

**Meeting Minutes
American Land & Cattle Co.
February 11, 2003**

Mike Robertson, President started the meeting by introducing the minutes from last month. Minutes approved.

Treasures Report by Steve Gabriel, no changes to the balance as of last month's report, but two checks would be issued this meeting for Jackie Brandenburg for reimbursement of fees for reincorporating the club with the state in the amount of \$10. Approved.

Mike Robertson received reimbursement for web site renewal. Approved.

Steve Gabriel mentioned that a few members had not renewed their membership with the club and asked that a new list of members be provided.

Ken Rice mentioned that with the opening of the Reel and Creel that Chris and Barbara Hoffman would not be renewing their membership due to time constraints.

A discussion continued about the excess of funds now in the High Desert Rovers account and how we should disperse of the funds. Ken Rice suggested that the club purchase a "Pull Pal" a device used for winching vehicles without the use of a winch. It was decided that Steve Gabriel would investigate and get an estimate on how much a pull pal would cost the club. Rob Dassler mentioned that a pull pal was indeed a useful tool to have off-roading, but it was very heavy and who ever had to carry the tool would need to be aware that it has very sharp edges and could cause damage to a vehicle if not properly secured when traveling. Ken Rice motioned to buy a pull pal, Rob second the motion and the motion passed with a spending cap of \$ 175. Steve Gabriel will report his findings at the next meeting.

Christine Gabriel suggested buying a few family band radios, but the club members all have radios. She withdrew the proposal.

An update on the Las Cruces trip: Mike mentioned that Scott Hutchinson was not here this evening but that the Chili Challenge was that same weekend. With a show of hands it was decided that members would get together with Scott and finalize the trip to Las Cruces.

The idea of a Membership chairperson was brought up again, but again members decided that we are all capable of promoting the club. Christine asked if the dealership could help with a mailing list of owners to which Jackie answered that she includes information to the new customers' registrations when she mails them out from the dealership and that the newsletters are a big help in promoting the club.

Ken Rice noticed that a few members had slipped away and that we should try to contact members that have not made the meetings in a while. Stuart Klein was nominated as Membership Chairperson. His duties would be to contact members that have not made

meetings in a while, come up with some PR ideas. Christine nominated Stuart and Steven to co-chair. Motion second and approved.

Club Activities:

The club members went on to discuss the possible charge of a \$ 5.00 per event for nonmembers to join in club activities. Thus giving an interested party a chance to participate in a club event without making a \$40 commitment. This is based on a two event limit and after that the parties should be able to commit to the club fee which would be \$30 after the two events. Motion passed.

New Business:

Several members noticed the logo change on the new newsletter. "The Flames" which have not been officially approved by the club is a suggestion for the new logo. Mike noted that the High Desert Logo is an infringement at this time and that a proposed change is still in order. Mr. Rice suggested that we start to look at other logos/suggestions and maybe vote at the next meeting.

Susan Kitsch brought up that Susan Miller is selling her ski rack and bike rack and that anyone interested could contact her.

Meeting adjourned.