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**BVSA RAC Aug 2, 2023 MINUTES OTCC CARD ROOM 1:30 PM**

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**ATTENDEES: RAC MEMBERS:** Kimberly Clow, RAC Chair; Mitch McDiffett; Gary Adams, Will Handley, Linda Ricketts, Claude Plymate, Lucy Radike

**STAFF ATTENDEES:** BVSA Director: Adam Tiefenthale; Ashley Krempien Rec. Manager; Linda Wetta-Special Events Cade Temple Sports Manager; Fred Hicks-Lakes Management, Debbie Papac-501C3 Rep

**ABSENTEE:** Mitch McDiffett, Adam T., Linda Wetta, Debbie P.

**GUESTS:** Shawn Smith 3417-341; Julian Leon 2803-001

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AUG 2, 2023** Lucy 1st; Linda 2nd unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 7, 2023 APPROVED VIA EMAIL**

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ashley Krempien- Update RE: formation of 501C3 for donations of Tax deductible donations for BVSA Recreation-Debbie Papac will be President for this committee for the Recreation 501C3. She will do the research.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1) **Youth Sports**-Cade Temple

Rookie/T-Ball League starts June 12<sup>th</sup> More teams than ever through Aug 12!

Baseball Camp – 80 kids & 40 Coaches THANKS GARY ADAMS!!

Basketball sign ups expended to Mid-August-12 weeks total 2 X a wk. One practice 1 game. Games start Sept 8 last game Nov 18. Registration is slow-taking 2 more weeks.

Hockey sign ups soon. The Falcons in Tehachapi are being contacted for participation.

2) **Astronomy Club**-Claude Plymate

Hundreds stopped by the club's 4th of July booth where we answered questions and showed people images of the Sun through a couple specialized solar telescopes. 89 people requested to be added to our email list. A very special treat was that just before closing down on Sunday afternoon, we got to witness an X-class solar flare through our telescopes! **It was an exhausting but gratifying weekend.**

The astronomy club held an observatory warming party on July 15 to officially christen the club's observatory at John O'Brian's. Numerous members showed up to see our new observatory and to view through a few telescopes that were also set up. The observatory telescope was fitted with a new dedicated astro camera bought for the observatory which allowed real time images to be displayed on a large monitor for all to see. Objects targeted included several star forming regions, a globular cluster and the supernova currently visible in the Pinwheel Galaxy (M101).

Four telescopes were set up at Cub Lake on July 22 for our monthly Public Viewing night. We estimated about 40 showed up despite high clouds moving in. We were still able to answer questions and show the Moon and the beautiful double star, Albireo, through short-lived "sucker holes".

Set up Telescope for Cub lake Campout-about 15 kids checked it out. They also set up at the Night Out event Aug 2. Smaller turnout.

Astronomy Club has smaller telescopes to donate to groups. The Club wants the recipients to desire them and know that the Telescopes were donated by the Astronomy Club.

- 3) **RC Modelers-***Mitch McDiffett* Shawn Smith was the fill in Rep for Mitch on vacation. Thanks Shawn!

a. Thanks to IGM for mowing the field!

1) RC Car track is up and running and being used by the club on Wednesday's and Saturday's.

2) The club is still working with AMA on FRIA zone. Lots of Rules!

3) We are up to date with Ashley on the status of the sign. The CSD changed the idea of the sign so it will be delayed.

- 4) **Sportsman Club** *Will Handley* Report for August

**Rec Desk Online Booking System:** My experience and that of other Sportsman's members is that it is overly complex and is not helpful to users. It may provide useful information to the Association Staff but not much to the Members trying to use it. Fortunately the Staff are, as always, helpful in resolving issues but this system just adds a layer of complexity, Will said-perhaps have a user guide. *Ashley Krempien would like specifics regarding this.* KC feels it is the basic lack of computer understanding of many folks. Thanks to the WC for helping folks set this up

**Deertrail:** The work that Wesley Shyrock has initiated with the aim of improving the road surface in order to make this a viable emergency escape route from the Valley is to be applauded. However it is a massive undertaking and it looks like it will be a longish time before the road can be regarded as useable. Nevertheless any improvement will make access to the range better.

**Shooting Events:** Given that the hot weather we are due will mean the Range may not be available a proposed fun shooting event will have to be delayed until things cool down. So our proposed "Soda Can" shoot will not be possible until we can confidently plan on a date being available. We will also look at holding a "Turkey" shoot about a week before Thanksgiving.

**Encouraging Residents to try Target Shooting:** A combination of the geographic remoteness of the range and lack of knowledge about shooting sports certainly does not encourage people to take up shooting. We would like to try to overcome the second of these by running training workshops to inform people about shooting sports and to encourage them to take up target shooting. There is however an obstacle to this in the form of insurance requirements, which we are trying to overcome but we also feel that the Association could be proactive in this matter.

**Sportsman's Club Events:** Our Hot Dog Stand over the July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend was popular as evidenced by the number of people buying hot dogs and particularly cold drinks. The members who volunteered to man the stand did an outstanding job of making the stand run efficiently. Our next major event will be the Deep Pit BBQ on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Cub Lake.

- 5) **Tennis-** *Linda Ricketts* Secretary Oak Tree Tennis Club Kimberly to get Club the original By Laws.

BEAR VALLEY SPRINGS

OAK TREE TENNIS CLUB

Due to large numbers of our OTTC members vacationing, we have changed our Leagues to Drop In Tennis. We will resume Leagues in September 2023.



Doubles - Wednesdays – 5:30 pm

Singles – Thursdays – 5:30 pm

6) **Pickleball**-New Representative Terri Bauman

7) **Tailwaggers**- *Lucy Radike*

On our July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting our speaker was Rocco Spinelli, one of our BVS Rangers. He gave an excellent talk on natural disasters and emergencies. He went over what to have on hand in emergency kits for both people and dogs.

Molly Mackin and Meg Pryor have started excellent training classes in Puppy, Obedience and Rally categories. A nose work class will start August 4<sup>th</sup> by Rebecca Barocas.

All our divisions, Walkabouts, Therapy, Dog Park, are still going strong. We will not be having Agility again until it cools a bit in September and October. We are also skipping our monthly meeting in August.

The Bulletin Board needs work or replacement.

8) **Pool** – *Kimberly Clow*

- a. Megan Fisher-Off Season begins Aug 9\_ A great summer season. Pool closes on Labor Day Weekend.
- b. Bear Valley Aquatics Club approved to be an official BVSA Club. Orientations for Off Season Swimming are in August on Sat and Wed AM.
- c. Grizzly Swim Team had many swimmers in the Kern Co. Summer Rec League! Time were great!!
  - i. Swim team is earning enough money to order their final swim platform soon.
  - ii. We are having our End of Summer Pool Party Aug 3 w/ Breakfast Burritos afterwards & Team Photos
- d. Next Life Guard Certification class-Sept?

9) **Beaubien Field:** *Gary Adams*

The 2023 BVS Baseball Camp went well. A special thanks to Ashley, Cade, Tilly and their helpers: Caleb and Nate!

A very Special Thanks to Gary Adams for his dedication to this camp, the future players and his wealth of knowledge and the amount of highly talented players he had at the camp for the benefit of the kids!!

Also, a big thank you to Doug Slabin who reserved the Equestrian Center for us around the Bar-B-Q area and to those at the golf shop who gave our volunteer UCLA coaches a free 9 holes on Monday afternoon.

As for the 80 kids who participated, I think they all had fun at learning how to play this difficult game that is designed to make you fail.

The only complaint was concerning the CSG Gate employees were stern with the new folks and coaches coming through the gate!!

A new T Ball Field is being set up with future irrigation.

10) **Nature Path**- *Kimberly Clow* –Have \$2700 on the BVSCRF for trees for the Nature Path plus have donors for more money-In process of finding out when the water line will be installed-getting this rebid. IGM is working with Jim Panek.

11) **Special Events**-*Debbie Papac* retired! Thanks Debbie for many wonderful years of service. Linda Wetta is the new Special Events Manager.

Hot August Nights Saturday, August 26th Cub Lake 4-8, Music, Corn hole Tournament, Food Trucks

Grummage Sale - Saturday, September 16th 8-3 , Registration opens on August 1st

Luau cancelled due to low registrations.  
Halloween carnival next up in October  
4<sup>th</sup> of July next year will be Thurs, Fri, Sat

**12) Range & Campgrounds** Ashely Krempien Range will be closed if Fire Department - Red Flags the day.  
Range will open as weather improves.

Campgrounds are full at town center and being used more often at water canyon. Cub Lake campout was a huge success and went very well. 22 people in total. Fred was amazing. Also had a fly fisherman and a bass fisherman helping the kids.

**13) Lakes-Fred Hicks**

1. Lake Levels currently at 8.5' compared to 6.2' in 2021
2. Water Quality -is currently the best I have seen since I've been working on the lakes. The water treatments are controlling the cyanobacteria as intended.
3. Habitat projects update the vegetation work at Cub Lake is continuing and each week I sculpt the vegetation a little bit more to create habitat for our fish and fisherman to enjoy. Two trees that were in the common area around Four Island Lake were purposefully cut down and fell into the lake to create habitat. These two trees posed a potential fall risk and were unhealthy. By placing in the lake I was able to create 9000 cubic feet of habitat from the bottom of the lake to the surface. If this habitat would have been purchased it would of cost over \$10,000.
4. Fish update -Four Island Lake was stocked with Florida strain Largemouth Bass, Bluegills, and Red ear Sunfish at the end of June. These fish are thriving within the lake and by next year should provide our anglers with a great fishery.
5. Since last May 30,000 pounds of fish have been removed from Four Island Lake. In the last five weeks I've removed 6,000 lbs of Bullhead catfish fry.
6. Fish program outreach Casting for Recovery had 24 participants & again on Aug 26, and the Cubs camp out had 12 kids participate.
7. Plants – Water hyacinth was added to Four Island mid-June and is doing well.

**14) Recreation-Ashley Krempien**

**15) Safety Manager-** Safety duties given to Managers and Rangers  
a. Rangers are checking the AEDs and First Aid supplies

**16) NEW BUSINESS-**

**17) BVSA Admin & BVSA Board Report**

\*Adam Tiefenthaler –absent

Fred Hicks reported from Food & beverage for Guy Munday- A. a group of 8 or more folks-please try and have a 2 wk. Reservation plus a 20% gratuity on single check

B. 20 or more folks need to reserve for Banquet

**18) Action Items:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next mtg. Wednesday ~~Sept. 6, 2023~~ canceled 1:30PM OTCC Card Room **The next RAC meeting has been rescheduled to Wed. Oct. 4, 2023**

