

Idaho State Off-road Association Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025

Attendees

Alan Amstutz, Kat Chuculate, Larry Ballard, Mark Hansen, Matthew Carter, Oliver, Pete Vanden Bosch, William Schuster

Key Topics Discussed

1. Treasurer's Report

- Presented by Mark Hansen:
 - Two transactions:
 - Monthly Google Workspace: \$9.99
 - Annual website renewal: \$419.88
 - Current balance: **\$14,296.90**
- Note: Insurance payment expected next month.

2. Three Club Run Recap

- **Pete** and **Matt** attended to engage clubs and encourage participation.
- Pete: Participated in Diffhanger; ~20 rigs; one mechanical failure (XJ axle).
- Matt: Joined Hooker Canyon run; ~22 rigs; helped with breakdown (XJ steering box).
- Positive engagement; discussed increasing visibility at events.

3. AED Flag Purchase

- Plan to purchase an AED flag for better visibility during events.
- AED units are provided at runs as a member benefit.

4. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Needs

- **BOREX** (end of April): Only 4 of 8 shifts filled—need volunteers.
- **State Association Rendezvous:**
 - Tentatively last weekend of July.
 - Considering a new location (not Boulder Basin).
 - Open to location suggestions.
 - Monitoring potential conflicts with 208 Dirt Mafia.

5. Club Outreach

- Ongoing engagement with High Desert, Wild West, and potential new clubs.
- Offering resources (e.g., bylaw templates) to help clubs become association members.

6. Statewide Directory Project

- Proposed by Alan: A private network of members willing to assist others (tools, lodging, rescue).
- Will be implemented via a Google Form to collect offers and availability.
- Access restricted to club leadership.

7. Trash A Thon Fundraiser

- Official fundraiser for 2025—launching at Borax.
- Plan: Raise funds per pound of trash collected (in partnership with BLM).
- Date: **September 27, 2025** (National Public Lands Day).
- Raffle incentives discussed for both participation and top fundraisers.

8. BRC Update (William Schuster)

- No urgent Idaho issues this month.
- Monitoring single track trail reopenings, Snake East area planning.
- Discussion on federal travel planning timelines and land swaps.
- Potential use of BLM's "Lands Potentially Available for Disposal" tool.
- Noted outdated land use plans in several regions.

9. Legislative & Conservation Items

- Monitoring public land monetization proposals (e.g., Natural Asset Companies).
- **Washington HB 1198**: Proposed diversion of ORV sticker funds to general state fund—potentially problematic precedent.
- Grizzly bear delisting as endangered—public comment open until **May 16, 2025**.

10. Books & Documentation

- William distributed project books covering BRC initiatives over the past 2–3 years.
- One copy per club available upon request (donations appreciated).

11. IRC Update

- IRC (Idaho Recreation Council) meeting date changed to **June 28, 2025**.
- Open to all, but requires registration.
- Encouragement for more political engagement in recreation access.

Key Takeaways

- **Treasury**: Current balance ~\$14.3K; routine expenses reported.
- **Three Club Run**: Strong turnout; great outreach opportunity.

- **Volunteer Need:** BOREX still needs shift coverage.
 - **State Rendezvous:** Planned for end of July—new location TBD.
 - **New Project:** Member exclusive help directory for trail/rescue support in development.
 - **Trash A Thon Fundraiser:** Trash clean-up event on Sept 27 (National Public Lands Day); raffles discussed.
 - **Club Outreach:** Actively supporting new/forming clubs with resources.
 - **BRC:** Monitoring WA bill to divert ORV funds. Public comment open on grizzly bear delisting (due May 16).
 - **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7 PM MST
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For further details or questions, please reach out to the Idaho State Off Road Association leadership team.