

**MINUTES**  
**4th QUARTER MEETING**  
**SOUTHERN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2012.**

Pursuant to notice given in common media outlets, the third quarter meeting of the Southern Four Wheel Drive Association was held the 1st day of December 2012, at the Windrock OHV Park 555 Windrock Park Lane, Oliver Springs, Tennessee 37840.

**1. Vice President, Brian Overly, called the Third Quarter Meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.**

**Central Time.** Brian introduced the SFWDA officers that were present.

- Brian Overly, Vice President
- Ray Stanley, Treasurer
- Wayne Hartford, Director of Membership
- Dawn Shirley, Recording Secretary
- Alan Shirley, Director of Public Relations
- Roger Theurer, Past President
- Bob Yarbrough, Past President
- Brent Galloway, Past President
- Gary Parsons, Past President
- Over 40 members were present.
- Gunnar Byrd-President, Flint Holbrook-Director of Conservation and Land Management, and David Borum-Director of Legislative Affairs were absent.

Brian thanked the Rattle Rock 4WD Club and Brent Galloway with Windrock OHV Park for hosting the meeting and the breakfast food.

**2. Approval of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Minutes.**

Dawn Shirley summarized the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – September 8, 2012 minutes. No corrections were suggested; Dave Halstead made a motion to accept the minutes.

**3. Treasurer's Report – Ray Stanley, Treasurer.**

The balance sheet is down from last year due to legal expenses involving Rescue Tellico; however, SFWDA is still in a solid financial situation.

The insurance is due March 2013 and the Association must decide before then how many events will need coverage. This discussion was tabled to the 2013 Leadership meeting.

Dixie Run was a great success! Ray compared Dixie Run 2012 at Golden Mountain with the 2007 Dixie Run; the last Dixie Run held in Tellico. If it were not for the cost of using the land at Golden Mountain, 2012 Dixie Run would have been slightly more profitable. A very special Thank you to Chris Knox and Greg Griffith.

**4. Director of Public Relations, Alan Shirley**

Alan spoke with Tom from Tom's 4X4 Superstore, Chattanooga, TN. Tom plans to open an OHV park, and more information will follow.

**5. Membership Report, Wayne Hartford**

Wayne stated there are 5 individual members, 66 clubs, and 0 business members paid for 2013. He stated that this is up from this time last year. He wanted to encourage everyone to promote SFWDA to help it grow.

**6. General Business, Brian Overly, President**

**Brent Galloway, Manager of Windrock OHV Park** – Brent Galloway spoke of the “Re-Branding Process” that Windrock is going through. Windrock has been called Coalcreek by many people but Brent hopes everyone will get accustomed to the name Windrock OHV Park. Currently there are 308 miles of trails. Brian requested we help more with clean up and Brent will get us the information on upcoming work days.

**Website** – Our webpage can only be as good as the information we give it. Most people felt the webpage is boring but no one was able to suggest how to make it better. John Plaza agreed to try to come up with some suggestions to send to the webmaster to see if we can get the site a fresh and exciting look. Please send any ideas or additions to Scott at [scott@scottburchfield.com](mailto:scott@scottburchfield.com) or (615) 876-1256.

**Clubs Represented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting** – Brian asked a show of clubs at the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting. The clubs represented were Rattlerock, Southern Jeep, Rock Solid, Cumberland Off-Road, East Tennessee 4WD, Knox Off-Road, South Eastern Land Cruisers and Scenic City 4WD.

**Dixie Run** – Chris Knox, Dixie Run Coordinator was not present. The 2013 Dixie Run will be September 26-29, 2013. Plans to do away with the a-la-cart pricing due to the complexity and issues we ran into this year. A large discussion was held regarding the location of the Dixie Run. Many people suggested Windrock as a more suitable place due to its larger size. This has been discussed numerous times and most people feel Windrock is too pricey for large families. Another issue brought up was the *land use* expense of the Golden Mountain OHV Park. There was a suggestion that SFWDA might swap volunteer work maintaining and building trails for reduced *land use* cost. Brian Overly and Ray Stanley volunteered to get with Greg Griffith and Chris Knox to see if it was a good idea to talk with Henry Randolph, the land owner of Golden Mountain OHV Park.

**Trailfest** – Chad Christman, Trailfest Coordinator was not present. The 2013 Trailfest will be May 3 – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> annual and Chad says, “Let’s make this the biggest one yet!!!”

**United 4WDA** – Currently, UFWDA has not cashed SFWDA’s check for 2013 dues. Ray Stanley has tried to contact United with no response back. Dave Halstead made a motion to stop pay on the \$4,860 check until United contacted us. Dave Logan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and majority ruled to stop pay on the check. The topic was discussed, “Should we continue to be members of UFWDA and what do they do for us? Several SFWDA members stated, “They did little to help with RESCUE TELLICO.” In the last UFWDA newsletter, their response to the above statement was, “after recession and several associations pulling out of UFWDA it restricted in our ability to provide the levels of support that had previously been available to Southern and others. We do continue to support the fight for Tellico and other areas, and are in the process of a major direct mail campaign to our members in support of the Tellico’s legal challenge, in conjunction with BRC and Southern.

**7. OHV News, Flint Holbrook, Director of Land Management (by email)**

**Tellico - TN** We lost the lawsuit and chose not to file an appeal. Flint stated that a new Forest Service Super for NC is Kristin Ball. He suggested that we schedule a meeting with her to discuss the future of OHV access in NC forest. Gary Parson gave encouraging words that even though we lost the lawsuit; we succeeded by getting a MWU “Memorandum with Understanding”. This means we made a STAND.

**Coalmont Park – TN** The business plan has been filed and is awaiting final approval. The park is waiting on the release of \$800,000 in RTP money, hopefully Spring 2013. SFWDA committed to volunteer \$100,000.00 hours to help build an OHV park to cover part of the

cost share. Roger said the mayor will allow ATVs to use public roads within 5 miles of the park.

**Uwharrie – NC** 16 miles of trails has been re-routed. John Craven has been working to create a not-for-profit group “friends of Uwharrie”. Scott Fields has been helping get this going.

**Doe Mountain – Mountain City, TN** No additional updates. Flint sent a message to the mayor for the latest on the 8,600 acres of state owned land.

**Sand Lick Red River Gorge – Slade, KY** This area is also known as Daniel Boone Forest Area. This area is about 11,000 miles of pipe lines and oil wells that have not been properly closed. In a conference call with Roger Thuerer, Jeffrey Dozier, BRC reps Hawthorne and Mumm, and local Powell County Judge Executive Anderson. We discussed the next steps now that we have a firm “**No OHV Trails**” from the FS. This will be political action with the KY Senators and Representatives at the national level. The Judge Executive is leading the charge. A media campaign will be set in motion to highlight the impact to jobs and business. Here, unlike Tellico, it appears that the business community is engaged and realizes the impact of losing the OHV traffic. They are willing to fight the FS. The KY Governor is promoting adventure tourism in this region and the judge is going to take full advantage.

**Aetna Mountain – Chattanooga, TN** TWRA banned 4 Wheelers on its extensive property claiming severe erosion problems.

#### **8. Member 4WD Club News:**

**Scenic City 4WD** Invited everyone to their annual Christmas Ride and Party. Plans are for a Ride to Coppinger’s Cove on Friday December 14 and hopefully a chance to check out Tom’s New Off-Road Park on Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Party will follow the Ride at the Waterford Apartments in Chattanooga, TN. For more information on the ride, Contact Alan Shirley @ (423) 593-1134 or check out the webpage @ [sceniccity4wd.com](http://sceniccity4wd.com).

**Scenic City 4WD** Announced a work day/clean up of Coppinger’s Cove. Plans are to meet at 10:00 am Central Time at the Trials Training Center located at 300 Wodland Road Sequatchie, TN 37374. After the cleanup, there will be a tour of the Sequachie Cove Farm if anyone is interested.

#### **9. Other Business:**

**Leadership Meeting** – Will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 in Chattanooga, TN

**1st Quarter Meeting** – The first quarter 2013 meeting will be sponsored by The Damned Locals at the Tracy City Elementary School at 276 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Tracy City, TN 37387 at 9:00 am. Offices due for elections are Vice President, Recording Secretary, Director of Legislative Affairs, and Director of Public Relations.

**No other business** was brought before the meeting; a motion was made by Dave Halstead and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **ATTEST:**

Brian Overly, Vice President SFWDA

Dawn Shirley, Recording Secretary

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