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California Off-Road Vehicle Association

Board of Directors Meeting Conference **March 25, 2019 7:00 PM**

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I. **Call to Order** - 7:00 PM

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

Guests:

Joe Baez (ATV Moto), Mark Hardwers, Stephen Howard (Scooter), Ed Waldheim and Terry Work.

Absent Board Member: Wayne Ford

[Eleven attending BOD members]

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

IV. **Minutes from previous BOD meeting**

Motion to approve Jim Woods, seconded by Diana Mead. Motion passed.

V. **President's Report – Ken Clarke** – reviewed his submitted his report. **Ed Waldheim** questioned why we changed the location to the Cal City location instead of Jawbone. He feels we should have kept our meeting in the Jawbone station. He wants us to reconsider the location for next year. Ken thanked Ed for his offer. **Bob Ham** is happy with the location in Cal City. **Bruce Brazil** wanted to ask about the meeting concerning Eastern Alameda County. Was any other property discussed? Ken Clarke said no and will attend as many meetings as he can every other month. Guest **Joe Baez** would like us to go back to Jawbone next year.

VI. **Legislative Reports**

A. Managing Director's Report – **Amy Granat** – Reviewed her submitted report. She mentioned that we have complaints of a few National Forest employees. There are many issues. CORVA needs to develop plans to fight all these areas. There are ongoing attempts to assist with comments for the Wyoming travel management plans so eventually the lawsuit could go before the Supreme Court but not be heard by the 9th district court. **Bob Ham** motioned to empower Amy to become involved in this action. **Diana Mead** seconded. There are no extra costs and our members would like us to do this. This would be a national issue and reflect a lot of leadership. Motion passed. More instructions will be forthcoming.

B. Updates and related bills (Re: Kathy Lynch) - **Bob Ham** mentioned briefly that SB767 will be heard. Amy will give testimony on CORVA's behalf. Inyo County is also asking for a longer open riding area dates and to have more connecting areas. The test time of five years is now up and they are asking for another five years. Bob thinks we should publicly support this Bill. No other Bills are critical at this time. **Bruce Whitcher** mentioned that Bills are pre-decided before they come for a vote. He asked if Bob had any feel for how the Glazier Bill is going. Bob wants us to ask for help from Loretta Gonzales-Fletcher as we decided to do with the Appropriations Bill. Bob also says the governor/administration has not made a final decision. We are still trying to stop the Bill. **Diana Mead** discussed the problems with the Carnegie during the hill climb. She discussed the regulations with those who were upset at the event. **Ken Clarke** mentioned that many objectionable things were removed from the Glazier Bill.

C. Bruce Witcher – reviewed the Omnibus Bill and the State regulatory items with the forest plans. Nothing new at this time. Oceano Dunes is very controversial now. More reviews and updates are coming.

VII. **Member's Reports & Requests**

A. **Joe Baez** is concerned with the Angeles National Forest. He is supporting Ed Waldheim. His group is having a big event in Panamint Springs in Death Valley on 03/30/19. He needs volunteers. He is excited about all the raffle items he has to make donations. All the money will be donated to charity and off road groups. He wants us to support the Angeles National Forest. Last month they had another ride to the Husky Monument. He sent CORVA about \$200.00 for that ride. He is grateful for his volunteers. He says he has 250 riders and he makes them aware of the issues.

VIII. **Finance Report**

Treasurer's Report. Mike Moore – (*Financial Reports to be sent via email*) Mike reviewed his submitted report. Motion made by Roberta Woods to pay the accounting firm to complete our taxes. Seconded by Vinnie Barbarino. Motion passed. Motion made by Vinnie Barbarino for the renewal of our website. Seconded by Roberta Woods. Motion passed.

IX. **Northern Report – Bruce Brazil** reviewed a video of the OHMVR meeting on 03/01/2019. There is a full commission with new member Kimberlina Wetom. She is an OHV enthusiast and already very active. Next he discussed the Carnegie expansion lawsuit with the Friends of Tesla - they lost their argument in court. They wanted to remove the OHMVR from the authority on the expansion. On the Connelly Ranch lawsuit a trial date has been set in Stockton on May 4th. The State Attorney General's office wants to charge Connelly Ranch because they submitted a motion to stop a deposition. The AG says that Connelly Ranch does not have the authority to make that motion. The penalty for this is \$15,275.00. Bruce thinks the AG office is doing a good job with this.

X. **Southern Report – Vinnie Barbarino** reviewed his submitted report. **Ed Stovin** remarked that he wants CORVA to support the DMV bill that would force them to have less than 30 minute wait times. **Bob Ham** says there are other Bills targeting the DMV as well. **Bruce Witcher** discussed the comments for Grants process. Neil Hamada also has a ground operation grant. He is asking for CORVA's help of support so his area could get more funds to assist with signage.

XI. **Ongoing Business**

A. CORVA Annual Meeting 2019– Review agenda and itinerary – Roberta reviewed the plan. She motioned to change to next meeting of April 22nd to combine with Annual Meeting. Seconded by Amy Granat. Motion passed. **Bob Ham** wants a copy of the CORVA Awards. Amy will send out again. Amy also wants to move the May 27 meeting to May 20 instead. Motion passed. **Terry Work** wanted to know about when the meeting notice would go to membership. It will go out on 03/26/2019. Terry's club will be doing the Moose Anderson Days as a club run. He's not happy that his club will not be able to vote. Amy remarked that the voting will be in the afternoon. There was a lot of controversy and conflict on the event date etc. Roberta wants remarks made to **Ken Clarke**.

B. CORVA 50TH Birthday 2020 – sub-committee needed to create budget, etc. – updates – **Ed Waldheim** wants us to find out what the State of California will be doing on the 50th anniversary of the OHV program. Maybe we could coordinate events with them. **Bob Ham** says we shouldn't neglect our 50 years of CORVA. **Ken Clarke** says we should investigate this. No date, location or budget has been set. And raffle prizes are needed too. Discussion still needs to be done, but we need a committee and chairperson. **Amy Granat** has been discussing this with our lobbyist's office. There could be two meetings – one a lobby day and one with an OHV event or celebration. That would get more people involved. This can be discussed too.

C. Family Fun Run Event – Pt. Mugu 4x4 Club – confirm date and permit process updates. **Terry Work** updated the info. They have been speaking with Dawn Kelly at Hungry Valley and the club did a club pre-run. There will be a separate trail runs for motorcycle and Jeep vehicles. The club is getting sponsors. There will hopefully be a ride-a-long with a Veteran's organization. Usually we pay about \$500 for a permit for the run. Amy will help with the Insurance Certificate. The date is set for August 17, 2019.

XII. **New Business**

- A. **Ed Waldheim** reminded us of a meeting on March 26th in Lancaster for the first hearing of the Red Rock State Park general plan. Everyone needs to attend. The next meeting is in Ridgecrest on March 27th. There is no posted general plan yet. They want a very interactive planning meeting. **Ken Clarke** wanted to know if we could post this on our social media sites. **Amy Granat** believes it has already been posted. **Bruce Whitcher** believes there are people watching this.

XIII. **Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn Bruce Brazil, seconded by Lori Lewis. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Next CORVA scheduled board meeting
April 27, 2019 At California City Best Western

*Protecting public land for the people, not from the people.
California's Off Road Voice for Access*

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Meeting Date: March 25, 2019

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

The first hearing is set for SB 767, this year's version of the bill trying to force the state to sell the Carnegie SVRA expansion area known as the Alameda - Tesla Expansion Area. This is the 3rd legislative attempt to force the sale of this property, pushed by the Connolly/Garamendi family. The bill has been introduced by Senator Glazer again, but this time most if not all the legislators in the Bay Area have signed on as co-authors to support the bill. The first hearing is on April 9th, and either Diana or I will testify. Because of the increased support for this bill we will have to fight that much harder.

What I can share with the BOD is that State Parks have indicated that they do not support the bill. But it is very early in the process, so until State Parks chooses to share the information more widely, we should keep this information to ourselves.

I have to report on Ken's appearance in front of the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility Open Space Advisory Committee meeting yesterday. Accompanied by CORVA's letter of opposition to SB 767, Ken appeared in front of this committee with strongly worded comments against the bill. The scheduling of this meeting is suspect, because it is not announced anywhere to the general public. We were lucky to get notice of the meeting and have Ken attend, since it was in the greater Bay Area. To say they were surprised to see a pro-OHV advocate at the meeting was an understatement. No other OHV organizations attended.

I have been asked by the Forest Service to work on the Pacific Crest Trail collaborative team for Forest Plan Revisions, starting with the Inyo National Forest. Pacific Crest Trail Association is trying to upend all the past 30+ years of management of the trail. There is one off-road group based in Idaho that has advocated for giving the PCTA what it wants - a half-mile buffer zone on both sides of the trail eliminating any motorized access. Recently, the PCTA has expanded their demands to include a maximum width of 1/8th of a mile for snowmobile crossings.

Our response to both of these items is absolutely not! We will not give into arbitrary demands that have not been mandated by the PCT Management Plan. PCTA is not compromising at all, but expecting us to compromise. CORVA is the only entity holding the line against these capricious demands. I have met with the FS separately, and I know they do not support these changes either.

In February I represented CORVA in addition to being proxy with Mike Johnston, from the Eastern Sierra 4WD Club. I participated by phone in the all-day meeting. Travel conditions were hazardous through Tahoe with all the snow that still continues to fall! (It's been a great snowmobile season this year, with some areas still having 16' of snow.) The meeting was brutal, with a lot of arguments and little resolution coming out of the meeting. Over and over I find that CORVA is the only organization holding the line against the extreme orgs on the other side.

In Northern California the PCT also comes into play in the Subpart C OSV plans. This past week CORVA was an official objector in the Eldorado NF OSV Plan. This is the 3rd objection meeting I've participated in, and it was the most organized. The environmental organizations showed their true

colors and refused to consider sharing any areas, parking lots or to possibly see or hear snowmobiles in any area that allows cross-country skiing. This just showed the FS their intractability, and actually made us look better. We participated with the Sierra Snowmobile Foundation. The FS has asked for our help arranging some educational materials or snowmobilers. We'll discuss that further after the snow season. The Stanislaus OSV Plan just released their Final Environmental Impact Statement yesterday, and we have prevailed! The Stanislaus has proposed continuing with existing management, which is a coup for us! They actually reproduced some of the comments from our comments with Sierra Snowmobile Foundation. We spent a lot of time and energy on the Stanislaus Plan, so this is validation.

We do have some interesting/exciting news about a new possible legal challenge with Texas Public Policy Institute. Our Administrative Petition was delivered to the Department of Agriculture and FS in December, and they still have months before the government has to respond. But Texas Public Policy Institute wants our help to initiate another lawsuit against the implementation of the Travel Management Rule, but outside the 9th District Court. Their goal is to get a more sympathetic decision outside the 9th district. We've chosen Wyoming as the appropriate state. We already have partners we work with in Wyoming, and the Texas Public Policy Institute needs our help because we have now become the experts on Travel Management issues.

The over snow plans are ongoing in Northern California, and has become quite the battle ground.

As always, feel free to ask any questions. Looking forward to speaking with everyone Monday!

Amy

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CORVA TREASURER'S REPORT

REVIEW:

Reports were attached

There are 2 sets of reports attached this month – the normal monthly report for March of the new year in addition to the closing reports for last year.

We ended the year strong – our net cash reserves are up \$29,000 over the previous year. Our legal expenses were minimal with or net legal donations roughly \$1,000 over the prior year our legal fund reserves increased nearly \$11,000 over the prior year.

Restricted Donations Recap below

	2018	2019	Net Chg
Donations - Unrestricted	37,705	29,773	(7,932)
Bal Sheet Begin	18,634	4,872	(13,762)
Donations - Restricted	10,894	11,850	956
Legal Expense	25,631	1,055	(24,576)
Chg to Bal Sheet	(13,762)	10,795	24,557
Bal Sheet End	4,872	15,667	10,795

Recap of Merchandise Sales

Merchandise Sales	5,335	13,063	7,728
Cost of Goods	(679)	(3,388)	2,709
Store Expense	(641)	(1,488)	847
Net Income	4,015	8,187	4,172

Membership Recap Below

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>Net Change</u>	
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Business Club	17	6,226.00	22	8,919.50	29%	43%
Membership	219	6,562.50	213	7,229.16	-3%	10%
Life Member	32	6,775.00	46	11,992.62	44%	77%
New Members	239	7,130.00	354	12,670.00	48%	78%
Renewing Members	515	15,450.00	489	17,260.00	-5%	12%
	1022	42,143.50	1124	58,071.28	10%	38%

Reached out to the accounting firm we have used the last couple of years – Cashuk, Wiseman, Goldberg, Birnbaum & Salem, LLP - they are available again for the same fee \$900 – told them I would touch base with the board and if we are in agreement will forward the necessary info the first part of April.

The renewal for our website is due on April 21st – the renewal fee is \$3,132 for the year - (\$290/mo x 12 months – less a 10% discount for prepaying for the year)

Meeting Date: March 25, 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Welcome to spring everyone,

The season Legislation is here again. This has presented us with several opportunities for us to defeat [anti]OHV [legislation]. The most dangerous is SB767 Déjà vu! This is a rewrite of SB 1316 that failed last year. The only change seems to be they have left out the line that would allow the sale of the Carnegie SRVA Expansion property at less than market value.

SB767 is being pushed by a hand full of neighbors, the Sierra Club, the Cities of Pleasanton and Livermore. The source of funding for this is <https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/AltamontOpenSpace/index.htm>. As a result of a law suit over the proposed new dump back in 1999. The settlement created a \$10 fee for every vehicle entering the dump plus tasked the group with identification, purchasing and preserving open space in eastern Alameda County. Educating and training is also required. Per a Sierra Club Represented they receive a **Tip from every truck that goes in to the dump**. The same person stated the idea was to educate people so we would recycle, therefore no dump will be needed. Even the Sierra Club knows this will not happen. I responded with how are the Archaeologist a 1000 years from now going to discover how we lived. The response I received was **there will always be dumps**.

Diana Mead called me last Friday at 11:30 am she ask if I knew about the meeting of the **Altamont Landfill Open Space Committee (ALOSC)** which was at 12:30 concerning SB767. I dressed nicely and rushed to the meeting. To my surprise Togo's and soft drinks where available. When I attend the next meeting which will be May 17 I will ask if the public is paying for lunch. The first item was a report from a contractor that is developing a map of priority properties to preserve. This contractor mentioned that one of the California Universities is putting the map together and normally ask for **Cost Recovery**. The gentleman went on to say that if they asked UC real nicely the University would waive the Cost Recovery. Does this mean we can say pretty please and the BLM will waive the Cost Recovery for OHN events?

Next on the agenda was a support letter for SB767 to Sen. Glazer. Then came the public comments and I had had enough of these smug low lives. I started by stating the SB767 is a continuation of a now three year legislative attack on the OHV Community. Starting with SB249 that was designed to destroy the OHV program in California which backfired on them into a permeant program. Then came SB 1316 which failed and now we have SB767. This is when I lost my composure. My voice lowered and I spoke very firmly. What came out of my mouth was that *"the OHV Community concedes these action as harassment and discriminatory"*. I went on to say *"the Community concedes these attacks a Hate Crime due to the opposition not having*

facts to support their hatred of our Community". The rep. the City of Livermore could not believe I would say such a thing. I fully expect to see an article in this Thursdays Livermore Independent say I threatened them which I did not. *I did say there a rich and powerful people in the Bay Area they are researching legal action against them.* SB767 will be heard be for the Senate Natural Recourse Community April 9th

I feel if it is time for us to stand up and yell we are mad as hell and are not going to take this abuse any longer. So I ask how we create legislation that make harassment of the OHV Community a Hate Crime. How do we get Historical Protection for Oceana Dunes? While I am on legislation the Mendocino 4x4 Club has asked how we get Judges to sentence people that use vehicles to damage natural resource to perform community service and education on OHV projects. The Courts would not like this because they would lose money.

I drove up to the Ultra 4 races and personally thanked our Business Sponsors Tony Pellegrino of GenRight, Dan Frerickson of Roughstuff Specialties and PCI Race Radios. Sunday I joined Diana Mead at Carnegie SRVA for the Nitro Nationals Hill Climbs. While on site I thanked Tony of MotoMart a CORVA Business Sponsor for his support.

Ok let me calm down and get to business. We have the details nailed down for our annual meeting thanks to Roberta for making the arrangements. Our meeting will be held Saturday April at the Best Western in California City. We choses this location so we would not interfere with the generation of funds at the Jawbone Visitor center. This will allow members to come to the meeting after the cleanup. We will have lunch brought in from Gloria's Mexican restaurant. Those that are interested some of us will be going out for dinner after the meeting.

We have elections this year. I will offer to run for President again. Feel free to nominate another Presidential candidate I will not be offended. Anyone whose term s ending I invite you to continue in your board position. We still need a VP of Administration. I don't feel his should be an entry level position so if any of you would like to move up to this please volunteer. Please think about who we are going to give awards to this year. We will also discuss the future of CORVA plus Legislative issues.

I'm looking forward to chatting with all of you tonight. Thanks to everyone for the work you do and your time that you donate.

Happy Trails

[Ken Clarke](#)

[CORVA President](#)

[Wandering Wheelers President](#)

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REVIEW:

March 2019 Southern Report

I don't have too much to report this month. Kathy and I have been spending a lot of time with our granddaughter. It's wonderful. There were two events this last weekend that Corva was invited to attend. Jim Woods and I went to EcoKrawl in Norco on Saturday. It was kind of a "hybrid" off road/mall crawling Jeep event for the whole family. It was at an equestrian center. They had man made obstacles that you could drive over. They were made for anything from beer kegs to concrete blocks to wooden logs. It kind of reminded me of an Enduro cross event for Jeeps.

There were areas that kids could run their R/C cars and drive little miniature Jeeps around a course. It seemed like the attendees were having a fun time but there wasn't much interest in any of the vendors. We were there from 7am till 6pm. We sold 1 membership 1 license plate frame and a few stickers. \$33 plus a \$40 membership. We decided not to go back on Sunday to waste our day for such a little return.

The other event we were invited to attend was at the Del Mar Fairgrounds called "Off Road Nights" I think Ed Stovin was there with SDORC. I gave him a stack of ORIA's to hand out. Maybe he can report how that event was. Next time I think we should go there and see how we do.

I haven't heard from Charlie in a while. He said he would go to an IE4W meeting in March or April to accept their donation. Not sure if went in March or will go in April. If not I will try to go.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting.

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