers shall be active Supporting Members in good standing of CORVA.

Section 3 Officers' Duties

A. President

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside over all meetings of the Association, Board of Directors (BOD) meetings and specially called meetings. He/She shall have the duty, with the Board of Directors, to carry out the policies and decisions of the board. He/She shall be without the right to vote at Board of Directors meetings, except in the event of a tie. He/She shall sign all checks with the Treasurer. If the President is unable to sign a check, he/she may authorize one of the Vice Presidents or Secretary to sign in his/her stead. He/She shall appoint all Association committees to perform such duties as are defined in their operation or creation, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. He/She shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of the President, and he/she shall be ex-officio – a member of all committees. He/She shall also act as an advisor for the Board of Directors for one (1) year after completion of his/her term of office.

D. Vice President - Education

The Vice President – Education shall promote education including wise-use of natural resources, safety awareness, trail etiquette, stay-on-trails concepts, etc. Interface and be the contact with outside agencies and organizations that may be involved in other education programs and activities. ~~Provide coordination and communication between the CORVA Board of Directors and the CORVA/NDIRT Board.~~

The Vice President – Sales & Marketing shall develop and implement sales and marketing plans and strategies. Build, motivate and lead sales and marketing teams to meet the goals of CORVA to increase both individual and associate memberships. Responsible for brand building/co-branding with target organizations and Associate Members. Interface with all other CORVA departments to steer CORVA toward increased income and membership. Build relationships with manufactures and distributors in the OHV industry to increase awareness of CORVA. Chair the marketing committee.

F. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be Chairman person of the Budget Committee, be responsible for the collection of all dues (either directly or through another office as may be directed by the Board of Directors), and be the custodian of all moneys, securities and deeds belonging to this Association unless otherwise stated, and shall hold the same subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. He/She shall at all times provide the Secretary with a list of paid-up Supporting Members. He/She shall issue checks for all expenditures as described in Article XIV, Funds and Article XV, EXPENSES OF CORVA REPRESENTATIVES which must be countersigned by the President or a Vice President he/she has so authorized. If the Treasurer is unable to sign checks, he/she may, with the President's approval, authorize one of the Vice Presidents or Secretary to sign in his/her stead. Two different signatures are required at all times. He/she shall ~~at the discretion of the Board,~~ arrange for an annual audit of the books of this Association and turn all books and properties in his/her possession over to his/her successor within six months following the close of the Annual Meeting. He/She shall prepare and present to the Board of Directors a quarterly income and expense statement.

The Treasurer will provide regular financial statements either hardcopy or electronically for Board of Directors approval. At least two other Board of Directors will have access to CORVA funds, in case the Treasurer is unable to perform the duties necessary for the association.

G. Secretary

The Secretary shall take minutes at all General Supporting Membership and Board of Director Meetings, and shall write any required correspondence. He/She shall make the minutes of the meetings available to Supporting Members upon request. Minutes of the Executive meeting shall be made available to Board of Directors only. He/She shall be custodian of all records, reports and correspondence of CORVA, past and present. He/She shall forward all moneys to the Treasurer promptly.

J. Regional Secretary

The Regional Secretary shall take minutes at all Regional Meetings and write any required correspondence of his/*her* region, past and present. *He/She shall make the minutes of the meetings available to Supporting Members upon request.* He/She shall forward all moneys to the State *Association* Treasurer promptly.

K. Association Property

Any Officer upon leaving office shall turn all records, reports, correspondence and CORVA property in their possession over to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days.

Section 4 Vacancy of Regional Officers

In the event of vacancy of any Regional Officer, the remaining officers *in that region* shall appoint a successor to the vacant office. The appointee shall meet all requirements for that office and shall serve until the scheduled election.

Section 5 Recall of Association Officer

Any officer may be recalled by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership as represented by themselves or delegates present, providing 75 percent of the recognized delegates are present and providing further that written notice of recall hearing is given to the membership 30 calendar days prior to said hearing. *At any meeting of the full Board of Directors any Association Officer may, by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the full Board, be removed from office and another qualified Supporting Member be elected to fill the unexpired term of the officer so removed, provided the Supporting Membership has been notified in the manner specified in Article XI Section 1.*

Section 6 Recall of Regional Officer

At any meeting of a Regional Board of Directors any Regional Officer may, by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Regional Board, be removed from office and another qualified Supporting Member be elected to fill the unexpired term of the officer so removed, provided the regional Supporting Membership has been notified in the manner specified in Article XI Section 1.

Section 6 Bond**Section 8 Term Limits**

No Officer may serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position.

ARTICLE VII**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS****Section 1 Association Officers**

- A. Any *Supporting* Member of CORVA in good standing may run for any office. All candidates will be nominated from the floor at the beginning of the election process during the annual meeting.
- B. Potential candidates may submit a short biography to be published in the newsletter, *and/or CORVA web site*, space and time permitting.
- C. A plurality of votes cast is necessary for election to an office. All ballots for officers must be counted and checked by three (3) *Supporting* Members other than the nominees. All ballots shall be held in a sealed envelope for thirty (30) days after the election by the Secretary.
- E. Term of office for all elected Association Officers shall be for a period of two (2) years. ~~except as follows: In 2008, the president, secretary, and vice president of land use will serve for one year.~~ *The President, Secretary, Vice President - Land Resources and Public Policy, and Vice President - Sales and Marketing will have elections in odd years. The Vice President - Administration, Vice President - Education and Treasurer will have elections in even years.*

Section 2 Regional Officers

- A. Any *Supporting* Member of CORVA in good standing and resident in that region may run for any regional office.
- B. Potential candidates may submit a short biography to be published in the newsletter, *and/or CORVA web site*, space and time permitting.
- C. A plurality of votes cast *by Supporting Members in that Region* is necessary for election to an office. All ballots *for officers* must be counted and checked by three (3) *Supporting* Members other than the nominees. All ballots shall be held in a sealed envelope for thirty (30) days after the election by the Regional Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THEIR DUTIES**Section 2**

~~The Board of Directors, In the event of vacancy of any Association Officer, shall meet within fifteen (15) days after such vacancy occurs and shall appoint an Acting Officer to hold office until the next annual meeting at which time the membership shall elect a successor as defined in Article X.~~ *the remaining Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to the vacant office within thirty (30) days.* The appointees shall meet all requirements for the *that* office as defined by these by-laws. *and shall serve for the remainder of that term.*

Section 3

Voting status shall be granted to all members of the Board of Directors including the immediate past Association President, unless that person was removed from that office during his/*her* last term, ~~but shall be denied to all chairpersons, News Editor, Delegate to National Outdoor Coalition, and subsequent past presidents who will act in an advisory capacity only.~~ The voting privilege of the immediate past Association President shall only be granted for the year immediately following his/*her* active presidency.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES**Section 1**

All Association Committees shall be appointed or dissolved by the President, with approval of the Board of Directors. ~~or by plurality vote of the membership represented at any Association meeting.~~

Section 2

All regional Committees shall be appointed or dissolved by the Regional Director. ~~or by plurality vote of the membership represented at any regional meeting.~~

ARTICLE X VOTING AND DELEGATES**Section 1**

Family Supporting Memberships and Associate Memberships shall be allowed one (1) vote per membership.

Section 2 Qualifications for Club Delegates

B. Each club delegate shall have one (1) vote for each family Supporting Membership in their club who is a Supporting Member in good standing in CORVA.

C. Each club delegate must have a letter of identification from the Club President on file with the CORVA Secretary prior to the close of registration to an Association vote, ~~and the letter shall stay on file until superseded.~~ The letter shall be valid for that election only.

Section 3 Qualifications for Non-Club Delegates

A. Any group of ~~ten (10) or more~~ number of Non-Club Supporting Members may be represented by one (1) delegate and/or one (1) alternate. and each delegate will have one (1) vote for that Supporting Member. Delegates and alternates must be Supporting Members of CORVA.

B. Each Non-Club delegate will have one (1) vote for each member must present to the CORVA Secretary, prior to the close of registration to a vote, a petition signed by all Supporting Members they represent, who is a member in good standing in CORVA. This signed petition is to be valid for that election only.

C. ~~Each Non-Club delegate must present to the CORVA Secretary, prior to the close of registration to an Association vote, a petition signed by all members they represent. This signed petition is to be valid for that session only.~~

Section 4 Registration of Voting Members

A. All Supporting Members wishing to vote in person at the Annual Membership Meeting or Special Meetings must register with the State Secretary prior to the close of registration for that session election.

B. ~~A registration table shall be provided for proper registration of members at the Annual Meeting and special meetings.~~

Section 5 Voting Procedures

A. ~~The Membership Chairperson~~ Vice President - Administration shall submit to the State Secretary a current Supporting Membership roster for voting eligibility certification.

B. Votes may be cast only by properly registered Supporting Members or properly credentialed delegates.

C. All Supporting Members and delegates must be present to cast their votes.

D. Voting shall be by roll call or by secret ballot, at the discretion of the Chair of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI MEETINGS**Section 1 Notification**

The Supporting Membership shall be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of all meetings. Notification shall be by publication on the web site and newsletter, and by e-mail to those Supporting Members who do not receive the newsletter by US Mail. US Mail and e-mail notifications of Regional Meetings need be sent only to the members of that region.

Section 4-2 Annual Meeting

B. The CORVA President, or if he/she so designates, one of the Vice Presidents, shall preside as Chair at all Annual Meetings.

Section 2-3 Regional Meetings

A. ~~An Annual Regional meeting shall be held within 45 days of the Annual State Meeting at a central location within the region which is to be determined by the regional director.~~

~~B. A.~~ Regional Meetings shall be held quarterly each year at a regional central location which is to be determined by the Regional Director. The Annual Regional Meeting shall be one of the quarterly meetings at which the elections will be held.

~~C. B.~~ The Regional Director shall preside at all Regional Meetings.

Section 3-4 Special Meetings

A. Special meetings shall be called by the President when deemed necessary or when requested by 25 twenty five percent (25%) of the general Supporting Membership by petition.

B. Special Regional Meetings shall be called by the Regional Director when deemed necessary or when requested by 25 twenty five percent of the regional Supporting general Membership by petition.

~~C.~~ The membership shall be notified in writing, by mail at the last recorded address, not less than ten (10) days prior to said meetings.

~~D-C.~~ The Special Meetings shall be called not less than thirty (30) days *nor more than sixty (60) days* after receipt of the written request.

~~E-D.~~ No business may be conducted at ~~Special Meetings~~ other than that for which the meeting was called.

Section 4-5 Quorum

A. Annual ~~Association~~ Meetings shall require a quorum consisting of *two-thirds (2/3)* of the CORVA officers.

B. Regional Meetings shall require a quorum consisting of 2/3 *of a simple majority* of the regional officers.

Section 5-6 Parliamentary Authority

Section 6-7 Board of Directors Meetings

A. The Board of Directors shall meet *at least* quarterly. *Supporting Members shall be permitted to attend all quarterly Board of Directors meetings and testify or add input, but shall not be permitted to vote on any matter.*

~~B.~~ A special Board of Directors meeting may be called by President provided notice of such meeting shall have been sent to all Board members not less than ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

B. The Board of Directors may meet in Executive Session to discuss and decide on confidential legal proceedings and personnel matters. The minutes of the meeting shall remain confidential to the Board of Directors only. The Executive Session is restricted to Board of Directors and invitees only. Notice of such meeting shall be sent to all Board of Directors not less than ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

~~C.~~ All Board of Directors meetings shall require a quorum of 50 percent of the elected board.

~~D.~~ General members shall be permitted to attend all Board of Directors meetings and testify or add input, but shall not be permitted to vote on any matter.

ARTICLE XII REGIONS

Section 1

The Association shall be divided into two (2) geographical regions. ~~Each region is to be composed of such counties or parts thereof as are assigned it by the Board of Directors.~~ These ~~Regions~~ shall be referred to as the Northern Region and the Southern Region.

Section 4

Any *Supporting* Member located in a borderline city or county *or outside of California*, desiring to be included in a region other than the one designated for him/her, may petition the Board of Directors for reassignment to the Region of his/her choice.

ARTICLE XIII CORVA INSIGNIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Section 1

The California Off-Road Vehicle Association will not allow its name, initials or insignia to be used in any manner, commercial or otherwise, except to indicate membership. Only *Supporting* Members of CORVA in good standing *or with expressed permission from the Board of Directors* will be permitted to display the CORVA insignia.

Section 2

All intellectual property including but not limited to logos, forms, procedures, policies, advertisements, documents and etc. whether copyrighted or trademarked by CORVA or not, that were developed specifically for CORVA, become the property of CORVA for its exclusive use.

ARTICLE XIV FUNDS

Section 1

The collection, deposit, disbursement, and all matters pertaining to the funds of CORVA shall be *the responsibility of the Treasurer and is* subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 2

The annual audit is to be prepared *and presented by the CORVA Treasurer to the Board of Directors. The CORVA annual tax return will then be completed* by a licensed, certified public accountant firm which is registered with the State of California. ~~This audit shall be at CORVA's expense.~~

Section 3

Additional audits may be requested by any *Supporting* Member in good standing of CORVA. These audits are to be at the requester's expense, which is to be paid in advance. Should an *any material* infraction of the By-laws or State Law be found, the expense of the audit will be borne by CORVA, ~~and a finder's fee of ten (10) percent of the amount of discrepancy will be paid the requester.~~

Section 4

Disbursement of funds is to be in accordance with the annual budget, which is to be prepared by the Budget committee and approved by the Board of Directors. *Any* additional disbursements may *must* be allocated *approved* by the 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV EXPENSES OF CORVA REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1

~~The expenses of CORVA Officers and Representatives shall be paid. Payment is subject to the direction of the Board of Directors.~~

Section 1

All pre-approved expenses shall be listed on approved Expense Report Forms with written justification for and documentation of said expenses attached thereto, and shall be submitted to the Treasurer for review and approval by the President for the Board of Directors payment.

Section 2

All expenses shall be listed on approved Expense Report Forms with written justification for and documentation of said expenses attached thereto, and shall be submitted to the Treasurer for review and approval by the President for the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVI MANAGING DIRECTOR**Section 1**

The Board of Directors may designate a Managing Director to be employed by the Association and shall fix his/her or her compensation.

ARTICLE XVII BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended or repealed by a 2/3 majority vote of the members represented at any Annual Meeting, provided a copy of the proposed change is mailed to each member at his last recorded address no less than forty five (45) days prior to the time of the meeting which is to consider the change.

If a member has elected to forgo a mailed copy of the newsletter, the proposed changes will be posted on the CORVA web site and an email notification made to that member's last known email address. It is the member's responsibility to notify CORVA of his/her current email address.

A. Bylaws changes will be reviewed by Board of Directors before being submitted to the Supporting Membership for final approval.

B. Suggested by-law change(s) may be submitted to the Board of Directors by any Supporting Member or by a committee established for that purpose at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the next Association Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors will convene within sixty (60) days upon receipt of requested by-law changes. The Board will either:

1. recommend approval of the suggested change(s); or
2. remain neutral on the suggested change(s); or
3. recommend rejection of the suggested change(s).

In either case, the suggested change(s) to the by-laws will be submitted to the Supporting Membership for final approval. The Board of Directors will append a summary to the suggested change(s) summarizing any action the Board has taken regarding those changes.

C. The approved proposed changes will be published on the CORVA web site and the newsletter no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the time of the meeting which is to consider the change. If a Supporting Member has elected to forgo a mailed copy of the newsletter, an email notification containing the suggested changes will be made to that Supporting Member's last known email address no less than forty-five (45) days prior to the time of the meeting which is to consider the change. It is the member's responsibility to notify CORVA of his/her current email address.

D. Those by-laws changes require a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Supporting Members represented at that Annual Meeting to go into effect.

ARTICLE XVIII DISSOLUTION

Should the Association be dissolved or become bankrupt, all outstanding debts are to be cleared in compliance with State and Federal laws and any remaining funds are to be donated to a recognized national charity like non-profit organization of similar goals by the popular vote of the membership Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIX CORVA CLUBS**Section 1**

CORVA recognizes the value of local clubs as a means of providing safety; companionship; and a means of facilitating the rapid dissemination of time-sensitive information from CORVA to its members through communication through its club network. Therefore CORVA officially encourages the formation of clubs of like minded members wherever feasible, and provides special recognition to Supporting Members of CORVA Clubs or otherwise allied members.

Section 2

Any club with ten (10) or more members must have at least ten (10) CORVA Supporting Membership to be recognized with by the State Association.

Section 3

Any club with ten (10) or less members must have one hundred percent (100%) of their membership as paid-up Supporting CORVA Members to become a recognized club within the State by the Association.

ARTICLE XX ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purposes of this corporation.

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