

High Desert Meeting Minutes
March 08, 2005

March's High Desert Rovers meeting was held at Quarters on Wyoming. Robert Dassler, President started the meeting by requesting approval of February's meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

Update from Susan Kitsch on the OHV bill. The bill will not have a direct impact on off road drivers in vehicles. The main target of this bill are the ATVs with requirements of age limits, helmets, inspection of vehicles, along with additional registration fees and possible fees to help support the BLM. This may trickle down to off road drivers in vehicles, especially the additional fees from the BLM for access to BLM land/trails. Some events have already experienced the addition of fees and restrictions to BLM trails (Chili Challenge participants have to pay fees and vehicles are inspected).

Treasurer's Report – Christine Grabiell stated that the balance is \$ 741.45. We have several new members: Ralph & Sue Hall from Angel Fire, New Mexico and Trey Urrea with his sons, Cisco and Keanon from Albuquerque. Welcome! Christine will forward new member(s) information to Michelle and Oliver Whiting in the Durango area.

Steve and Christine Grabiell experienced problems with the High Desert Rover's bank account at Wells Fargo and propose changing to Compass Bank. Wells Fargo closed the High Desert Rover's account and transferred the funds into Steve's personal account. In order for them to correct their mistake, they are requesting that the club resubmit paperwork such as our Articles of Incorporation. Christine feels that changing to Compass Bank would be the better choice in that Steve and Christine have had great customer service from that branch. They motioned for a change in banks from Wells Fargo to Compass Bank. Motioned seconded. Christine will process paperwork and transfer funds into new account.

Old Business –

The trip proposed for this month to Las Cruces has been changed to the Carlsbad area. Unfortunately Tim is out of town and could not make the meeting. Rob, the president stated that via email Tim stated that he would like to go to Carlsbad for a three day trip to that area. Depending on the interest, Tim will forward information on locations to stay. Four vehicles showed interest in the trip. Rob will confirm with Tim. Emails with more information will be forwarded to club members.

May's Moab trip will be wrangled by Rob & Jackie Dassler. Information on places to stay (camping/hotel) will be made available as we get closer to the trip.

Updates for July's trip to Leadville for the National Land Rover Rally will be forwarded as it becomes available. Be sure to check your emails for registration information. We will talk about camping/hotel possibilities at next months meeting in order coordinate a "club camp site".

New Business:

Christine stated that new members suggested adding a “frequently asked questions” to our website. Susan will look into the possibility of this.

Next months meeting will be at the Sizzler or Sirloin Stockade, both locations have meeting rooms. Jackie will look into setting up meeting. Watch your emails for meeting location.

Meeting adjourned.