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Board of Directors Meeting Conference **December 17, 2018 7:00 PM**

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I. **Call to Order** - 7:06 PM

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

Guests: Drew Ashley, Tommy Cooper, Steven Howard, Jon Kinley, Jared Macleod, Butch Meyner, Ken Oyer, Ed Waldheim and Terry Work. Special guest – Sonia from AirMed.

Absent Board Member: Chad Clopton

[Thirteen attending BOD members]

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

IV. **Approval of Minutes from 10/22/2018 BOD meeting** – Moved by Bruce Witcher, seconded by Roberta Woods. Minutes approved as submitted.

V. **President's Report** – Ken Clarke – Discussed the problems with our CORVA VP of Administration, Chad Clopton. Ken has asked for his resignation but hasn't received a response. Further steps will be necessary to remove him from the Board. Bob Ham suggested that we follow our by-laws and public relations so that everyone concerned has ample notice about Chad's removal. This will protect CORVA and the CORVA BOD. Terry Work thought we should mail Chad a registered letter with the notice that he has 30 days to correct his behavior. Ken hasn't had any response from Chad. Amy mentioned that Chad has been badmouthing CORVA and telling people not to join CORVA. CORVA clubs in Northern California approached Ken and Amy and told them what they had observed and asked for Chad to be removed. These clubs have asked the Board to remove Chad or they will lose faith and trust in CORVA. Due to the lack of consensus, the removal meeting will be held later and Ken will send out the notices, etc.

Diana Mead motioned to have a special executive meeting to remove Chad, seconded by Lori Lewis. Motion carried.

Ken mentioned the changes with our Instagram account manager. Tommy Cooper introduced himself. Tommy lives in San Diego and says CORVA is important because he wants his children to be able to enjoy the same off-road opportunities as he has enjoyed. He wants to help raise funds for CORVA, doing more than cleanups and such. His new title will be as a "brand manager" with a focus on getting more businesses to join by sponsoring CORVA and becoming CORVA Business Associates. He recognizes that CORVA needs to do better at getting our name more mainstream. It will help the sponsors and CORVA. His first business sponsor is "DevineDirt" and they want to give profits from the sale of a t-shirt back to CORVA. Jon Kinley is also working with Tommy. CORVA's has 3722 members on our website (database) while our Instagram has 5,700 followers and our Facebook followers are around 7,000. Tommy wants to establish our social media for the benefit of our business sponsors and our members. Merchandise really sells well through social media and our new hats sold out in two days. Wayne Ford asked if Jon Kinley or Tommy Cooper were attending Truckhaven. Neither will be able to attend.

Ken mentioned the problems with the snowmobiles and other issues. He asked everyone to represent CORVA in a professional manner. There are new brochures and flyers about CORVA but only a few Board members received them.

VI. **Legislative Reports**

- A. **Managing Director's Report** – Amy Granat – Besides the other items discussed, Amy mentioned that she submitted the applications for the Off-Road Expo and the Super Sports Sand Show. Both applications are accepted and look like there will be no problems.
- B. **Updates and related bills** – Bob Ham reported that he hasn't heard anything happening with the new administration and State Parks. His focus has been on the changes happening on a Federal level. It may that Congressman Dingham may be appointed to Secretary of Interior, who would be good for off-road. Bob reports there may be two bills in the next session. The first focuses on the \$10 million in gas tax and how much will be allocated to off-road. A complete survey hasn't happened since around 1990. Modern methods would be able to narrow such a required survey. We will try to support this effort. The second is to make the OHV Commission a permanent fixture. Kathy Lynch will draft a "spot bill" and try to get this added as a recommended a bill for this permanence. The first week of January will show more activity once the new legislators are installed. Ed Waldheim asked if the Feinstein Bill will be reintroduced. Nothing has happened yet. There may be a government shutdown and that will take the focus off this bill. Amy asked Bob if he had heard anything about the administration of the over-snow (OSV) program. The State gives funds to the National Forest to groom the areas but State Parks has no control over how the funds are spent. They will take the issue off-line.

Drew Ashley asked if anyone heard about Kamala Harris' recent proclamation where she wants to add more than 100,000 acres to the Angeles National Forest protected area. She is looking to increase her popularity. Bob Ham says it's too late to do this now, but we will watch this in the next congress.

Ken mentioned that it is time to renew our contract with Kathy Lynch (our lobbyist). Kathy is asking for a 10% increase over the next year. The three joined groups (ASA, SDORC and CORVA) who pay her bill pay \$800.00 each. Currently we pay \$660.00 per month each. Ed Stovin reported that all members will still pay around \$730.00 per month. Bob motioned that we extend the contract and raise to the new level. Jim Woods asked when a report would be given on what Kathy is doing. Jim wants a monthly report of her work. Vinnie says that he learned that Bob Ham is giving the Kathy Lynch report each month. Bob says he is in Mexico most of the time. His monthly report is what Kathy is doing. This has been a misunderstanding. Ed Stovin also reported that Kathy does all the work and that the reports should be stated as being what Kathy is doing. If we want to get things through the legislature, we need a lobbyist. Kathy is a bargain price for an excellent representative. Ed also says a report should be clarified. Not all Board members are on the legislative emails. Jim was satisfied with this answer. Again, Bob Ham motioned that we accept a new contract with the increase. Seconded by Ed Stovin. Motion carried.

VII. **Finance Report**

Treasurer's Report. Mike Moore sent out his report. He also wanted to mention that our merchandise sales are mostly to non-members. Donations can be sent out via InstaGram mentioning the IE4W matching funds donations. We have received a little over \$3,000.00 so far and if we promote it, we can raise more to reach the \$5,000.00 matching funds amount. Amy also mentioned that the Sierra Snowmobile Association will be sending funds to go towards that matching fundraiser.

VIII. **Northern Report** - None

IX. **Southern Report** – Vinnie Barbarino – report sent a Truckhaven report via email. InstaGram has helped Vinnie get more raffle items. He also wants Point Mugu to contact him about the Family Fun Run event.

X. **Ongoing Business**

A. **CORVA 50TH Birthday 2020** – committee needed. Ken mentioned that a paid organizer may have to be hired for this. Wayne Ford suggested that we make the event at the King of the Hammers. We may be able to get a tent there for our event. Ken Clarke says our location will be important. Lori Lewis says we need to set a budget and asked if we have discussed this. Bob Ham suggests we need a sub-committee and a paid-organizer. Ken asked for us to get a committee too.

B. CORVA attendance at Overland Expo <https://www.overlandexpo.com/west>

Amy is going to do this. CORVA will receive a table/space at no charge. We will be located next to American Adventurist. While the booth is free, we still need pay for travel expenses. Amy wants to take flyers and attend to meet all the groups. The concern is that it is held on May 17-19th 2019. We need to find a different date that we can hold our Annual Meeting. Amy suggests we email-discuss when we can decide on our Annual Meeting. Charlie Lowe mentioned that he attended the OC Overland Toy Drive and they had over 400 vehicles (on short notice). He will also attend the event in Arizona to assist Amy.

C. Family Fun Run Event – Pt. Mugu 4x4 Club update. Jared Macleod mentioned that while at SEMA he and Terry Work reached out to Sponsors about raffle prizes. Jared has followed up but we need to set a date for the event. Point Mugu would organize and host the run. He will also discuss a date with Hungry Valley SVRA and submit a permit, with CORVA's help (from Vinnie). Amy reported the permit is around \$500.00 and it would be covered by our CORVA insurance. Setting the date is the hardest part. Vinnie can assist with this. The permit needs to be submitted six months in advance. Amy says Point Mugu would do the work if CORVA can assist with the rest.

XI. **New Business**

- A. AirMed / CalStar / REACH – special guest Sonia provided information about the special air-ambulance insurance policy proposed for CORVA members for helicopter services throughout the country. This would be offered to our membership. Members would receive a discounted membership fee. The application would be listed in our newsletter and on our website and in our social media posts. Normal annual fee is \$85.00 per household. If CORVA signs an agreement, CORVA members would receive a \$20.00 reduction in this fee. There are other programs available as well. Sonia will send the agreement and a sample brochure to Amy and the BOD for us to review. We will vote on this on the next BOD call.
- B. Legislator of the Year Award – Bob Ham motioned and nominated Legislator Lorraina Gonzales Fletcher for her work on the Carnegie Bills and keeping it open for OHV. Seconded by Ed Stovin. Motion passed.
- C. InstaGram Jon reports that new shirts are coming any day.
- D. Drew Ashley asked about the Red Sticker program and what manufacturers will be making for models after 2020. Amy asked Drew to contact her to make contact with her off-line and she will give him the information. No new meetings have been held since the last meeting.
- E. Grants Meeting on January 7-8, 2019 in Pomona, CA and in Northern California by reservation only on January 10-11, 2019. Go online or Contact Ed Waldheim for more information.

XII. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn - meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Next CORVA scheduled board meeting **January 28, 2019**

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California's Off Road Voice for Access*

Ken Clarke
CORVA President
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Meeting Date: December 17, 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

If you were expecting to hear from me yesterday I apologize. It seems the Wandering Wheelers party on Saturday and a quick hike through Costco Sunday morning was a too much for me. After Costco I took a nap and woke up at 4 am.

This have been another banner year for CORVA with asking the Department of Agriculture to revisit the Forest Service Travel management plan. This will not only affect those of us the use the National Forest here in California but everyone in the United States that recreates in our forest. We are also deeply involved in Snowmobile issues.

We are forming a great Marking/ Social Media team with some new volunteers like Tommy Cooper, It is my hope that we can put together with the help of Charles and Jon leading the way. We are still unsure what this is going to look like and will continue to work it out. The important point is we now have volunteers to help make CORVA first name that comes to mind when our community thinks of land use issue.

The re-origination of the CORVA Store and membership has had a few hick-ups but overall it is working well. We will continue to make improvements as need.

As we start a new year we have several task to work on such as Truck Heaven which Vinnie has been preparing for very well. Jared Macleod of the Point Mugu 4x4 Club leading the Family Fun days effort. We need to plan our Annual Meeting plus our 50ty Anniversary Party, we need to set a budget for the party. As we are planning these great events we also must continue to excel in our defense of our public lands. Defense is not the correct word for CORVA's effort, we are on the attack!

Let's work to be the true professionals when it comes to protecting motorized recreation. This includes how we present ourselves at public meetings and events. Be sure to speak with integrity and passion when supporting CORVA. A Polo Shirt, or button down sportsman's shirt with your name and the CORVA logo embroidered presents a better image than a tee shirt at shows and event. As Amy said maybe we can come up with a standard. I fell the Hall of Fame banners are going to be a great addition to our booths. The printed Hall of Fame handouts are awesome.

I will speak to all of you shortly. Once we have the meeting out of the way let's take time to celebrate the Winter Solstice with our family and friends no matter how you choice to celebrate.

Happy Trails

Ken Clarke

CORVA President
Wandering Wheelers

Mike Moore
CORVA Treasurer

December 17, 2018

CORVA TREASURER'S REPORT

REVIEW:

Usual reports attached – the same trend continues – income is slightly higher than last year but expenses are way down so the balance sheet continues to grow.

We have collected \$1,935 donations for the legal fund so far – we are around 40% of our goal with another month and half to go – IE4W will match every dollar up to \$5,000.

The City National account has been closed and the funds transferred to our B of A savings account. Our City National account was paying .2 % interest and our current B of A account pays .03 % - we may qualify for a preferred rewards account which would pay .06% - B of A no longer offers Money Market accounts or CD rates. I have done some searching on the internet to find a money market account or CD – despite searching for business only accounts everyone I have come up with and called offers personal accounts only – the only business accounts pay similar or slightly more than what we are earning with B of A – I will continue the search and see if we can't find something that will pay a little extra.

Mike Moore

Treasurer

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SOUTHERN DIRECTOR'S REPORT

REVIEW:

I've been working on getting raffle prizes for Truckhaven. On the 19th I will send another round of emails out to those that promised donations but haven't sent them yet. We had a conference call last week with most of the volunteers. It was productive. The permit was approved and I asked Mike to send in the balance due. It's the same cost as last year \$1494. I'm hoping that a bunch of Board Members will attend. It's our biggest fund raiser of the year and it will be fun. If you've never been to Ocotillo Wells now's your chance. It's the best SVRA that I've been too. There's something for everyone.

I plan on heading to Ocotillo Wells a few days before the event maybe Tues or Wed.

Charlie Lowe attended 2 toy drives this month representing CORVA. I think he should have his own CORVA store items. I picked up 2 copies of the banner that Ed Waldheim had. They are the same one in the ORMHOF. I will give one to Charlie if he wants one since he's going to shows/events.

We need to get a history of CORVA Accomplishments through the years. Something we can brag about to potential members and business sponsors and even legislators. Who has contact info for Midge Swoger? Bob said she may have some old historic CORVA publications. Any other ideas on how we can get CORVA history?

Vinnie Barbarino

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