

**High Desert Rovers of New Mexico
Club Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2002
El Pinto Restaurant**

Ken Rice, President called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, Susan Kitsch reported that the club's balance was \$509. In jest the members asked how the balance was growing on it's own.

Mr. Rice welcomed back Dick Merinda, club member and Freeland owner who has been working out of town the last six months. Members welcomed Dick back and said that we were looking forward to seeing the Freeland perform on some trails.

Christine Grabiell asked if membership dues were due since this was the official "year" anniversary of the club. Susan Kitsch announced that membership dues would be due by the end of November and the elections would be held in December as of now the dues are \$40.00 per family membership. The suggestion of reduced membership dues was brought forth, but no action was taken. It was decided that this might be an item to vote on at a later meeting. *(editor's note: the calendar currently states that dues are to be paid in October, election of new officers in November, and swearing in of the new officers at the December meeting.)*

Mr. Rice went on to welcome a visitor to our meeting. Henry ? (look on the list for his last name...I did not get the list back.....) with a new H2 Hummer. Henry came all the way from the Santa Fe area to attend the meeting. Mike Robertson and Ken Rice presented Henry with the High Desert Rovers sticker to put on his Hummer

Old Business, Christine Grabiell needs pictures and or items for the scrapbook.

Suzanne Miller brought the club up to date on the volunteer forest project. It was decided that the application would be sent in as soon as possible and that the service projects the club would like to get involved with are the trail maintenance and clean up fields.

Mr. Rice was hoping to volunteer in "poacher" catching, but will settle for trail maintenance.

Mr. Rice brought up the calendar of events for the rest of the year with the "Cook Off" at Los Huertas as the next item on the calendar. This is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 am.

Next, Pagosa Springs, CO Colorfest scheduled for September 20. Jackie informed members that most participants were leaving Friday afternoon making their way up to Pagosa. Saturday would be the hot air balloons and that if anyone was interested they

could be a part of a "balloon crew" if they wanted to help out. This would start at 7am Saturday morning. Also there would be a few trails to run on Saturday afternoon with our friends and guides from Pagosa – Sue and Jack Passant and Burt Cox.

Our next major trip is the Moab, Oct. 11-13. Jackie reminded everyone that interested members need to arrange their hotel accommodations by September 30 at the Big Horn Lodge in Moab. This is a combined event with the Rover Riders from Colorado and that the range of trails would be decided with the overall experience of the drivers. Jackie gave a budget of what to expect to spend on lodging and special breakfast and dinners planned. Participants will be meeting Friday, October 11 at 8am at Tramway and I-25 to convoy to Moab.

New Business, Susan requested a reimbursement of funds for upgrades to the Website of \$63.00. The motion to reimburse Susan was second.

Mike Robertson mentioned that the new Newsletter would be out later this month and that articles needed to be turned in by September 20th. A trip report to Pagosa could make the newsletter if it gets turned in as soon as we get back. Another idea for the newsletter is an interview with Rocky Hughes from Land Rover Albuquerque, Santa Fe, or maybe a maintenance report, or any article that we can publish in the newsletter.

Advertising was mentioned that we needed to get some more sponsors, but then again that we didn't want a newsletter with just "advertising".

Mr. Rice reminded everyone that elections were coming up soon and that he did not want to run for President so that members needed to be thinking about whom they liked to fill that position. Elections will be held in the November.

With that the meeting was adjourned.