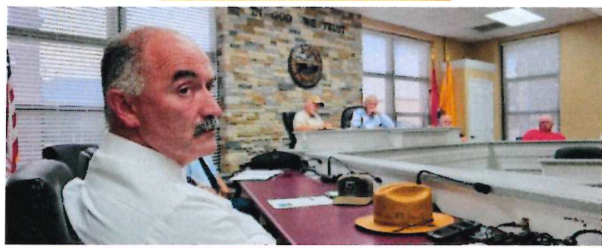




C.O.R.A. Meeting Minutes September 3, 2024



September's meeting came to order at 7:04pm. The roll was called with 12 present and 3 absent (1 vacancy still exists on the board). The minutes from the August meeting were read by secretary Tidwell and accepted. Treasurer Crutchfield gave his report noting several intakes from advertisers and membership dues. Current balance is \$7,425.94. E.L. Morton reported in publicity items that he is contacting WLAJ for a public service announcement for the upcoming CORA barbeque on October 5th. In the trails report, Justin Jones noted a "big weekend" over Labor Day and that the trails are in good shape.

NCWMA Manager Keith Thomas remarked that there have been no major OHV accidents since the implementation of the alcohol ban on April 15th. The OHV mapping app is still in the works. Members of DTF Powersports in the audience brought to light some errors in the preliminary stages of the mapping, referencing some trails that are actually on private property.

Glennis Monday noted upcoming clean-up initiatives: September 21st Norris Dam Marina, and planned for October; Jellico and Tackett Creek clean-ups. Monday and Sheriff Barton also discussed the continuing effort at placing OHV signage around the county. A discrepancy in approved roads concerning Little White Oak Road was discussed. An official determination is in the works.

Chairman Bill Stanley gave a report on the Campbell County Leadership Class visiting the Elk Viewing Tower, Ride Royal Blue and Norris Lake.

President Lewis detailed the events of a recent Jakes Day. 200 kids were in attendance with 160 volunteers helping to make the day a huge success in its 13th year.

In fundraising, Tommy Overton gave an update on the upcoming gun raffle and the sale of tickets.

Bill Stanley discussed the number of meals to be prepared for at the upcoming barbeque. It was decided to plan for around 100 attendees based on 2023's attendance of 85. TWRA's "Cast Iron Cookers" will be providing desserts.

Stanley also spoke to the board on the proposed update to CORA's history. Jocelyn Woods Griffo will be available to work on the update after December.

President Lewis discussed the Hunters for the Hungry program and the board voted to give \$1,000.00 to the cause. 18,000 meals were provided last year through the endeavor.



The last discussion in new business is the expanding bear population in the area. Human/bear interactions are becoming more frequent. Manager Thomas related that a learning curve is occurring on how to deal with the uptick in the bear population. An archery season, and a short 2-day gun season, for bear, will take place in the coming months. Thomas also noted changes to the turkey regulations and a new bobcat and coyote season, on private property, in which night vision gear will be legal as well as the use of shotguns with buckshot (no single projectiles).

**See tn.gov/twra/guide/hunting-regulations.html for complete, detailed rules and regulations. **

The meeting dismissed at 8:18pm

