

Esprit de Four, Delegates Report, North District Meeting, October 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Jim Bramham, North District Vice President. 16 Delegates present, 8-guests (guests included Cal-4 Board members; Jack Chapman, Davey Rocha, Steve Egbert, Bonnie Ferguson, Josh Epstein and Russ Chung).

Draft Minutes from April 22 and July 17's North District meetings were (Motion approved) with some corrections.

Jack Chapman, Cal-4 President. Jack was at North District meeting helping Jim B. with getting the Zoom system up a running for members who attended the meeting via Zoom. Mentioned Shawn (Promotional Merchandise guy) encouraged us to check out the website; one new item is Cal-4 neck gators.

He recently attended a Rail town 4x4 club meeting. Attended Galt the first "Jeep Super show", event well attended; around 143 Jeeps. Event Promotor didn't charge entry fee; all expenses for necessary permits were paid by him with help from \$1,000 donation. Proceeds 50% to Parks 50% to help needy children (didn't catch name).

Jack and Kitten sold 11 new memberships while at the Jeep show.

He and Kitten have been real busy working with El Dorado Forest on fire evacuation.

Jim Bramham, North District Vice President. Mentioned Board still looking to fill (NRC) Natural Resources Consultant position. Ad for this open position has been out there for over a year with little success. Pointed out in past we have been able to fill that position from within our membership. Oceano is on-going; on-going issue encouraged us to get involved where you can.

Sierra Trek: Mentioned purchase of steel container on-hold; price of steel is very high. Once purchased will need to install some type of snow roof reinforcement and foundation. Trek Trailer unloading, Saturday, October 9 Cal-4 building.

Russ Chung, State Treasurer. Up-date on the pay-back toward Life Members funds for purchase of 2021/2022 Win-a-Jeep, he had to make transfers balance approximately \$24,000. Signature Up-date: Waiting on Josh Epstein who needs to get his signature notarized than to Bonnie Ferguson. Up-date: Line of credit, waiting to hear back from bank.

Sierra Trek, hasn't received final event form; net around \$63K.

Bonnie Steele, Office Manager. Mentioned that Mike Magana has volunteered to fill the Historian position for Cal-4 and asking clubs to send him information for their adopt-a-trails. Mentioned John McCready (Corporate Sponsor Coordinator) signed Rhino, as new Corporate Sponsor.

Deadline: December 31, 2021 to apply for Cal-4 Awards; and Scholarships awarded through Foundation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-laws. Don Spuhler. Mentioned he has not received any by-law proposal as this point. If interested in submitting a By-law proposal, please get in contact with Don and he'll help with the process. By-Law proposals voted on by Delegates at Annual Convention, February 2022. Deadline for submission: October 31, 2021.

Nominations. Don Spuhler. Nominations opened at October's meeting-for State and District positions: Nominees indicated by underline in parenthesis. Nominations reopen at January 8th District meeting.

State position for Cal-4 President, will be voted on at Convention 2022. (Jack Chapman)

District officers for North District, 2-year term: District Secretary/Treasurer (Kitten Chapman); District Membership Chair (Ron DeLaney and Kitten Chapman);

1-year term: Individual Delegate (Sherry Stortroen); and Associate Delegates (? Gary Johnson ?). (District officers; Individual and Associate Delegates will be voted on at January 8, 2022 District meeting.)

Convention 2022. Hosted by North District. Shirley Bramham, Convention Chair, Co-chair, Luana Hernandez. Convention to be held at the Lamp Liter Inn in Visalia, California; Room rate \$70. Theme: “Where the Rubber Meets The Trail” asking clubs to get involved by displaying/highlighting there Adopt-a-trails or information on your favor trails. Need help with: Seminars, Awards and Trade Show. Grass Valley 4WD Club has volunteered for Delegate Check-in. Convention Date: February 18-20, 2022.

Foundation. Don Spuhler gave up-date, mentioned Foundation working with Fresno State College on creating intern program to work on land use issues and possible future NRC. Reminded clubs regarding \$250 grants available to clubs for Adopt-a-trail for trail maintenance. Foundation working to bring back Disaster fund; asking for donations and volunteers to help Association members affected by the Fires.

Win-a-Jeep 2021/2022, Chris Silveira, Chair. Approx. \$18,000 in ticket sales. He’s been working to obtain additional donations for Jeep build; and other prizes. One additional prize is a Jeep roof-top tent. Working on schedule with MetalCloak should be completed by November. Chris mentioned that if each of our members purchased just 1 ticket @ \$20/ each this would yield \$70K for Association. Big “Thank you” to the many volunteers who have stepped up to tow the Win-a-Jeep throughout the State and Trail Hero’s and SEMA show.

National Forests: Many forests remain closed due to the fires.

High Sierra Poker Run, Davey Rocha. Event was cancelled for this year due to fires. They’re working on 5-year permit for event; looking into adding Dusy trail. They will need help. If interested contact Davey Rocha.

Up-coming events in South District: Operation Desert Fun and Panamint Valley Days (no dinners to be served at PVD).

Next North District Meeting, January 8, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Stortroen
Alternate Delegate