

Compendium of October 4, 2009 through November 8, 2025 NOVA Meeting Minutes

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NOVA Meeting Minutes 10/04/2009

Steve Alheim presented the facts that we need minimum number of officers. Do we want the next meeting to be here, in January.

Food Drive is on the books first Saturday of November, Toy drive - is the first Sunday of December. The Toy Drive will be at the discretion of the club running the event.

Do we want to limit Stone Gardens, or make it open to as many people that want to run it? Both of these events will be done through the club hosting.

Don Roy was nominated as Chairman of NOVA. Don replied that he could do Trailfest or Chair, but not both. Don also feels each person should have to do only one thing, rather than multi-task. He would be willing to be co-chair, but doesn't want the day to day leadership. He felt he might be better suited to do Trailfest this year.

Vice-Chair Don Roy

Treasurer - Chip Redman

Secretary - Joan Blair

Webmaster - Bob Blair

Chair- Steve Alheim

The term will probably go from January to January, one year terms.

Meetings will be January, March, June and October. Should the October meeting will be mandatory for 2010? Voting will be by a set quorum as it is now. Steve suggested that we all privately go over what rules we want and don't want. Don will work on By-Laws and we will discuss and ratify.

Charter Members will be dues-free for the 2010 year. In order to be eligible, clubs must attend either this October meeting, or the January meeting. January 10 will be the next meeting.

Bob Blair will work on a new web site, and send contacts out.

Bob suggested we have a depository for our rules, so that we keep track of our SOP's.

NOVA= Northeast Offroad Vehicle Alliance.

Are we going to have a trailfest? We can start committees now.

Meeting closed at 1:40 pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes 01/10/2010

Meeting called to order at 10:15.

In Attendance: See attached sheet.

Motion to approve October Minutes - approved

Chairman's Report: Our biggest items are By-Laws, Treasury and how we are going to handle membership and Trailfest. There is no Chairman's Report, per se.

ByLaws - Don Roy presented new ByLaws that were discussed and modified section by section.

Synopsis:

We will have 4 meetings per year. Duties and powers are spread over 5 officers. Officers have \$500 for discretionary spending limit. Elections will be held annually.

The revised ByLaws were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A check was written for the Website. COPE returned our check, because they dissolved. Region D Account will be closed out. We have \$12,939.91 There are tax liabilities involved.

Secretary's Report: Minutes posted

Communications Report: The executive list and email addresses are listed. Joe Mac should be on Hudson Valley. Executive List is NOVA Officers, and 2 delegates from each club. Bob took more info.

Membership, Organizations, anyone we want to contribute to? If we join United 4x4, we would have access to their trailrides, and NORA is also a possibility as is NOVCC - go to their website, and see if it interests you. Let's discuss it on the FORUM.

Does anyone on the executive board want to come up and do a campsite trail ride and work party at the Ranch? There seemed to be many members interested. Adirondack Jeeps has an event coming up too.

NEA trailride coordination. We would like to post the club's schedules, either privately or publicly, so there is coordination of trail rides, and we aren't all the same place at the same time. Don Roy will work on that so that only designated people can alter only their club's events.

Trailfest - Do we want to have trailfest? Don sees little way that it can improve. We are down on trails, but the location is good. To go somewhere else, the trails are good, but the lodging is difficult. Underground Jeeps doesn't want to offer any opportunities for people to use their properties. There is some private land that might be available.

There is an issue as to whether unauthorized people will then use the new site on their own. The delegate from Underground Jeeps said he would talk to Underground and see if they will reconsider. NE Jeep might be called in as Marty was a founder. He might be able to convince either club to help us out. NE Jeep would be interested in us since they are closer to us than NEA.

What can we do to make ourselves more attractive to other clubs? Informal trail sharing seems to be the way to go. We will do Trailfest, we might have to scale down. We decided to limit Trailfest to NOVA members only. It will be on Aug 20-22, the third Saturday of the month.

What state do we incorporate in? Steve volunteered to incorporate us in NY.

Meeting closed at 2 pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes 03/21/2010

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am

Attendees on attached sheet.

Minutes Approval: Minutes approved.

Chairman's Report: Not present

Vice Chairman's Report: Nothing new to report. Membership - all clubs have submitted rosters except Gotham, and we have 270 members in NOVA. We did hear from Hudson Valley, LIOR, JT, etc.

Webmaster: Our full web page is up, thanks to Don. We have a chatroom and a forum. We have the ability to make a vendors page, so that's a thought. JT appreciated our help. Club contacts haven't been sending membership lists so that Bob can authorize those members to join the forum.

Treasurer : We have \$12,472.97, which includes any expenses from the meeting last time.

Secretary: Minutes are posted on the website, and hard copies are at this meeting.

By-Laws: They have been updated, and the by-laws are on line.

Committee Reports:

Trailfest

We are worried about Trailfest - first Rattlesnake Gutter might disappear. We are hoping that we will be able to use the same trails as last year, the Gutter, Ma Bell, DeadFall etc. Discouraged about finding enough trails. Marty from Underground Jeeps, offered trails in Beckett, and Don has not heard back from him.

We seem to be in the same mode as last year. It seems that we are not getting a lot of support from member clubs. Don is concerned that of the attendance from last year, we need general public. If you come for 3 days, we really should have 3 easy, 3 moderate, and 3 hard trails, so that everyone can run as much as they want.

Sunday could be a pick up day, rather than an official trail ride day. Our next meeting is June, but we have to open registration now. We need the rosters of all clubs so we can control who goes on private property. Doc's Place is a short drive from the Trailfest headquarter's, and would be ideal for Trailfest. We will try to get access. Do we want to keep the fees the same? There were certain expenses that will not be repeated. We already have prizes, more to come. Joe is going to follow through with Quadragech. At the June meeting we will determine how much we have to spend on prizes. We will keep the same prices. \$65 driver, \$40 passenger, \$15 children. Room rate will remain at \$109.00/night. Do we want to have a third day of trails? Trail leaders have to stay with the group, and show newbies how to get through obstacles. We will have to work on our trail leaders.

Most of the basics are covered. Next we have online registration. We will get set up with PayPal. Prize bags have to be stuffed. Attendee walks up to event, has to sign in, everything is already done. Berkshire 4 Wheelers will do inspections, and Trail Leaders. We might need a supervisor for the trail sign up.

Possibly we will leave the goody bags to the last minute, so that others can help with it.

It was suggested that all member clubs bring their banners for display at Trailfest.

Old Business:

What organizations do we want to belong to? There might be a park being opened in PA. But we don't know what's happening next. Its near Shamoken. How much do we want

to charge new member clubs?

NEA Trairide coordination: we have our schedule on the NOVA website. One member from each club has access to change their own information. It's available for everyone to see. We gave NEA a list of our trailrides. They would like to pre-publish coordinate. We might be able to do that next year. The Ranch is now closed, so there will be no campground trail ride this year.

New Business:

We have to get a banner. Bob will look into getting a banner. We will get it approved on-line. We don't have any business cards. Business cards might benefit us in our prize efforts. Get the cards made up and issue them to member clubs. We will have a template online, as well as getting them made up. Could we use PayPal for new member clubs? We will consider it. We could add the fee on. Most members felt that PayPal would be too expensive to use for new member sign-up, but it is useful for Trailfest.

Next meeting is in June TBA.

Meeting closed at 1:00 PM.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 06/13/2010

NOVA meeting at EVB - 06/13/2010

Meeting called to order - 10:10 am

Attendees:

HV4W - Don Roy

HV4W - Andy Miller

LIOR - Bob Blair

E4W - Tom Orsini

E4W - Dave Spence

HV4W - Joe MacDonald

JT4x4 - Roger Hobbs

LIOR - Joe Levanti

JT4x4 - Ed Coats

JT4x4 - Mel Coats

B4W - Chip Redmond

No-shows - ADKJ/GCLC/UJ/NTC (NTC reported schedule conflict)

Minutes for the last meeting were Approved (motion by Joe L., 2nd by Andy M.)

Chairman's Report: Not present

Vice-Chairman's Report - Don Roy

Discussion on non-attending clubs. We will deal with no show clubs in 2
Steve Alheim has resigned. We will need to vote in a new Chairman. We tabled it
until the October meeting. Don will be acting President / Vice Chairman as per
bylaws.

Don announced that he may also be leaving as a result of a possible relocation -
this is to be determined. Don wanted to advise us of this so that we are prepared.

Treasurer's Report - Chip Redmond

We have \$12,472.79 funds available in the organization. There has been no spending.

We have a Pay Pal account (

After a lengthy discussion of various issues most of which centered around available trails & trail guides, it was mutually agreed - TRAILFEST 2010 IS A GO!

Trails will be:

Ma Bell - moderate / hard

Rattlesnake Gutter - moderate / hard

The Hill - hard

Deadfall - hard

Breakneck Pond - moderate - this is a maybe trail depending on getting paperwork etc. (also a long distance ride to trail which is at the Ct. /Mass border off of route 84.)

Florida Road - moderate / hard - This is a possible Sunday trail.

Chip (Berkshire) will select & be leading the easy trail each day. Thank you Chip!

We will try and repeat the 2009 event - We do need workers/volunteers.

Don will turn on registration Tuesday June 15th - after verifying PayPal account access with Chip.

Raffle prizes - Joe (LI) and Andy (HV) will get to work on those.

Inspections will be handled by Berkshire 4W

Kid bags - (Subsequent to meeting Joan Blair volunteered)

T-Shirt & Dash Plaques- Don will modify '09 design for 2010 and place order.

Sign in table - will ask non-drivers to assist at the tables

Trail leaders - need Trail leaders who will be conservative and responsible to the group!

It was agreed that all NOVA clubs are to approach their clubs and seek out responsible Trail leaders.

Don put forth a motion to approve the spending of up to USD\$1,000.00 for the purchase of prizes for Trailfest.

Roger H. seconded the motion - all approved.

New Business

Don posed the question of dues and following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that we would set the per member cost to USD\$5.00 per year for the 2011 year.

A motion was put forth by ANDY (HV) seconded by CHIP (Berkshire) - all in favor.

It was agreed to table discussion of what organizations to consider joining (i.e. UFWDA, etc.)

Insurance - we discussed and will wait until we have incorporation squared away.

Joe MacDonald discussed the need for NOVA to define the association's goals and communicate them to the member clubs. The discussion will be continued in the forum.

Next Meeting - Tentatively scheduled for Sunday October 03, 2010 at EVB.

Meeting Adjourned - Approx 1:15pm.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 10/24/2010

Meeting began at 10:15 am

In Attendance: See attached list.

Chip Redmond
Andy Miller
Ed Coats
Joan Blair
Bob Blair
Rich Banfield
Mel Lawten
Tom Orsini
Amy Luckshire
Chuck Dunn
Don Roy
Mike Spiller
Mariusz Rus

Introductions all around.

Agenda

Officers for 2011, Dues, and beyond that, Trailfest, and clarify among the clubs whats coming up.

Officers

We need volunteers - Don felt that this year's mandate was to keep camaraderie and communications open among the clubs. NEA stays in New Hampshire, while NOVA has events all over the area. Don felt that this camaraderie is the main thrust of NOVA, and that that is the main need of NOVA. The officers just have to keep a loose knit organization that keeps us all in contact.

It was then asked what are the dues for? The negative to no dues is that it doesn't help enforce membership, or keep people involved. It was suggested that the dues be used as a firewall, and to use the monies for promotion of NOVA.

It was suggested that we have elections and then decide dues. Don then asked each current officer if they would continue in their current positions. Bob Blair agreed to satay on as Communications Officer, Joan Blair as Secretary, and Chip Redmond as Treasurer. It was suggested that we have co-chairs rather than a vice-chair. Volunteers for Chair were Mike Spiller and Chuck Dunn. Andy felt that whoever took the position should have a focus as to where NOVA should head. We had an idea of getting land, a la NEA. We've had several clubs that came in, and are no longer here, because we offered them nothing. A discussion followed as to whether we want to have land. Chuck felt we should head towards more unity amongst clubs, ie. Insurance, and using that insurance as an entre into using private land. In the level of looking at insurance, we ran into the problem of different states. We also offer spots to other clubs in NOVA on their trailrides. We then explained how NOVA

started and what our needs/wants are. Chuck then explained his background - he's been on the fire department, in two areas, he's been an officer, and he is familiar with Robert's Rules. He is currently going to school. He is willing to do whatever needs to be done. He does have experience, and has been with JT 4x4 for a year. What happens when you get a job? He doesn't really see employment as a problem.

Rich Banfield has been president of Patriot Jeepers, for the past 10 years, and mentioned that United has insurance. NEA is going up on their dues this year, and going up again next year, per member.

We could get the member clubs more involved, via email committees, and getting the word out. Joan Blair suggested that we consider offering charity donations to people who make their land available. Tom said he would like to see the club pursue land acquisition. We all know land use is difficult. Don said he was interested in land acquisition too, since land is closing up around us. Mariusz suggested we contact local municipalities and suggest fees for using the land. We could offer localities food bank contributions, etc.

We need to come up with long term goals and short term goals. If we go to the more local places, how do we pick which one. Long term goal would be land use and acquiring. The clubs in attendance now are NTC, Eastern, Berkshire, Patriot Jeeps, LIOR, Hudson Valley, and JT4x4.

Elections

Joan Blair moved to waive attendance requirement for officer election. Motion passed. Chairman elected is Mike Spiller, vice-chair Chuck Dunn. Current officers Joan Blair, Bob Blair and Chip Redmond were re-elected.

Dues

Tom made the motion and it was approved that the dues will be \$50 per club, due as of Jan 1, along with a roster of the active club members. The roster is based on last year's membership. Roster includes name, address, phone number, and web address.

New Club

A Motion was made to vote Patriot Jeepers, Inc. as a member and passed. Chip will notify all current member clubs that there is now \$50 per club dues.

There is talk about bringing back the Mass Jeep Jamboree.

Communications Report

NOVA 4X4.org - please register, and Bob will make those areas appropriate for officers, members. There is access for the world, members, delegates, and officers/board, all at different levels. There is a website and a forum. The software behind the forum needs a version update. We may need help from Don regarding support for the custom trailfest software.

Secretary - No Report

Treasurer's Report

\$13495 in the bank. Trailfest made \$1065 profit on the event. \$4990 was the total income on the event.

Trailfest 2010

Don felt it went reasonably well. Don didn't bring his jeep, and that left him free to dedicate the trip to running the event. Trailfest for this year, Don is willing to do the registration - he can do it from where ever he is. There is software available to do all the items of trailfest. It just needs tweaking for wherever we have it. Andy advised he would still be willing to work on prizes. Don advised he had been talking to the owner of EVB, who is concerned that it might be moving, and he didn't want to see it leave New England. Jim Daily said he is willing to contribute more to Trailfest.

As to Rausch Creek - we were concerned about the Banquet - there are banquet facilities at the Econolodge. Who wants to run Rausch Creek. The problem with Massachusetts - the trails are limited, and we interfere with Eastern's Florida Vacation. We need a chairperson for Traifest. Mike Spiller volunteered. We will set up a forum on the website for Traifest volunteers.

New Business

Northumberland County is just north of Rausch Creek. The local county government wants to set up an off-road park. Bob sent the economic impact report to the county & the loved it. Nov 6 LIOR is doing a scouting party to advise the Northumberland group as to what works, and what doesn't. They are getting their business plan together. They are talking about having it ready sometime in 2011. Bob will be the official Northumberland liaison.

There is property available in Sturbridge MA. We will find out more and get back to us. Coyle Hill is still available, but you must stay on the road.

The Mt Beacon Fire Tower Restoration Committee is working to refurbish the fire tower. They need steel brought up there, and there will be runs every Saturday, weather permitting to rebuild the tower. A lot of it is work, but you do get to trailride. It is a hiking area, so we need responsible wheelers. It has also been favorable press for Hudson Valley. Between Hudson Valley and the steelworkers, they have saved the restoration committee over \$15,000. They are trying to limit it to 6 rigs a week. The jeeps should have a passenger seat and room for tools.

Meeting Closed at 1:55.

Next meeting will be January 30, 2011, at 10 am.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 01/30/2011

Meeting opened at 10:20

Minutes approved.

Chairman's Report:

Chairman Mike introduced himself. Started wheeling in a CJ 5 at Bay State, then went over to Hudson Valley, and now has a ?, which he shares with his wife when not driving his own. He has reviewed all the NOVA Minutes. Asked what we want out of NOVA. Most NOVA members were EC4WDA members. NTC would like to get more wheelin', maintenance of land. Berkshire and Hudson Valley - the use of more land, help one another, share resources and trails. Eastern would like to see more help with trail cuts, too. They have limited use of trails and leaders, as it is private land. The trail cuts will be on their schedules. JT would like to see more trail sharing, even for "soda" runs. They have a couple more properties, that are really limited as far as attendance. We should have a camaraderie which would make every member feel they could contact member clubs for fun and help. LIOR wants the camaraderie, sharing and eventual land rental/acquisition. PJ is looking for trail sharing, and trail cuts. He mentioned that Coy Hill is still open as long as you stay on the roads.

Mike felt all our points were well taken.

Eastern said one of their problems with trail sharing is that they don't have time to let people know if they have spots. The upshot was that its up to the individual to contact the club, to see if there are openings. It is up to each club to post there runs. It can be achieved by limiting the number of "outsiders".

Asked of Bob - how do we get that posted? Bob will give people access to the website. If you make a posting it will pop up on the calendar.

There is a way to alert the webmaster about inappropriate postings; click "report" to report a post.

Short term goals - more sharing of resources and trails.

Mike is concerned about our cash on hand. There might be a tax issue.

Communications Officer:

Bob remarked about the public forum, and how he has to now clean it out, because of porn, and people selling things. He could make people register in order to post. Bob will look into it. Bob will do that. Our forum software is up to date. We need to get more members postings. The NOVA main page is having a little trouble, Bob will look into it. Mike is offering to use a plasma cutter, for people. The posting would also let us know what trails need work? If you see an opportunity to forward NOVA's goals through publicity, or pertinent to NOVA, please let Bob know. Each Club should do their own publicity. Notices were sent out about dues, and possibly, meeting notices.

VP is supposed to collect rosters. Chuck has not received one. (LIOR sent their

roster 11/18/10)

Please E-mail roster lists to Chuck at <!-- e -->vchair@nova4x4.org<!-- e -->

Treasurer's Report:

Hudson Valley, NTC, PJ, LIOR , JT 4x4, B4W, paid their dues. We currently have \$13,789.75.

We have a few member clubs that haven't paid yet, Underground, Gotham, Middlesex and Eastern.

Old Business:

Incorporation of NOVA. We do want to incorporate. We will incorporate in CT. We can use EVB's address as our address. We have to pick up a lease form from Staples, and have Jim sign it, so he is protected. The Non Profit is the hard part. We have tax numbers. We are listed as a social group. Hudson Valley is a 501C7 - they can not take more than 5% of income from non-members.

Do to a misinterpretation , this meeting is the first meeting of the officers terms, they still have a year to go.

Mt. Beacon Fire tower project is on going, starting when the snow stops.

North UMBERLAND Cty is north of Rausch Creek. It is a huge property. They have very little industry, so he is trying to get it developed with the help of the local government. They plan to have it for all kinds of use - horses, ATV's, 4x4 etc. It has a famous geographical formation, but also an arena for rock crawling. They are looking for trailrides this year. There are a lot of trails, and next to the trails are side trails that have varying difficulties.

New Business:

Trailfest - preserving what we have, though it's similar to Florida Vacation. If it's in July (FV), Mike feels that Trailfest takes away from that. Do we think it's worth seperating the events. Florida Vacation is the 13, 14,15. of July. We won't have Traifest unless we are incorporated. Rausch will be having a RC rocks event that weekend. We could rent the pavilion at Rausch, with a BBQ. There is a restaurant in Pine Grove, Scholls family restaurant. We seem to be leaning towards Rausch Creek. It was decided, Rausch Creek, August 26,27, and 28, most lodging at Comfort Inn, with the Scholl's Family Restaurant. We will have to be incorporated before then. Andy will help with prizes. T Shirts - We will find out where the shirts were made from Don, as well as colored stickers for the windshields. Our other event is Toys for Tots.

With Hudson Valley we have some private land, in Cairo. Hudson Valley is allowed, but we can't really be showing other club colors. The Mt Beacon Fire Tower runs will start as soon as the snow melts. It is weather dependent. It will be opened up to NOVA members. It involves running steel and Iron workers up the mountain. They are also cleaning up the area. It is limited to 6 trucks, when it is just workers. James Burns from Hudson Valley will be on every run. Bob will make a sub forum for the Beacon Tower.

After we are incorporated - we might consider professional liability insurance.
Directors and Officers insurance - \$800/ year.
Delegates - Officers of the club - if you are a delegate or not - was explained.

We will look into Event Insurance for Trail Fest - through United.

2011 NOVA Meeting Schedule:

April 17, 2011
June 5, 2011
October 23, 2011
January 29, 2012

Meeting closed at 1:57 pm

NOVA meeting minutes 4/17/2011

Meeting opened 10:20 am

Attending members:

Melanie & Ed Coats - JT4x4

Dimitrios Spanoudakis, Amanda Fliedner, Jake Mulderig - LIOR

Chip Redmond - B4W NOVA Treasurer

Chuck Dunn - JT4x4 - NOVA CoChair

Anthony Primiero - HV4W

Michael Spiller - HV4W - NOVA Chair

Chip noted that enough officers were present for a quorum so official club business could be conducted.

Each club gave brief descriptions of events/trails done to date this year. HV4W has done trail cutting on new private land in Middletown NY. Land is small, 10 acres of nothing but rocks. Only 5 acres are usable. The terrain is best suited to tube buggies. We'll have to see how this new land and landowner relationship develops.

Old Business:

Incorporation paperwork was provided by Mel from JT4x4. Chip brought the NOVA checkbook. The paperwork was reviewed and then signed by Michael Spiller, Chip Redmond and Chuck Dunn. A check for \$50 was written to send in with the paperwork. A lease agreement was presented to Jim Daley of EVB. Jim had seen an earlier copy and signed the lease at the meeting together with Michael Spiller of NOVA. The lease is for use of the EVB mailing address and use of EVB premises for NOVA meetings. The address was needed for the incorporation paperwork so Jim suggested the mailbox lease at the January NOVA meeting. The lease is for a period of one year and should be renewed next spring.

Next task is the federal tax forms. An EVB client is a CT tax attorney and offered to do the initial tax work for \$600 and \$250 for each subsequent year. Following discussion it was decided to try it ourselves first. Chip will look at the forms required and give us a better idea of what's involved at the next meeting. The tax forms are due in April 2012 so we have some time to figure this out ourselves and save some \$.

Participating clubs

Underground Jeeps was contacted by Michael Spiller. They wish to take a year off from NOVA. We hope to keep in touch and will revisit participation next year.

Gotham City was contacted by Michael Spiller. They said they would propose it at their next meeting and get back to us.

Adirondack Jeeps has not been contacted yet. Nothing's been heard from them so it safe to say they aren't participating.

New Business:

Trailfest-

Proposal was made to add a BBQ to the event on Friday after wheeling. It was

thought to be a good addition to the event and further discussion related to how this should work. It was decided to make it a potluck BBQ at Rausch Creek. We'll look into renting the pavilion at Rausch for this and also do Friday evening registration there.

Tshirts & Banners - Mel has the xtra staff shirts from last year. She'll give an update to the sizes and quantities. Mel offered to get pricing and shirts made for this year. She also volunteered to do the vulture window stickers. These will be done in 3 colors to indicate vehicle capabilities. Colors will be green, blue & black. Amanda from LIOR offered to get a quote for a NOVA banner. She's currently working to get one for LIOR so will add the NOVA banner.

Shuttle services - request was made to get a quote for shuttle services from the hotel to Sholls Family Restaurant for the banquet and back. Michael Spiller said he would get a quote. Sholls doesn't have a liquor license but guest are encouraged to bring their own beverages. Bus services will be a nice thing to offer if the price is reasonable. The restaurant is ~6 miles from the hotels.

Trailfest Cost - It was thought that we can reduce the cost from previous years. A proposal was put fwd to have pricing reduced to \$50 driver, \$30 passenger. This may change depending on the price for shuttle services and Tshirts.

Trail leaders - Each club is asked to check and see how many trail leaders they can provide for the event. This should be updated on the forum. We're hoping to get enough volunteers that group sizes can be kept small. 10 or less per group would be ideal. We'll know better after registration is opened and trail leaders have been found.

Registration - After this meeting Michael Spiller thought he had enough information to fill out the event info & description. He'll write this up and get Don to update the Trailfest website.

We'd like to get banners from participating clubs and sponsors to display at Rausch and the banquet. To be looked into.

Mt Beacon Firetower Restoration-

Rides will start again in the spring to support the firetower restoration. Rides are open to NOVA members. This year they are likely to be on Sundays due to James Burns work schedule. James will post on the NOVA site when rides will be taking place. Weather will be one of the determining factors. Magnetic signs are being made to identify the vehicles taking part in these trips. We want the public to understand what we're doing there and not encourage illegal use of these trails. The signs will say: FIRETOWER RESTORATION SUPPORT VEHICLE. A motion was made by Michael Spiller for NOVA to chip in \$100 towards the cost of these signs. Motion was unanimously approved.

Next meeting is June 5th, 2011. Meeting was closed at 12:45pm.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 06/05/2011

Meeting began at 10:20

Waiting for Andy, we wanted to hear from each club.

LIOR went to RocPark, it was a lot of fun because it had rained so that everything was wet and slippery. We had trouble in several spots, the trails we did were great. We had 17 trucks. It would be recommended by LIOR. The guy that owns it is trying to pay his taxes. We spent all day there. It is in Fonda NY. We are going to try to connect through Hudson Valley with the owners, to possibly open up new trails.

We did a beach clean-up in Riverhead, with no altercations and no problems. We went to Gremlin Graveyard with Rich Banfield, and caught the ire of NEA. NEA felt it was too wet to wheel. We chewed up one hill. We are members of NEA. We did Ma Bell, Andy rolled over so we followed a local out the back way, again inciting the NEA. Word is that there is a new owner for the back property, who doesn't care if we wheel there, but he isn't giving permission, either. It seems that we shouldn't go on the by-passes, as they are privately owned. We currently have \$2 million in coverage, for everything that is on our schedule. Contact would be Joe Levante.

Berkshire Jeeps did a couple of Highway cleanups, and a jeeping 101 course. They also did a shake down run. Then they had work with the Springfield tornado. They are also working on property in Wendell Ma.

NTC - there were a few cleanups of private property in Rhode Island. It seems gas prices are keeping people from participating.

Eastern had a couple of trail runs - the first one was a mess, with 3 trucks breaking on the first obstacle. It was real muddy, and since it was the first run of the year, it was a shake down cruise. They also have re-established the Fahey property, which will be featured at Florida Vacation. Elephant is also going to be part of FV. A discussion about road closed signs followed. Florida Vacation has about 20 registrations so far, but some people were disappointed about the date change. They are opening the Boulder run they are doing next week up to other NOVA members. They are going in by way of old military road as a stock run.

JT4x4 - they went on Eastern's run and they got off the trail around 6, and they did Ma Bell. Some of them went to BTC yesterday, and they are now incorporated. June 18 Hudson Valley 9am. is going to BTC.

Hudson Valley - did an early spring run, at the CCC Camp up in Middleburg. They are working with a member of the club who has property, and are trying to get them interested in allowing wheeling. They went to Rausch, and they are starting the Beacon Trail soon as they get in sorted out. Hudson Valley now has 3 guys better versed at Rausch. They have been having fewer members showing up at meetings.

Review: Minutes from last meeting were read. We became incorporated, and next we have to do the tax forms. We contacted participating clubs. Rest of report is in notes - Adirondack Jeeps is coming back.

Old Business: Incorporating - we are incorporated in Ct. Paperwork has arrived. And it is being scanned into a club folder. Taxes will be filed by Chip Redmond. We have contacted clubs that haven't been attending meetings - of them Adirondack Jeeps is coming back. Beacon fire tower runs will start again soon. They need a little time to get it organized. Hopefully, they will be organized in time for people to plan for it. The metalworkers want to start earlier and get down earlier, so they will probably be from 8 to 1 in the afternoon.

Trailfest: We went down there in May to discuss details. We can do our registration at the picnic tables in front of the office. Line up is behind the trailer drop off point, and we have the Pavilion for a pot luck BBQ on Friday with a limited drinking area. We also need to bring cooking supplies and charcoal. We have the pavilion from 4-10pm. There will be Trailfest registration on Thursday at the Comfort Inn. On Friday there will be registration at Rausch as well as Saturday.

Quadratec is interested in being a presence at Trailfest. We need a NOVA Banner for registration. If we have all kinds of club banners, is a banner necessary. It was agreed that we should have a banner. Who can keep it where will it stay - We will contact EVB to see if they want to display it. Motion to approve \$100 for banner. Unanimous approval. Bob will forward NOVA Artwork. We also need sponsor banners and club banners. We have prizes from Mickey Thompson, Terraflex, Quadratec, Evan's 4x4, Rancho, 4 Wheel Drive Hardware and there are others, we are waiting for them to respond. We only have \$500 for tires as a big prize, and we need to see if we want to kick in money for a winch. We will get a list of prizes on the NOVA site, and at the registration site. T shirts and stickers - Melanie needs a count of who is running what. A discussion followed on decals, prices and T shirts. We also need trail leaders. We need 5 leaders a day. LIOR will check it out at Tuesday's meeting. We will use signs to designate what trails people go on. It was suggested we use cell phones for communication between groups. Rausch has a welder, grinder, etc. available in their shed, for a modest suggested donation.

Break for Lunch, Reconvene at 12:30.

Reconvene: Re. donations for Traifest: Andy said that EVB would offer some stuff, and will let us buy things at cost. We voted to give Andy \$500.00 - approved. The Shuttle bus would be available and we put a deposit down for the school bus, and the campground will be part of the run. Are we limiting the trucks? We won't limit the trucks. Do we want to put it on some Forums to advertise it, not yet, maybe later. We should be aware that underage drivers could be a liability, and all drivers are 18 or older. A discussion followed about different lodging facilities. PineGrove campgrounds might be a future location.

New Business: The owner of Crazy 8's needs to renew contact with the clubs. The owner sent a note through NOVA. She wants to make sure that the property is being used but not too much. Eastern will be in touch with her.

Bob was notified that the Berkshire website is not up, approval was given for a simple webpage on the NOVA site to give contact info for Berkshire.

It was asked if we want to belong to other associations - such as Blue Ribbon, Tread Lightly, SAN, etc. We will research possible groups to donate to.

We currently have about \$15,000 but it will drop to \$10G after trailfest. We should find out which ones we could join and cost vs what it does for us analysis. BlueRibbon and SAN will be done by Tom Orsini, Tread Lightly will be done by Dave Spence.

NTC suggested making a video about Trailfest. Maybe we could set up a drop off folder for videos and pix for the Trailfest. Registration was discussed. Andy will make a poster showing different trail levels with decals & requirements.

Next Meeting is October 23, 2011.

Meeting closed at 1:45pm.

NOVA meeting minutes 10/23/2011

Meeting opened 10:15

Attending members:

Melanie & Ed Coats JT4x4
Dimitrios & Stephanie Spanoudakis LIOR
Chip Redmond B4W NOVA Treasurer
Dave Spence E4W
Tom E4W, NTC, GCC, Yankee Toys
Anthony Primiero HV4W
Michael Spiller HV4W NOVA Chair
Rich Banfield, Mike Luzzo PJ

Minutes of previous meeting reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

- An insightful description of each club's activities and difficulties followed. It seems that our problems are not just our own. Many clubs are struggling with the same issues. To cover all the items discussed would be too difficult. Here are the subjects we hit upon:

How do members join your club?

How do you weed out people who don't fit?

How many members do you have?

How many active members do you have?

How do we get more active members?

Each club stated they struggle to get active members and would rather have a smaller total club size with a higher number of active members. HV4W used to have that but those days are gone.

Is the club incorporated?

Does the club have insurance?

- Tread Lightly was presented by Dave Spence. \$100 to be a member, \$250 to be a partner. \$500 yearly grant for trail maintenance awarded. Discussions centered on that it'd be a good idea for NOVA to join and also have the member clubs gain in being associated with NOVA and Tread Lightly. Tread Lightly is widely seen and recognized by the general public as environmentally friendly because they do much more than 4x4 education. Chip from B4W is a current Tread Lightly trainer. Let's look into Blue Ribbon and SANS for the same reasons.

- Trailfest T-shirts for paid no shows were given to club delegates
- NOVA banner given to EVB to be on display there when not needed by NOVA.
- NOVA documents regarding incorporation scanned in and sent to Bob
- Trailfest refunds for cancellations sent out by Chip last week.

New Business:

- Trailfest review:

Let's keep TF at Rausch for 2012

Separating TF and Florida Vacation seems to work. Both events have struggled with ~ 40 trucks for the last three years. This time even with the economy in the tank both events had over 50 trucks!

Let's keep the dates the same as this year. FL Vaca the second weekend in July and TF the weekend before Labor Day weekend.

What didn't work for 2011:

Friday evening BBQ at Rausch

Trail lineups where a mess

What to do next time:

Host event out of the Twin Grove Campground.

Include Friday evening BBQ at Twin Grove under their pavilion

Have Saturday evening dinner in the Twin Grove Lodge

Include busing from Comfort Inn to campground for meals if people stay at CI

Costs will go up but you'll get a lot more and the event will be better centralized.

Menu options will be sent out and once meals are picked we'll better know the cost increase. Probably Driver from \$50 to \$65, passenger from \$30 to \$45.

Trail signups with group leaders name. There will be a Black 1, Black 2, Black 3, etc.

Each trail leaders rig will have visual sign showing Black 1, Black 2, Black 3, etc.

- Officers contact information to be listed on the forum under the Alliance Executive Section.

Club Delegates are encouraged to put their contact info there as well.

- On the NOVA website where the member clubs are listed we should add the geographic area of each club.

This will make it easier for people looking into joining a club to find a match.

- NOVA dues were discussed. Decision was made to leave them at \$50 per club for the year. Motion made by Dave Spence and seconded by Dimitrios Spanoudakis. Conversations revolved around how cheap that was compared to other organizations. One proposal was to start

club dues at \$50 and then increase them to \$75 after first year. To be considered for the future. We currently have 8 participating clubs. Adirondack Jeeps and Northeast Toyota Crawlers could not make the meeting but both said they very much would like to continue with NOVA.

- How to thank the clubs that have given so much back to the 4 wheeling community by sharing private land?

NOVA has funding that could help these clubs

Clubs have costs incurred with upkeep of these private lands.

Clubs should present costs incurred so NOVA can review and offer compensation.

The Land Owners can not receive payments as this would change their liability status. The clubs that are giving access to these properties can receive payments.

- It's hard to get people out for trail cutting and maintenance. Thru NOVA member clubs we hope to get a larger pool of workers to help with trail work. Today there are people from HV4W and E4W working together cutting trails on private property in CT. That's a great example of how things should work.

- Shared club runs discussed to see new stuff. Patriot Jeeps may host a NH weekend run out of the Grandview Inn and NH class 6 rds. Trip to Mettowee with ADJK also to be looked into.

- Discussion on difficulties of sharing club runs. E4W has the most access to private land however they have grown and now fill up each run with their own members. To host another club is hard because they would have to send a guide and the properties are far away unlike JT4x4 who has property near where they live. LIOR mentioned they like to thank the trail guides by paying for the trail guides gas and a dinner. HV4W thought that's a great idea and would do the same. It's understandably not easy to arrange in these tough economic times and with the dwindling list of active volunteers in each club at the moment.

- Officers for next year:
Michael Spiller chairman
TBA co chairman
Joan Blair secretary
Bob Blair communications

- NOVA meetings 2012 calendar year:
January 22
April 22
June 24
October 21

Meeting was closed at 2pm. Next meeting is January 22, 2012.

NOVA meeting minutes 01/21/2012

NOVA snow run meeting opened at 5:55pm with a lot of luck due to snowfall, blown bead and steering box sector shaft breakage. Great day on the trails! Thanks to LIOR for letting us all join their club run. We had ~20 rigs playing in the new snow.

Attending members:

Ben Roccapriore & Bob Wilson JT4x4
Dimitrios & Stephanie Spanoudakis, Brian Stellabotte* LIOR
Charles Hung*, Evan Silverman, Warren Silverman LIOR
Blaine Bush, Yevgeniy Yefimov LIOR
Tom Orsini E4W
Andy Miller HV4W
Michael Spiller HV4W NOVA Chair
Rich Banfield, Mike Luzzo PJ

(* denotes prospective members, RWB)

Minutes of previous meeting reviewed. Motion made to accept the minutes by Andy Miller, 2nd by Warren Silverman

Old Business:

- Toys for Tots was great. Thanks to E4W and JT4x4 for hosting a fun weekend. Schedule of Saturday at BTC and Sunday at Stone Gardens works very well.
- Joining SANS, Blue Ribbon, Tread Lightly discussed. We don't think we'll get any benefit from joining. Discussion started to steer towards not joining any of them and putting the \$ towards helping our member clubs. Eventually it came around to joining because it'd be nice to help others in the 4x4 community. Rock from JT4x4 volunteered to look into costs of joining these organizations and will report back at the April meeting.
- Review of NOVA officers nominated at the October meeting.
Michael Spiller Chairman
? CoChairman
Joan Blair Secretary
Bob Blair Communications/Forum

Since the October meeting Rich Banfield has stepped forward and volunteered to be the CoChair. Rich is with Patriot Jeepers, has been involved with organized 4 wheeling since the 1980s, and has been the most active on our Forum since joining NOVA in Oct 2010.

New Business:

- NOVA officers for 2012 were officially voted in. Andy Miller made the motion to accept the officers as presented and Tom Orsini 2nd the motion. Bob Blair was called and voted to approve the officers as well. This was done so that we would have 2 NOVA officers which gives us the required quorum. Thanks to Andy for helping us keep in line with the Bylaws.

- Purchasing land discussion - cheapest land we've seen is 100 acres for asking price of \$100k off of Coy Hill. Can we swing this? How much can each club contribute? We would have a tough time doing this with the current club budgets and loans are very difficult right now. Better to have one owner of the property and NOVA to lease from them. Building relationships with private property owners has seen the most success in the last decade. We have more property like this developing right now and are very excited about these opportunities. It was mentioned that for NOVA to buy land may be too difficult to handle and might make enemies of friends.

- Sharing private property discussion - should NOVA pay \$100 to hosting club or trail leader for the day. Some way to cover gas and time for the trail leader from hosting club? Decided that liabilities involved should make this a voluntary donation from the club on the trail to the hosting trail guide. It will remain an informal voluntary donation.

- NOVA money for private land that needs trail maintenance discussed. This was approved at the October meeting for clubs that share their private land. We want to further define this. We take in between \$1,000-1,600 per year from Trailfest and club dues. It was proposed to make available for trail maintenance \$1,000 per year. Motion to accept \$1,000/year was made by Rock and 2nd by Tom Orsini. The clubs that need funds for 2012 should present their estimated costs for the work at the April meeting. If 2 clubs need funds the \$1000 will be divided between them based upon the percentage of their presented overall costs.

- Proposal made to have some NOVA meetings held on Saturdays. Our NTC delegate cannot make Sunday meetings. It was decided to try and have some of our meetings switched to Saturday late afternoon or early evening. Mike Spiller will check with EVB to see if this can be done at their place. If not than we can do Saturday meetings at Mike Spiller's house. His place is 5 minutes from exit 11 on RT 84. This is 20 minutes east of Danbury.

- Trailfest 2012- NOVA has sent in \$210 deposit to Twin Grove campground. This holds pavilion for Fri BBQ , Lodge for Sat banquet and tenting area. Camping area is \$10 for each adult, \$5 for each child. Twin Grove acknowledged receiving deposit and is waiting for our signed contract and food choices. Food choices were shown at the meeting and it was decided to go with \$13.50/pp "Triple Play" for the BBQ and \$19.95/pp "Dinner Buffet 2" option for the banquet. Specific food choices will be decided at the April meeting. The food should be much better than last year and more convenient for everybody. However the costs will have to go up. To cover additional costs the prices should rise to \$75 driver and \$50 passenger. This seemed rather steep to everybody. It was discussed to lower the registration fee to where we would lose money. The money we make with the raffle can cover the

difference plus some. We'll finalize the driver & passenger price at the April meeting. We're lucky to have money in the bank in case we get this wrong.

Evan Silverman and Andy Miller agreed to work on getting the raffle prizes again. Last year they did a fantastic job. We'll be looking for people to help them and use any connections they may have.

Tom Orsini mentioned an E4W member who could help with TShirts. He'll forward contact info. Melanie from JT4x4 did TShirts and stickers last year. She also volunteered to help with them this year.

- Emails to go out to all clubs regarding club dues-where and how to pay them. Patriot Jeepers gave \$50 club dues check at this meeting to NOVA chair Mike Spiller.

Meeting was closed at 7pm. Next meeting is April 22, 2012 unless we change this to Saturday April 21. TBD

NOVA Meeting Minutes 04/22/12

Meeting Opened: 1:40pm

Attendees:

Michael Spiller, HV4W, NOVA Chairperson

Tom Orsini, E4W

Joan Blair, LIOR, NOVA Secretary

Chip Redmond, B4W, NOVA Treasurer

Ben Roccapriore, JT4x4

Bob Blair, LIOR, NOVA Communication Officer

Michael Sussman, LIOR

William Conroy, JT4x4

Tim Landry, NTC

Tomase Jungilewig, E4W

Mike Luzzo, PJ

Andy Miller, HV4W

Officers Reports:

Treasurer: Taxes were filed, we've paid nothing as of yet. \$15,589.50 is in or treasury. We will find out if we are C or D. Melanie will let us know whether we are tax free.

There was a suggestion that we hire an expert to teach a few members from each club to teach a class on wheeling, for the benefit of all the clubs. We will revisit under new business.

Communications: The forum was shut down for a few days because spammers were trying to get in.

The club forum was shut down by Bob and reopened with Bob personally entering new members sent to him from club liaisons. Don will be doing the Traifest registration - thank you Don.

Previous month's minutes - should we join SAN, Blue Ribbon, etc. Rich Banfield offered to be co-chair.

Talked about buying land - we feel it might be too difficult. We are talking about more use of private lands. We also discussed giving an honorarium to a hosting club, it was decided to keep it informal.

Old minutes voted on and passed.

Report on other organizations - SAN is free, just sign up for it - it supports wheeling and will give us another organization. Blue Ribbon and Treadlightly. We don't get a lot out of Blue Ribbon - you can join as a club, or as an individual. It seems it is more for ATV and dirtbikes than 4 wheelers. It seems to be not that useful for us. We think it might be \$100 a club. They are mostly involved out west. Treadlightly charges \$100 per club. They do stewardship promotions where they help pay for trail clean ups. You get a website link, information, educational pamphlets, etc. It was pointed out that these organizations sometimes publicize trails to the point of overuse. Blue Ribbon also offers training in organizing new

clubs. We will anticipate voting on this at the next meeting.

Club Reports

Eastern 4 Wheelers - Tom Orsini, President - Membership has been a little slow, there has been a turnover from old to new members. Crazy 8's trail has problems. The access road has been partially washed out, so trail maintenance has been a problem. They anticipate \$3000 to get the trail ready.

Joan Blair officer of LIOR and Secretary to NOVA - present but not reporting.

Berkshire 4 Wheelers - Chip Redmond, Treasurer and Secretary - about 10 members, they have done a few road clean ups.

Hudson Valley - Andy Miller, President - they have had a major turnover, about 23 members, and they now are having a resurgence. They had to turn away prospective members yesterday, because of private land.

They are negotiating 2 new private properties and they hope to open up to other members. There is a property they are calling Dog Park - 10 acres over by West Point. It is more buggy friendly -not street jeep. They are offering to share it, but it is much more of a buggy place. It is in Highland Mills, NY.

Patriot Jeepers - Mike Lusso - they have about 25 members - they are mostly central Mass. They are looking for places to wheel. We just lost the Grand View Inn. It was suggested that names for trails be changed so that everyone isn't using the same trails all the time. We have been trying to get all the club schedules on our website.

LIOR - Michael Sussman - We've had more private land invites this year than ever before. We are trying to participate in more other club runs to lend our support. We really appreciate BTC, its one of our favorite events. We want to make sure that if we (LIOR) are contributing to a land fund, its important that all member clubs get access. We also have questions about Ma Bell. Where exactly is the cut off point? We will discuss that during new business. Membership is around 40 - we've had a lot of new guys joining, but not everyone has re-upped. We tend to get 20 trucks per run, and 20-25 at our meetings.

JT4x4 - Ben Roccapriore, President - membership consists mostly of military - recent increase in membership. They sign members up on the forum, but they have to talk on the forum, then get invited to join the club. They are restoring the run-off at BTC. They are looking to make it NOVA events, rather than individual club runs to cut down on the use of BTC. Trail sharing is a good aspect of NOVA. They will look into us contributing cans to the food pantry. They have another property called City Hall and another property that might be coming available.

NE Toyota Crawlers -Tim Landry - membership has picked up. They have 3 properties they are running right now. The best is one in Rhode Island, that is good for the newbie to the buggy. They recently did a trail clean up and do a lot of community good. They do a lot of NEA trails.

New Business

We would like to allocate some trail clean up money today if we can. Right now we have \$200.00, that we can pay right now. What are the guidelines to get the money? What are the limits of what we can collect - ie chains for chain saws?

What is the criteria for giving money? Should the trail be available to other clubs under certain circumstances? We have the schedules posted so that we can call each other to run with a different club. By contributing to other member clubs, and their trails, we help each other with publicity and creating interest in other member clubs. There was talk of combining some club runs to limit the use of some properties.

Moved to offer \$200.00 not to exceed \$250.00 to JT Jeeps for maintenance of BTC. Seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Moved to Offer \$750.00 to \$800 to Eastern for trail maintenance. Seconded. Approved unaminously.

Public Land Use - MaBell the water hole is limited because it is a vernal pool - it is a breeding ground. How far can we go on the property? There is the land that the town owns, then private property, then government property. Suzuki Hill is part of the government land. The private land is not posted. The bottom of committed is then private property. NTC stops at the top of the flat hill. Others felt that there would be signs posted if they really didn't want us there.

Public Land Use - Capital Jeep does a run in Connecticut through the State Forest it was last week. There is a gravel pit in Connecticut, by the tobacco fields by Herb Bolden's Gravel pit.

Coyne Hill is ok to use, but the side roads are not It's a good snow run, but it isn't that good dry.

TrailFest is going well. Our entry fee - Last year it was 50/30. This year the dinner and bbq will be 42 for just the meals. Melanie and Allison are working on the t shirts. What should we charge. Registration should be opened around Memorial Day Weekend. \$65/driver, \$40/passenger? We need to get prizes. We need feedback from Joe and Evan as to whether they will be helping out with prizes. \$75/40 is what we will charge, hoping to make money on the raffle. There is \$500 available to purchase prizes.

Motion to donate \$500 for raffle prizes, if needed. Seconded. Approved.

Do we want to book a class at Overland Expedition Training, limiting it to 2 people from each club. It would be used as train the trainers, so that our newer members will benefit. Who does safety training. We will check it out for the next meeting.

NOVA Meeting Minutes June 25, 2012

Attendance: Mike Spiller, Bob Blair, Joan Blair, Chip Redmond

Meeting called to order:10:39

Minutes Read and Approved.

President's Report: Greeting

VP's Report: (See Land Use)

Treasurer's Report: \$2500 was transferred over from Trailfest to NOVA. Otherwise account is the same. Joan Blair has signing authority & will get a back-up checkbook.

Secretary's Report: No report

Communications Officer's Report: I received a forum software update offer, will check that our version is up to date. Bob is checking that out. (Software is up to date is -Bob 06/26/12) The website etc. is in the \$200 or less range. The website went down a couple of weeks ago, for a few hours, caused by the website provider. It resolved itself.

Old Business: We had approved money to Eastern for trail maintenance. Eastern had to make a diversion around a spring that popped up on Crazy Eights. Project in progress, expect receipts soon.

New Business: Trailfest - We have the \$500 to spend on prizes, we are working on a free winch. Mickey Thompson will donate a \$500 certificate. We have 35 trucks registered now. We have a 45 truck limit, will raise limit to 50 when more trail leaders commit. If LIOR and Hudson Valley continue to give prizes it should be a great raffle. Our prize list is growing. If we can get prizes from local stores, that would be great. Mike will contact the campground to see if they will donate anything. Spread the word to local clubs to canvas for prizes. We need help with registration, we have trail guides, help stuffing bags for registration. Some one from LIOR has to get bag stuff before registration, a half a day early, so it shows up in bags. We need more black stickers - Melanie will print them up. Bob moved to approve spending last year's expenses + 25%, to cover any expenses for Trailfest. Approved by all, Mike has authority to spend that on expenses for Trailfest. Butch from Hudson Valley has kindly offered to barter his work for new staff shirts. We will go with light gray for our shirts, however, we will check with Florida Vacation to see what colors they are using to avoid conflict.

Club Reports

LIOR - Bob reported - LIOR is thinking about doing a meet and greet, perhaps at Hooters, to get new members. LIOR has had a resurgence of younger guys that are willing to work and learn.

Land Use Reports:

LIOR did a run on Jon Fund land- it was bought as a separate corporation. They just lucked into the property, it was slated for condos but the neighborhood got the condos rejected. It's really well wooded, so they are constantly cutting and clearing land. They take groups into the property, as guest members, as a way to pay off the note. Mike White, Mr. Freakin White on the NEA Forum, is the contact person. Mike S. will contact Jon Fund.

Rich Banfield reported to Mike that the Beacon property in Chester, MA is available for sale.

Gretchen's (NH) is being sold to the founder of Summit Crawlers, and to be run as an OHV park.

Hudson Valley repeated offer to allow small groups to test new buggy-friendly property in Highland Mills, NY

Meeting closed at 12 noon.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 10/21/2012

Meeting opened at 10:37 am

Introductions of those attending.

Minutes for June meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have our final figures from Trailfest - this year we made \$810. Treasurer's report was handed out. We get about \$300 from membership dues, so we have roughly \$1200 a year to disperse.

President's Report: Mike proposed that we continue the trail grants. Last year we donated 2 grants totalling \$1000. Crazy 8's came out well. They installed a new gate that is a wider opening, Eastern doing the work. JT4x4 has a private property called Behind The Church, received \$215 for the stone they needed. If a NOVA club has openings for a ride, it is hoped they share the ride. We have \$16,500+ in our account.

Communications Officer's Report: The website was reported down 2 times. One reported outage was actually an access issue, the other was the service provider outage. The forum is open and the public areas can be seen by anyone. It is a tool that should be used more.

Discussion: The guys from New Jersey told us about the restrictions of running in New Jersey. About ½ the clubs have property, the rest of the clubs support them. We have 2 delegates per club.

Old Business: Mike wanted to hear how clubs handle their elections. Rich from Patriot Jeeps, explained that they have 4 positions, and you have the position for life, until they leave or move. Eastern puts members up on their forum, and the vote is on their Christmas Party. Hudson Valley proposes a slate, November meeting is the vote.

Nova funding for trail repair has to be discussed and approved. Mike made a motion to cut a check today. Motion approved.

NOVA is incorporated, and legally located at EVB's Danbury, CT shop. It was discussed whether we could move our meetings around. The snow run meeting worked out well, due to snow. It was asked if LIOR was doing that run in January would they include the meeting members in the run. LIOR will check it out.

NOVA clubs have 4 events a year open to anyone. Eastern has Florida Vacation, NOVA has Trailfest, and 2 Toys for Tots runs the first week in December. Florida Vacation had about 70 trucks, 120 participants. The only problem was the campground raised the price between inception and the event. It still made some money. The other problem was the distance to some of the trails. Florida will probably be moved to the 3 or 4 week in July. Trailfest was going to move up a week.

Trailfest was a success at Rausch Creek. Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area (near Shamokin, PA anthraciteadventure.com) isn't up and running yet. Mettowiee isn't big enough to run an event. TwinGrove was nice but expensive. A discussion followed about how to trim costs for Trailfest. We will look elsewhere. We will probably stay at the Comfort Inn, and use different venues for food. Mike would like to work on organizing the trailguides, and help with set up, but does not want to be in charge day of event. Event tasks that need a new owner:

Event bags

Registration

Raffle tickets

Banquet decoration.

Event chairman.

T-shirts

We will do a kids' raffle, instead of kids' bags this year. Jersey Jeepers volunteered to chair the event. They are going to go back to their membership to see if its ok.

New Business: Motion to accept Jersey Jeepers to become a member of NOVA. Approved. They will go to their membership and send in the check if approved. Trail sharing - JT4x4 opened BTC, it was a great ride. Eastern and JT shared runs. If there is room, the clubs will generally let a NOVA member run. NTC has 5 properties, and are working on sharing trails. NTC is also an NEA club. Hudson Valley has one piece of property that they can't share. Again, they only have a few guests. Hudson Valley as 4 new properties, including one in Connecticut, and one in Highland Falls. Clubs tend to do voluntary donations to the landowner.

Motion for Trail Maintenance Grants, set at \$1,000 total. A discussion followed on whether there would be any stipulations on the the grants., It should be voted on year by year. Vote - approved. Clubs can apply for funds by the April meeting.

The Jon Fund property. Jon Fund is NEA, they have their own property - they would like to open it up for a pay to play, in Central Mass. \$125 minimum or \$25 per rig, whichever is more. As of January Gretchen's is changing hands. A member of Summit Crawlers is buying it and will be opening it up more.

Toys for Tots - Eastern will be hosting at Stone Gardens, and JT4x4 will be hosting at BTC. It's on Dec 2-3.

2013 Officer Elections

Chairman - Mike Spiller

CoChairman - Rich Banfield

Treasurer - Chip Redmond

Secretary - Joan Blair

Communications Officer - Bob Blair

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 12:40 pm.

NOVA snow run meeting minutes 1/19/2013

Meeting opened at 4:00pm after a fun day on the trails. Enough snow to make it interesting, BBQ on the trail & good company. Thanks to LIOR for letting us all

join their club run. We had ~15 rigs playing in the snow. NOVA meeting was the shortest on record at just under 1 hr as the chairman needed to leave ASAP.

Attending members:

JT4x4 - Ben Roccapriore (Pres.)

LIOR - Mark Silverman, Amasa Howard , John Acconi, Robert Slawinsky, Warren Silverman, Eddie Wiseman, Bob Blair (NOVA Comm. Officer)

Jersey Jeepers - Adam Templin (Pres.), Mike Liston, Tyler

E4W - Tom Orsini (Pres.)

HV4W - Jon Mapes (Pres.) Michael Spiller (NOVA Chair)

PJ - Rich Banfield (Pres.), Mike Luzzo

NTC - Tim Landry (Pres.)

B4W - Chip Redmond (NOVA Treasurer)

Minutes of previous meeting reviewed, motion made to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$15,837 in the account. Only \$800 was made at Trailfest due to high cost of Twin Grove Catering. \$90 was spent in December on the purchase of a NOVA tablet. Tablet currently held by Bob Blair and intended to be used for Trailfest registration.

Old Business:

Jersey Jeepers made their second appearance at a NOVA meeting. After the first meeting they voted to join NOVA and we welcomed them to the NOVA family.

Trailfest needs an event coordinator. Jersey Jeepers' John Defini volunteered to act as event coordinator for trailfest. Jersey Jeepers go to Rausch about once a month.

NOVA approval of \$1000 for private land trail maintenance in 2013 may not get used. HV4W was going to apply for \$500, but buggy's like the trail the way it is so it's staying. Building a bypass instead of getting an excavator.

Toys for Tots was a great success and many thanks to JT4x4 and E4W for hosting the events. NOVA asked how it can help these events, for example cover any costs the clubs incurred in hosting them. Last minute decision to have NOVA buy lunch at Stone Gardens. 11 pizzas and soda were delivered into the woods for lunch on the trail. Cost was \$140. NOVA check given to Michael Spiller to cover his initial expenditure for this. What else can NOVA do for the clubs? Continued under new business.

New Business:

With more than \$15k in our account we need to think about how to use this money. It was originally untouched with the intention of buying land. We discussed this and decided that will never happen so let's start using it to improve our clubs' 4 wheeling.

Ideas ranged from:

Buying food at shared club runs.

Covering expenses for clubs hosting events.

Covering JT4x4 purchase of canopy to host Toys for Tots.

Support member clubs events-sponsor NTC's TakeOver, E4W Florida Vacation, Trailfest.

Safety net for large club expenditures such as E4W \$4k to fix Crazy 8 access road.

Look into NOVA acquiring insurance and member clubs getting coverage thru NOVA INSURANCE was deemed the first priority.

All other expenditure suggestions put on hold until question of insurance is researched.

Mike Liston, Jersey Jeepers, volunteered to research insurance options and costs. Goal is to have information ready for a vote at the April NOVA meeting. Will set up thread on forum to get information out and give Mike feedback during his research.

Trailfest

Look into other options instead of returning to Twin Grove Campground. Try to reduce costs. Comfort Inn rocks and is a favorite of wheelers, just no banquet hall.

Event Coordinator John Defini will look into other options. Possible to get VFW near Comfort Inn and a caterer.

Calendar

E4W Florida Vacation will be moving back one week this year. Dates for Florida Vacation are July 19-20.

Trailfest dates discussed and decided on August 23-25. Subsequently changed to August 16-18.

Clubs please post your run schedules on the NOVA calendar once you know them. We don't want everyone to show up at MaBell on the same day. Also you can usually join another clubs run if there's space available.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 04/21/13

Meeting called to order at 10:50.

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting

We have \$15,800.00 in account, Jersey Jeepers became members of NOVA. Toys for Tots was a great event. New Business - what do we do with our money. There were several suggestions It was decided to check out insurance first. Eastern's Fla Vacation is July 25-27, Trailfest is August 16-18. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

\$15,938.00 in account.

Communication Officer's Report

Bob installed tapataalk app for smart phones onto forum. Online Registration is open to go on the Forum. There was a problem with posting on the calendar, but it has been fixed. Bob suggested that Mike might want to use an email list for officers, and Mike agreed.

Attending

Chuck Ortiz and Emma Castillo from NYC Jeep Club

Bob and Joan Blair LIOR

John DeFini and James Randolph Jersey Jeepers

Ben Roccapriore JT4x4

Tom Jurgilewicz Eastern 4 Wheelers

Mike Spiller and John Mapes from Hudson Valley

Chip Redmond Berkshire Jeepers

NYC Jeep club is a new club, covering all 5 boroughs, with over 200 members. The club is burgeoning and they are exploring organizational options. There followed a discussion of how different clubs are organized.

Old Business

Insurance Report

John will post an update, after Mike fills him in. Through United 4 Wheel Drive, and NEA there are event insurances available. Hudson Valley does not have insurance but each vehicle has its own insurance. They are changing their by-laws to include buggys, and are finding insurance to cover the buggy. Mike will post info on the forum.

NOVA Grant

\$1000 for trail maintenance. Hudson Valley's project was on hold, figuring they would find another method for egress. LIOR's Mike Barbara offered to bring his excavator, and Hudson may put in for the fuel. NTC are cleaning up and fixing a bridge on their property, they want some money, and JT4x4 needs money for gravel for BTC.

Trail Sharing

To get into a run, you have to call the pic (person in charge) and see if it is open.

New Business

Bob brought the NOVA Tablet for all to see.

Trailfest

Volunteers - Jersey Jeepers are running Trailfest, this year. They have many volunteers, so registration should be taken care of. How can they update the flier? They (Jersey) will give Don the info and Don Roy will update the fliers etc. Registration opens up Memorial Day. They need sponsors but need proof of the event. They are making a sample flier for this purpose. Mike mentioned Evan Silverman and Andy - as helping tremendously with prizes. Motion that we use \$500 for prizes for Trailfest, if needed. Passed.

Event software was discussed. Trail requirements were discussed.

It was suggested that we have volunteers from different clubs to help determine vehicle readiness. Lunches are supplied by wheelers, and lunch time is determined by the trail leader. Mike wants to concentrate on trails and trail guides. They need a general idea of how many people from each group are going. If they have numbers, they might get a reduced rate.

What has happened so far? Where to we go for meals, where will be staying? Lodging - the comfort inn, or the campground - events at the campground. BBQ at campground, hosted food by Jersey Jeepers. Buses were suggested for shuttling back from Comfort Inn to events. Kids Packs and Kids Raffle were discussed. A paint the jeep contest was suggested. Cost for registration. What should it be? \$75 for the driver, \$40 passenger, \$15 per kid. Discussion on food continued.

T shirts - they've been done by Groton all these years. We will check out Jersey prices.

John suggested we check in with each other regarding Trailfest updates.

Land Use

Patriot Jeepers was pulled over by a trooper in Massachusetts for not having a helmet and a OHV sticker. It seems the trooper has a personal issue with the trail, this is not MA state policy. It is a very local issue, shouldn't be a problem. OHV stickers are difficult to find.

New Business continued

By way of informing prospective member club NYC Jeeps; What does NOVA do for you? Its a way for the clubs in the area to communication with each other, and lets club prevent over-scheduling certain venues. Trail sharing is open to individuals, and occasionally clubs. One trail ride with another club is worth the price of admission.

Two members purchased property for a driving school - it is a pay to play driving school, to train new drivers and link new drivers to clubs and purveyors. North East Off Road Adventures, in Ellenville, NY. It is primarily for new drivers to learn how to use their vehicles off road and will open in December. Hudson Valley will be cutting hard core trails, Mike will let us know if we are needed to help. Hudson Valley will be wheeling on it, but he is looking into seeing if NOVA clubs will be able to come onto the property.

Jersey Jeepers also mentioned they might have a property coming up in Monticello, NY.

JTC Said they were opening BTC up twice this year for NOVA members - they will post on calendar.

NYC Jeep Club came to see if they would be interested in joining NOVA. Bob made a motion to accept NYC Jeep club - seconded. Upon receipt of their check, pending their members' approval, they will be a part of NOVA. They will also have to supply a membership list.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

NOVA meeting minutes 6/23/2013

Location: EVB, 44 Kenosia Ave, Danbury CT 06810
Meeting opened at 10:30am.

Attending members:

John Defini Jersey Jeepers
Joseph Rosas NYC Jeep Club
Tom Orsini E4W
Amy Lockshire E4W
Michael Spiller HV4W , NOVA Chairman
Chip Redmond B4W, NOVA Treasurer
Bob Blair LIOR, NOVA Communications Officer

Minutes of previous meeting reviewed, motion made to accept the minutes by Amy, seconded by Chip.

Club News:

E4W

Florida Vacation coming up July 26-28. Not running Turkey Hill, but still running 3 private properties plus the normal local trails.
Turn out for rides has been low this season.
Work party done for private property owner of Stone Gardens. Good effort was put out and relationship seems even better for it.

LIOR

Annual Campout ride to Mettowee Offroad Park in Whitehall NY. Small turn out but a very good time. Park has expanded it's rock crawling trails so that it's now at least a full days worth of crawling. Park also has very fun seesaw type play area. Tried organizing NOVA ride at Anthracite Offroad Adventure Park June 1. Low turnout cancelled ride, but we'd like to try again. Park is only open for pre-booked tours.

HV4W

Lots of firetower runs have been completed this spring. The latest run was the official reopening ceremony for the firetower with many dignitaries present. Several NOVA members helped and we thank everyone that helped out.
Busy cutting trails this year and developing private property. Currently have 5 properties.
Many members now not wheeling hard, going to car/jeep shows seems to be gaining popularity.
Officially changed our event waiver to include buggies as long as they have a minimum of \$150k liability insurance. Insurance for buggies has been purchased thru Colette Barna at Dedrick Agency 845-877-3333. Average yearly cost is less than \$250.

JT4x4

Trial sharing their BTC private property. NOVA clubs should pick a date for an open to NOVA members ride. This usually is a predominately LIOR run in early September.

Might be working on entrance to BTC, applying more stone.

Patriot Jeepers

Feeling the crunch of trail closures. Latest is Mason Brookline in southern NH.

New York City Jeepers

Hosting meet and greet at the Oak Beach Inn, Babylon, NY (Fire Island), Aug 11th.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$16,742.75 in the account, minus \$100 deposit for Trailfest bus and \$550 for Tshirts which will get cashed shortly.

Joan and Chip are able to write checks. Both plan to be at Trailfest.

Old Business:

NYC Jeepers made their second appearance at a NOVA meeting. After the first meeting they voted to join NOVA and we officially welcomed them to the NOVA family.

What should NOVA due with its cash?

Get quote on Directors & Officers insurance coverage for NOVA

Get quotes for event liability insurance for NOVA clubs

Give gift certificates to member club open events.

Motion made to give \$100 EVB gift certificates to Florida Vacation and Takeover.

Motion seconded and voted approved. Check given to EVB to cover gift certificates.

Cover food and expenses at club shared events.

Motion made to allocate \$1200 per year, \$300 max per event. Seconded and voted approved.

New Business:

4WDrive Hardware (free magazine) did story on Yankee Toys and Gretchens.

Gretchens has new owner and is now known as Field & Forest. It is open to wheel on the 4th of July. Usually closed to only NEA clubs. Great place with hardest wheeling in New England.

Trailfest Preparations

School bus chartered for Friday BBQ and Saturday banquet. Comfort Inn to Twin Grove. Can ask for two trips if needed.

Registration is starting slowly this year, only 12 people signed up to date. Cap set at 50 currently due to availability of trail guides. If we get more guides we can handle more registrants. Want trail group size to be around 8 rigs.

Tshirts will get mailed to us this year so we need order in earlier. Deposit of \$550 needs to get mailed in next week. Order needs to be in by July 26. Update website to say this because registering after that date means you may not get a Tshirt.

Tshirt color this year to be medium blue/gray as voted at meeting.

Contact Joan regarding getting items for kids raffle.

Rooms blocked off at Comfort Inn for Trailfest registrants.

Friday BBQ

Jersey Jeepers hosting and doing the cooking

Security guard hired so we can bring our own beverages

Sat banquet

Votes taken to determine banquet menu.

Menu needs to be sent to Twin Grove Catering this week. Deposit to come soon.

Registration:

Thurs night at Comfort Inn, Fri am at Rausch, Fri pm after BBQ at Twin Grove, Sat morning at Rausch.

Sponsorship:

Jersey Jeepers is reaching out to a much broader base than usually. One question that comes back from big companies is to what charity are we giving proceeds. Maybe in the future we should donate to a charity or take Wounded Warriors wheeling? Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers may be giving \$ towards prizes similar to what LIOR did last year.

Officers Reports

Chairman

Chairman is open to hosting more meetings at his house. Benefits are being able to wheel after the meeting on private property. Meetings would be in Newtown CT. To be discussed.

Communications Officer

New members can register on the forum. Afterwards a club liason needs to verify that person as a real human being/club member. Liason from NYC Jeepers needed. Sub-forum set up for LIOR members.

Meeting adjourned

NOVA Meeting October 20, 2013

Minutes for June Meeting approved.

In Attendance: Mike Spiller, Joan Blair, Bob Blair, Chip Redmond, Joseph Rosas, Michael Romanelli, Tom Jurgilewicz, John Mapes, John DeFinii.

Clubs introduced themselves, then explained their missions.

NYCJeepers - Let us in on their organization. They have a Queens contingent that they are keeping an eye on. They are still trying to set up regulations regarding their members. Their dues are \$50/yr, \$25/half year or less, they have to sign a waiver on their membership application, and physically appear for approval for

membership. Use of waivers for all events was encouraged. They currently have 17 members. For trail runs, they tend to go to Rausch Creek, but they have one member with 22 acres upstate, who will be willing to let people wheel when he is there. He is looking for people to cut trails. They also might have a Brooklyn connection with 100 acres.

Berkshire - Did a fund raiser for Brain Cancer - do we want to include NOVA's name in the fund raiser. Dana Farber is involved, as well as the Jimmy Fund. We can donate for public relations in the western Mass.

Hudson Valley - Have done some runs at the Dog Park (John's parents' property) it's about 10 acres. They've hosted 2 weekends there, with multiple clubs. They are trying to find a balance between hard core rock crawling vs almost stock vehicles, and finding mixed venues for them. Trail cuts and maintenance have been done by invitation until now. We will try to reach out a little more now. (NOVA pays for up to \$300 for any inter-club function.)

Eastern - Will have Florida Vacation again in July. It is 4 properties that they have access to. They don't have a date yet for this year. They had a problem with some drinking on the trail, but those people were removed.

LIOR - Had a good turnout for Trailfest, the October run was cancelled. We are going to the Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area (anthraciteadventure.com) park in November. You have to sign up through the NOVA Forum - November 9. They are trying to get a few more people to set up another group for the day. Jake Mulderrig will be our new president.

Jersey Jeepers - Had their close of the season camping trip. They had their trail cutting up by the Catskills, 45 acres. The terrain is a bit like the dog park, very covered with moss and debris, virgin territory. They have a monthly Rausch trip. They posted requirements, so that the stock trucks would be aware, and not slow down the group. Then they will be going on the AOAA Run.

Trailfest

A Huge thanks to Jersey Jeepers for running Trailfest. They have decided to continue again with it. The PR person will be in charge of Trailfest. Hooray Trailfest money worked out to a \$2469 profit. Florida Vacation used PayPal , and that worked well.

Treasury

Uses for the money - \$300 for interclub events, NOVA donations for Toys for Tots, Trail Stipends. \$18,638 is in the treasury. We have been trying to get insurance for NOVA - D&O coverage and club event coverage. \$725 for D&O coverage We agreed to get D&O while checking on converting it to liability coverage. We discussed how to make the insurance feasible, cost wise. It was suggested we let Mike know on the forum what events will be covered, and he will price it out.

We currently have no money being requested for trail maintenance, so it was

suggested that we offer \$300, our limit, toward a canopy that JT 4x4 purchased for Toys for Tots. This was approved.

Elections

New Board of Directors for next year remains the same.

Mike Spiller President

Rich Banfield VP

Joan Blair Secretary

Chip Redmond Treasurer

Bob Blair Communications Officer

Communications Officer

Bob has updated the website and made adjustments on the forum. To get members in the Forum - we need a liaison person from each club to approve the people from the club, and let Bob know about it. We need to push the Forum, and supply Bob with approved member information.

New Business

Expenses - EVB donated time and prizes for Traifest, etc., Mike fabricated shelves for his hot dog truck. NOVA is paying \$75 for them as a gesture of good will.

Land Use

Lisa of Field and Forest is willing to make a NOVA weekend, as they are no longer tied to NEA. It is the hardest wheeling in New England. May is considered, perhaps June.

Next year Jersey Jeepers is going to Harlan Kentucky as their traveling trip. Other clubs are invited, in the beginning of June. It's planned to be a week long event, or until you are broken. 2014 they are going to MOAB. NYCJeepers suggested that they combine with Jersey Jeepers for topless day at Rausch.

New Business

Bob got an Email from Central Avenue Chrysler NYC, to see if the clubs would like to contribute to the Newsletter. It was decided that Nova would toss it back to the clubs, and give her the club officer's emails for contacts. Mike made arrangements for Jersey Jeepers to have a private day at one of Hudson's properties as a thank you for for their work on Traifest.

NYC Jeepers is doing a training run in November, and will be inviting people to see what the sport is about.

Are we keeping club dues the same for next year? Yes, for this year, next year we will adjust for insurance.

Meeting closed at 12:25 pm.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 04/04/2014

Location: EVB, Danbury, CT

Attendance:

Michael Spiller HV4W
Jon Mapes HV4W
David Gold VP ECOJOCS
Greg Molod ECOJOCS
Rich Banfield Patriot Jeepers
Jim Slawinski LIOR
Bob Blair LIOR
Joan Blair LIOR
Chip Redmond Berkshire4W

Old Business:

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Mike. Clubs were reporting new officers. Treasury Report was reviewed. Insurance was discussed. A Field and Forest Trip was mentioned. Jersey Jeepers are planning trips to W Virginia and Moab. The officer slate was approved. A motion to approve \$1000 for Trail Maintenance. Trailfest is Aug. Minutes approved.

Communications Report:

The executive contact list was passed around, to include new members. Bob would like to see better participation in posting club runs. Any problems doing that, contact Bob. Nova member clubs: Adirondack Jeeps, ECOJOCS, LIOR, NYC Jeep Club, Patriot Jeepers. Bob has updated the forum software version.

Treasurers Report:

As of last meeting balance was \$18,020

Chairman's Report:

We are still trying to find insurance. Mike has found individual insurance. His insurance is strictly for trails. It runs about \$250 a year. More info is available on the NOVA website. K&K gave us a quote that would cover our meetings, and an additional \$300-\$350 per event insurance. It is the same insurance NEA has. National Motor Sports will cover a club, and every trail ride. For NOVA it would be \$1649.89. Under National Motorsports, individual clubs cannot take out individual event policies. National seems to be well geared for individual clubs, while K&K seems to be a better fit for NOVA. Eastern is getting back to us regarding their preference. Florida Vacation is difficult to insure because of their many venues. Discussion - Mike is beginning to see the wisdom of having insurance. Bob pointed out the expense and that it was worth it. It seems that K&K is the best choice. Joan Moved Chip seconded it, that we take the K&K Insurance. Approved Unaminously.

We have a vote that NOVA will reimburse up to \$300 for interclub expenses. This could cover clubs looking for insurance. Our reimbursement policy to clubs is up to \$300 reimbursement per event (it can be less) up to \$1200 for all the clubs to use

for the year. It is subject to NOVA Board approval. We are reserving \$300 for the Toy run, to help this noble cause. First come, first served. New guidelines were approved. ECOJOCS came to this meeting with the intent to join. They feel that right now, we are the better fit. They are a small club, and want to stay that way and family friendly. They have a variety of skill levels and vehicles. We voted on letting ECOJOCS join NOVA, it was approved unanimously. Welcome aboard, ECOJOCS. Do we want to do a weekend at Field and Forest. We can rent the place out for the weekend for \$1500, campgrounds included. JT 4x4 has 6 members interested. It was also suggested that NOVA members hook up with LIOR, to do a run. Or they could go July 4 weekend when they are having an open weekend. Rich Banfield mentioned Little Manodnack as a possibility. Whatever we pick, it will be posted on the website.

New Business & Club Reports:

Patriot Jeeps

Candyland in Shrewsbury, its good for a half day and its legal. They did a clean up in N Southington. The water hole at the end of Old Florida Road. Right now you can go through the pond, or around the bypass. Legendhill and Snakehill Roads on Conn. and Rhode Island are legal, Rich Banfield might run it.

JT4x4 - April 26 the NOVA at BTC will be run, with LIOR catering. They suggested a run in NH for July.

Last year we supported Florida Vacation by donating \$100 for prizes, and Trailfest, so we will set aside this until the next meeting.

Adirondack Jeepers - they are legendary. They have, up until now, not responded to our queries. They are members of NEA. They are branching out to do more trailrides. They are joining, with Jeff Lee being their contact, most likely. When they sign up, Bob will be notified to reach out to them.

NTC - were in Munson at the motorcycle hill climb. They are updating their contact info. They are going to assess a property and will probably need a bridge and funds. They have a charity raffle on their website.

Hudson Valley - They have all new officers. Their calendar is booked out to July. They have been having runs. They are having a run at the dog park next weekend and are extending it to other clubs. The run is on Saturday. Some members of HV4W have branched off to Hudson Valley Jeeps, they are not the same. They seem to have control of Mt Beacon, and there are a few issues on what goes on on the trail with them.

LIOR - We are doing a cleanup at AOAA. The January run was the NOVA meeting. February, our Roasch Creek ended up being 2 guys, March was a bigger run at Rausch. Our new president is doing well.

Berkshire - they've been out snowmobiling.

As clubs know their calendars please let Bob know, so he can post them on the NOVA

Calendar. The next meeting is June 1 at the SAWMILL. And the NOVA meeting will be there. Requirements are 35's a locker and a winch, near Winsted Ct. 1 rig per club plus officers is the current limit. More details to follow., Starts at 9.

This winter we did some networking, and it was suggested that we connect with NEA for possible joint projects. This will be pursued further. NEA was interested in private properties. They are hosting topless day May 17.

The next NEA meeting is May 2.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 06/01/2014

Meeting started at 2:30pm, June 1, 2014

Location: Private property, Colebrook, CT

Attendance:

Jon Mapes, Michael Spiller Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers (HV4W, NOVA)

Paul Tanner East Coast Offroad Jeepers of Connecticut (ECOJOC)

Ben Roccapriore, Mitch, Mindy JT4x4

Justine Templin, John Defini Jersey Jeepers (JJ)

Jim Slawinski, Bob Blair Long Island Offroad (LIOR, NOVA)

Chip Redmond Berkshire 4 Wheelers (B4W, NOVA)

Thanks to HV4W for inviting NOVA on their trail run. The property proved to be a real treat with challenges for all levels. Many thanks to Jon Mapes (HV4W president), Tractor Dave (HV4W trail coordinator) and the property owner for hosting us.

Minutes of last meeting read and reviewed, motion to approve 1) Bob Blair 2) Justine Templin- Motion Approved

Communications Report- Bob Blair

Paul Tanner's forum registration needs to be completed.

Treasurers Report -Chip Redmond

Last refund check for Trailfest 2013 was cashed this week by member of LIOR! \$1560 sent to K&K Insurance.

Account balance is now \$16,966

Chairmans Report-Michael Spiller

Wheeling combined with NOVA meeting seems to be getting very positive reviews.

Chairman will try to combine all meetings with a trail ride. We have access to other private properties we could use for this. Possible locations are Newtown CT, Highland Mills NY, Ellenville NY.

Old Business

INSURANCE

NOVA has purchased insurance thru K&K. All meetings of NOVA and its member clubs are covered for general liability. To get coverage for an event a member club must send in FormB. \$1 million coverage for a 3 day event costs \$365. FormB should be sent in at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Cutting it closer will increase the costs and possibly deny coverage.

FormB line 12 asks if we verify personal auto insurance for all participating vehicles. K&K informs us that only registered and insured rigs are eligible for this coverage. Mike Spiller to send in his buggy insurance to see if K&K will extend coverage to buggies with insurance.

Decision was made to only allow registered and insured vehicles to Trailfest if K&K

denies the buggies with insurance.

New Business

E4W's Florida Vacation is June 27-29 this year! NTC's TakeOver is July 24-27 this year. Both are great events that are open to everyone. Florida Vacation is in northwestern MA, and runs 3 private properties plus the local roads. TakeOver is at Rausch Creek. Both events are sponsored and have a raffle.

Motion to approve \$200 towards raffle prizes for Florida Vacation and TakeOver. \$100 in gift certificate for both events (\$200 total).

Gift certificate will probably be from EVB or Evans 4x4. 1) Rock 2) Jon MapesM
Motion Approved

Motion to approve \$500 towards raffle prizes for NOVA's Trailfest. 1) Chip Redmond
2)Bob Blair

Motion Approved

TRAILFEST

TShirts to be arranged by Michael Spiller-color green

Renting bus by Michael Spiller

Arranging banquet at Twin Grove-Jersey Jeepers

Arranging Fri BBQ-Jersey Jeepers

Blocking rooms at Comfort Inn-James Randolph (Jersey Jeepers)

Organize trail guides -Michael Spiller

Windshield Vulture stickers-Michael Spiller

Staff TShirts-use remaining bright ones

Sponsorship-get Evans 4x4 prime coverage to make up for last year's error.

Price last year- \$75 driver, \$40 passenger, \$15 child, to remain the same

Need volunteers for Thursday afternoon to prepare registration bags

Next meeting in Newtown CT, or Ellenville NY. Will depend on trail conditions and be decided later.

Meeting Adjourned 4pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes 10/25/2014

Attendance

Mike Spiller, Jon Mapes, (Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers)
Bob Blair, Joan Blair, Jim Slawinski (Long Island Off Road)
Paul Tanner, Greg Molod (East Coast Off-Road Jeepers of Connecticut)
Adam and Justine Templin (Jersey Jeepers)
Chris Livesay, Tom Orsini (Eastern 4 Wheelers)
Stan Fabas, Dominic Pawzka (NYC Jeep Club)
Ben Roccapriore (Jeep & Truck 4x4)

Review of June Minutes

Checking was \$16,000+ we purchased insurance to cover NOVA, Florida Vacation was moved. Expenses were approved. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer 's Report - Called in by Chip.

TrailFest gross receipts \$7,207 less \$5,566 expenses = \$1,640 net profit

Current account balance = \$18,206

There will be another \$15 coming in and \$25 expenses going out.

Trailfest : we ended up with 40 trucks.

Report accepted.

Communications Report - Bob Blair

Everything is up to date. The Forum is underused. Any adjustments needed, let Bob know.

Discussion: Other clubs in attendance have similar problems with their Forums.

Chairman's Report - Michael Spiller

Good to see everyone. Trailfest was a great event, demographics were different this year - we had tons of new people - NYC Jeeps and Central NY club. People don't seem to know what NOVA is about. We sponsor up to \$1200 for private property development. We give up to \$300 per event. Any member club can tap into our insurance for up to a 3 day event. We reimbursed \$300 to Hudson Valley for a gate, more money is still available.

Old Business:

Jersey Jeeps - What did you think of Trailfest, do you think you would want to do it again. They are going to check with their membership and let us know. For those people that wanted to join for Saturday, since they were working Friday for the event, there was no easy way to register them. We have to make adjustments so this can be done. Should we give them extra raffle tickets - maybe a \$40 one day entry. Approved that we will adjust software to accommodate \$40 for workers so they can play and eat Saturday. Date for next year's Trailfest will be August 21-23, 2015. On August 15 they are going to pack John Mapes father's place with jeeps.

Insurance update - Michael Spiller

Our K&K insurance is limited to registered and insured vehicles. There is separate coverage available with Allstate, and separate coverage is available for buggys through Foremost, but is strictly off road. We are working with NEA to find another

company that will cover more. We have it through April 4. The alternate insurance will cover NOVA but won't extend to other clubs.

Toys for Tots runs

JT4x4 event is on Saturday Dec 6. Eastern's run is on Dec 7.

After today's meeting we will run the Roost (private property in CT) and consider it for overflow from other Toys for Tots events if needed.

New Business

Nominations

Chairman - Mike Spiller

Vice Chairman - Rich Banfield

Communications - Bob Blair

Secretary - Joan Blair

Treasurer - Chip Redmond & Bob Blair (if not Communications)

Eligible Clubs

CNYJeep.org is interested in joining NOVA. They are an internet only club without dues. Can we admit them, do we want this type of club to join NOVA. Discussion ensued of the pros and cons and options. Our current procedure and requirements are sufficient in that prospective clubs must be discussed and accepted by majority vote. They must also submit a roster and pay annual NOVA dues.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is the January Snow run meeting hosted by LIOR. LIOR will confirm.

Miscellaneous Items

Florida Vacation - When will it be? E4W will let us know.

Tom noticed a Massachusetts trails conference. Bob explained how the federal RTP works. Massachusetts is having a meeting to discuss how to use the federal money. It would be good to have someone representing four wheeling. We will try to get it covered. November 8.

Club Reports

Ecojocs

An Ecojocs member is on the board of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC). CT is brutal regarding 4x4. They are trying to get representation and a voice in CT on land use.

Connecticut Off-Road Park (C.O.R.P.) is trying to get a park similar Rausch going. They anticipate it happening but it is a long, long road. They are trying to get land dedicated, or sold to them. There are petitions on ctoffroadpark.com to help show support.

HV4W

Two members have started an off road driving park in Ellenville. It has been stymied for years, but have finally opened. It is geared for new wheelers, to learn how to wheel properly. They are referring new drivers to the appropriate clubs and invite our support. The website is Northeast Off-Road Adventures

nyoffroaddriving.com and he is opening it up to NOVA clubs.

NYC Jeep Club

NYC is working on a piece of property, a big piece of property. They want a CT or upstate club to help cultivate the owners to let us wheel. Help show the owners that we are responsible drivers. Mike is working on a letter introducing NOVA and the benefits of letting us use the property. They are working on a personal introduction.

LIOR - Bob Blair

LIOR has just begun developing a relationship with a property owner in Monticello, NY.

Meeting adjourned at 12 pm.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 01/24/2015

Location:

Tuckers Restaurant & Pub, Sandisfield, MA

Meeting started at 4:00 pm, Jan 24, 2015

Attendance:

Jon Mapes, Michael Spiller (Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers)

Paul Tanner, David Gold, Tim Giunta (East Coast Offroad Jeepers of Connecticut)

Ben Roccapriore (JeepTruck4x4)

Rob Connelly (Northeast Toyota Crawlers)

Jim Slawinski, Bob Blair, Jake Mulderig, Evan Silverman, Maqsood Ali, Steve Paul,

Bob Slawinski (Long Island Off Road)

Rich Banfield, Mike Luzzo, Doug Kapell (Patriot Jeepers)

Dominic Panzica, John Kurlly (New York City Jeep Club)

Minutes of last meeting

Read and reviewed, motion to approve 1) Paul Tanner 2) Jim Slawinski - Motion Approved

Chairman's Report - Michael Spiller

Thanks to LIOR for inviting NOVA on their trail run. The trail proved to be a real treat & challenge thanks to last week's ice storm and today's snowfall. Take note LIOR has hosted us on this run for the last 4 yrs. Every year it miraculously snows on the days event. LIOR seem to have some serious pull with the weather gods. Another LIOR trademark is the trailside BBQ. Today's was second to none with 4 grills going and a different entre on each one; burgers, brats, hotdogs, sausages and seasoned filet mignon! What a treat, I could hardly believe this all materialized in the woods on a day we all had to shovel out of our houses just to leave. I kept thinking this is crazy and no one would show up, boy was I wrong. 25 rigs and probably 50 people today!

Things NOVA does that clubs should be aware of:

\$1000 annually available for private property trail work

\$1 million dollars General Liability, \$300K rented facilities property damage policy available for \$360 per event

\$300 maximum reimbursement per interclub event, up to maximum of \$1200 per year.

Communications Report - Bob Blair

Forum update script failed, complete restore of forum from previously saved backup required. All seems well now.

Update of club delegates needed for 2015. These people will be on executive contact list & be able to update their club's calender.

Dominic Panzica added for NYCJC, Rob Connelly added for NTC.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Chip Redmond not in attendance.

Mike Spiller reporting that the account balance after Decembers Toys For Tots

reimbursements should be around \$17,750

Old Business

Insurance

NOVA has insurance through K&K. All meetings of NOVA and its member clubs are covered for general liability. Event insurance is available for all member clubs. Cost is \$360 for 3 day event. Insurance only covers registered and insured vehicles. Event insurance was only used once this year for Trailfest. K&K insurance expires April 4th , 2015. Looking into National Motorsports for 2015 because they cover buggies. National Motorsports will not allow member clubs to take out event insurance. LIOR reported that National Motorsports rates went up 57% for 2015.

Trailfest 2015

Jersey Jeepers has agreed to again host Trailfest and the Friday night BBQ.

Trailfest will be Aug 21-23

Need to update event software to allow 1 day registration for Jersey Jeepers working the event.

Cost for one day for Jersey Jeepers volunteers (Saturday trails, Tshirt, banquet & raffle) will be \$40

Each participating club should volunteer at least one trail guide.

Florida Vacation

Scheduled for July 24-26, 2015.

New Business

NOVA slate of officers nominated at October meeting officially voted in:

Mike Spiller - Chairman

Rich Banfield - Co-Chair

Bob Blair - Communications Officer

Joan Blair - Secretary

Northeast Offroad Adventures (NORA) in Ellenville, NY would like to host a meeting. They would like to show NOVA members/officers their property & school. After reviewing calendar June 6th was chosen as the date for meeting & wheeling at NORA. In 2015 NORA is agreeable to opening their property to NOVA clubs. Jersey Jeepers was chosen as the first club to schedule a run there as a thank you for all the work they've done hosting Trailfest. Great opportunity, let's be smart, work together and build this relationship.

NOVA's main reason for existence is to foster communication between clubs. Let's make sure all our contact numbers and forum access is up to date so we can make the most of NOVA club membership.

Clubs need to do a better job posting their runs on the calendar.

Calendar for 2015 meetings:

It was decided to continue pairing meetings with wheeling. This moves the meeting locations around a bit and will not always be centralized.

April 19th NOVA meeting/run-Newtown CT, wheeling at The Roost

June 6th NOVA meeting/run-Ellenville, NY, wheeling at Northeast Offroad Adventures

Oct meeting TBD, depends on property access

Club Reports

Jersey Jeepers

Justine Templin is now the Pres & VP, Adam Templin is Treasurer

Mothers Performance Speed Shop is sponsor, club meetings held there.

Eastern 4 Wheelers

Jeff Valerie is President, Chris Livesey still VP

New president Jeff is also a member of NTC

Patriot Jeepers

Maximum tire size had been 35", now with board's approval you can go to 37"

Little Monadnock, NH is a great place to wheel, definitely worth the trip

New York City Jeep Club

Has a 70 acre property in upstate NY they will be developing trails on.

JT4x4

Same officers, will host a NOVA run at BTC once this year in addition to Toys for Tots.

Have a second property that is 288 acres, just starting to cut trails.

Long Island Off Road

Membership is rising again after a slow year last year.

Hosting a run at Tar Hollow open to NOVA members. Date will be known this spring.

Northeast Toyota Crawlers

New delegate for NOVA is Rob Conelly.

Hosting "Take Over" at Rausch Creek July 24-26, 2015. This is an open event.

East Coast Offroad Jeepers of Connecticut

Have access to a new property in central CT.

Will take 1-2 years to get trails cut. Will be hosting Wounded Warrior rides.

Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers

Same officers as last year. 4-5 private properties, Dog Park available for NOVA clubs.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes 04/19/2015

Location:

2 Pequot Path, Sandy Hook, CT

Meeting started at 10:00 am, April 19, 2015

Attendance:

Joe Rosas NYCJC
Rob Connelly NTC
Tim Giunta ECOJOCS
Mick Johnson ECOJOCS
Howell Moskowitz LIOR
John Acconi LIOR
Mike Smith LIOR
Bob Blair LIOR
Joan Blair LIOR
Dan Vitulli NYC Jeeps
Chip Redmond Berkshire 4x4 Wheelers & LIOR
Wayne Wilhelm EUW
Zane Gray Hudson Valley
Jon Mapes Hudson Valley
Ben Roccapriore JT 4x4

Minutes from last meeting: approved.

Treasurer's Report:

\$17,724.59 is in our account. Anyone who had a bounced check should submit the fees for reimbursement. There was a glitch on the bank's side following their merger. We'd like to have a spreadsheet on our website for officers, for transparency.

Communications Report:

Old items completed:

Club delegates & Exec Contact List updated for 2015. Unable to contact Jeff Valerie new e4w president. Florida Vacation on calendar

NORRA shown on web as sponsor. Jersey Jeepers able to register for 1 day of Trailfest. ECOJOCS able to access web calendar. Cal-Mgr help added

New items:

3 clubs have not entered any items to the NOVA calendar yet; Adirondack Jeeps, Jersey Jeepers and NTC. Contact Bob if you need help.

Due to a scripted update failure, the forum not updateable. It works well, but maybe can't apply future important (security) updates.

Chairman's Report:

Mike did work on finding out about insurance for the association and clubs, see below. Mike prepared multiple 13 page packets about insurance, agenda & budget items.

Old Business:

Insurance

National Motor sports Event Insurance app is massive, K+K is 2 pages. K+K was \$1500 plus more for 3 day events. National has changed, that you can get coverage for individual club coverage. They charge \$115 per time that they have to file an app. One way to get around this is to file apps for several events at the same time Last year we paid \$1500 and had meetings and Trailfest covered. This year, motorsport is offering less cost but individual runs cost more. National can't underwrite any event in Jersey.

How many clubs carry its own insurance? 2. Once we had National, one person would have to be responsible for all paperwork which would be odious. Coverage is \$1m per event, \$3m for the year. K+K is \$1200 for policy, and 365 for events. It doesn't cover buggys. We need to check if National will cover officers. It seems to be confusing. We agreed that if National Motorsports covers us for meetings, we will go ahead and procure it.

Budget

Our income is about \$2000-2200 annually, which we try to share with member clubs. Expenses were \$2400 last year, but have been as high as \$3400. Expenses exceed our income. While on paper we are liable to overspending, the clubs don't avail themselves of all possible reimbursements & funds. Mike suggested raising dues to \$75 annually for member clubs.

Motion 1

Providing that National Motorsports provides liability for meetings we will get their insurance.

Motioned by Bob Blair, seconded Mike Spiller. Passed unanimously. We will go ahead and procure it should they prove to cover officers and meetings.

Motion 2

We leave our current discretionary expenditures as is, (\$1000 Trail Maintenance, \$1200 Co-club events, \$1200 Trailfest & raffle prizes) and raise dues to \$75.

Motioned by Bob Blair, seconded by Mike Spiller. Passed unanimously.

Trailfest

Jersey Jeepers are going through a growth adjustment and they need help. They only have \$600 for food for the BBQ, they need advances to cover the food. Mike asked that we allocate funds for BBQ. We should also allocate \$500 for prizes if needed. We are getting sponsors for Trailfest and Evan from LIOR has been doing a great job, Mike felt the links on the trailfest sign up helps get sponsors in. It was suggested that sponsors be displayed at member clubs pages too. T shirts were also sent to sponsors showing their logos. Can we keep the prices the same for trailfest? Discussion supports that.

Motion 3

Allocate \$1200 for food, \$500 for raffle, allow pre-payment rather than reimbursement. Motioned by Mike Spiller, Passed unanimously.

The next NOVA meeting is at Northeast Off-Road Adventures in Ellenville, NY with a trail ride afterward.

Club Reports

LIOR is presenting The Tar Hollow 4x4 Experience (Jeep 101) at Tar Hollow, Hancock, NY. on June 13, 2015. Details are on website, liorclub.org. Event includes 101 class, guided rides, raffle and prizes. Cost is \$50/driver includes casual dinner and trail rides/classes.

JT4x4 NOVA Day at BTC They are looking at a couple of open dates for May and June. They will come up with a date but if clubs have a suggestion, let Rich know.

Eastern Florida Vacation is July 24, 25 ,26 Fees are the same, \$90 driver, \$55 pass, no T shirts after June 10, camping is included.

NYC Jeep they have a Nassau charter also. They are doing NJ Trailrides. They have moved their topless day to May 30. Free event but food is individually bought. Mike asked about a place in the Catskills that might be a possibility. The owner said after his building goes up, he will allow trails to be cut.

They have a small crew but could use volunteers - its near Hudson Valley's stomping grounds and they would be willing to help.

ECOJOCS There was a shake up in their leadership. They have cemented a deal to get private property. It is a summer camp that will be used ¾ the year. It is near Durham, Ct. All they have to do is maintain it. They are doing a Wounded Warrior program there, also in the future. NORA might be doing it also.

New Business:

Hit by bus policy. What do we do if something happens to an officer? We have 2 bank accounts - a savings and a checking acct. We need to have this stuff backed up and duplicated with back up people to make it accessible for other people to take over, should there be a catastrophe. Joan Blair has access to checking account, needs access to savings account. Don Roy has administrative access to the web page & forum.

Meeting closed at 11:41.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 06/06/2015

Location:

Northeast Off-Road Adventures, Ellenville, NY

Attendance:

HV4W Jon Mapes, Mike Spiller, Mike Sanders, Mike Belfi,

LIOR Bob Blair, Joan Blair, Jim Slawinski

B4W-LIOR Chip Redmond

EcoJocs Greg Molod, Paul Tanner

Jersey Jeeps Adam Templin, Justine Templin, Joe Giordano, Andy Chapman, Joseph

DiAnthony, Angelo Melchioni, Brittany Harris, Joe Machinoy, Jess Mills, Kathy

Maiello,

NYCJC Carlo CiCi, Dustin Crossai, Joe Rosas

Introduction

Introductions were made and Chairman Michael Spiller reported a brief history of the NORA school. The travails of the owner vs town, and the successful opening of the school. They are offering a 10% discount to member clubs. The owner and staff are NOVA members and certified off road instructors. Thanks to NORA for inviting us to meet & go four wheeling.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report:

\$18,349.76 in treasury now. We still have a few clubs - Eastern and Adirondack that haven't paid up. Adirondack might not be joining NOVA because of NEA membership. We are working with NTC from NEA and they invited Hudson Valley to an NEA property and it went well.

Communications Officer Report:

Nothing new. All the miscellaneous updates are done. Trailfest registration will be up and running soon.

Chairman's Report:

Thanks for coming up to this property. The Chairman's efforts this past quarter are reflected within the other topics.

Old Business:

Insurance

We have to decide whether we want to have insurance and what for. The K&K insurance doesn't cover events but does cover officers etc for the whole year, including meetings. ie. If we slander someone and get sued, are we covered. Read the exclusions. National Motorsports would cover it. K&K is \$1500 including one event. Natl would be \$1300 and events, 300/day. There is a reduction for yearly coverage. They will cover any NOVA ride for the year. The catch is that it is members only. For each public event would be \$300 per day. They don't cover any event in New Jersey. Do you think clubs would use the NOVA banner in order to have insurance? No

one wants insurance that is just insurance for Trailfest. No one. Unanimous vote for National MotorSports, year round.

For member clubs to take advantage of the coverage, they must list it as a NOVA run. The runs must be limited to NOVA members. No guests. We have to ask about guests and passengers.

Raffle prizes

Vote to approve raffle prizes for Florida Vacation and Take Over third weekend in July. \$100 for each club. Approved.

Trailfest planning

Last year we had a problem with Twin Grove - Mike called the Campground, and we are booked for banquet hall and kitchen, pavilion etc. The fees for Kitchen and Pavilion will be waived if 10 sites are covered. The Comfort Inn is contributing rooms for a few prizes. Hess catering is doing the food. We should let Mike know food suggestions. They are providing the building and chairs, no silverware or plates. BBQ we bring our own drinks (alcohol), pay for a security guard. Twin Grove for Banquet? We are on the fence regarding Bus. Jersey Jeepers did so much work their registration will cost \$40 in deferment of their work. T shirts any suggestion on colors. Dark green was decided upon. V neck women's shirts. No staff shirts. Flags for trail leaders ala Paragon - we will look into it. What does Jersey Jeepers need to make Friday night happen? We would give Jersey \$500 up front. Any additional can be sent immediately. Raffle sponsors: Any thing you can contribute to the raffle is great. Extreme Terrain is going to be a sponsor -\$100 or more sponsors get website recognition, for the whole year and your name on the T Shirts. Chris from Jersey Jeepers took pix of all rafle winners, and Mike sent copies to sponsors last year and that was a big hit with sponsors.

Sponsors and raffle prizes are still needed.

New Business:

JT 4x4 opened up BTC to NOVA the weekend of May 30. Eastern is hosting Florida Vacation July 24.

Do we want Facebook coverage? A debate followed. Some were up for it - it would aid expansion, others were against it because there is no control. It was decided to check it out. Jersey Jeepers will start it up. Justine is the new FaceBook coordinator. Do not give out addresses or locations of runs. It was suggested that the public can't post.

Club Reports:

LIOR is hosting Tar Hollow Jeep 101 on June 13. One day event, BBQ and raffle. We have 60 jeeps signed up as well as 20 members. We will take NOVA banner and NORA flyers. We have gotten 3 or 4 new members from the event already. We have insurance. It is an open event. The location is a piece of private property owned by the Thomkins, and is beautiful. LIOR is going to Field and Forest in New Hampshire. We are a sponsor for Topless for Tatas trail in Rausch Creek in August, and will have a plaque there this year.

NYC Jeeps Early July they are having a beach clean-up at Sore Thumb, Jones Beach Area. June 27 tentatively. They had an event last weekend at Rausch Creek with 67 trucks.

Jersey Jeepers - meet at Mothers' Jeeps, having their usual events

Hudson Valley - Same old stuff.

ECOJOCS - Topless Event had hundreds of people in Munson Mass. Ocean State Jeepers runs the event. It was called Crawling for a Cure. They have a run coming up next weekend.

The Great American Jeep Rally is coming up. Matthew House is involved in an off-road park in Connecticut, CORE, by the truck stop on 84 and the town rejected the State Police for a shooting range at the same site. They are trying to find people who can help them with their experience. There was talk about a Wounded Warrior project. Their property was severely damaged due to the storms this winter.

It was suggested NOVA get a Topless for Tatas sign at Rausch Creek Meeting over at 12 noon.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 10/25/2015

In Attendance:

Michael Spiller NOVA chairman HV4W
Zane Grey, Matt Lape HV4W
Jim Slawinski, Bob Slawinski LIOR
Rob Connelly, Jay Varney NTC
Joe Rosas NYCJC
Paul Tanner, Tim Giunta ECOJOC
Bob Blair via conference call NOVA Communications Officer LIOR
Joan Blair via conference call NOVA Secretary LIOR
Chip Redmond via conference call NOVA Treasurer B4W

Reviewed minutes of last meeting on June 6th

Motion to approve 1) Mike Spiller 2) Paul Tanner Vote: Approved

Treasurer's report:

Last meeting (6/6/15) Bank account total \$18,349.76
Current Bank account total \$20,074.59
\$100 gift certificate for LIOR Tar Hollow event June 13
\$100 EVB gift certificate for E4W Florida Vacation (Charlemont MA July 25)
\$100 EVB gift certificate for NTC Takeover (Rausch Creek, July 25)
\$1409 National Motorsports for year round NOVA insurance, July 9

Trailfest

Income: Registration \$8489
Raffle \$2777
Tshirt Sales \$137
Total \$11403

Expenses: Catering \$3241.98

BBQ \$798.54
Lodge \$190
Tshirts \$1548.11
Raffle Prizes \$500
Toys \$74.80
Refunds \$833
Insurance \$549.60
Total \$7736.03
Profit \$3667

Eastern paid \$75 club dues 6/12/15

\$174 reimbursement to Mike Spiller for April & June meeting food

Submitted receipts for mailing Trailfest Tshirts to Sponsors (\$26.50)

Submitted receipts for purchasing Raffle tickets on way down to Trailfest (\$25.43)

Communication Officer's Report:

Actions taken since last meeting:

7 new members added

Trailfest forum group membership updated for 2015

Coordinated or performed:

NOVA & TF15 sponsorship logo displays

TF15 registration software changes

TF15 Registration closed

Current databases optimized, twice

Deleted 48 forum users inactive (i.e. registration not completed for more than 1 year)

Chairman's report:

We obtained our annual insurance on July 15, 2015 from National Motorsports.

The insurance covers NOVA trail rides for 1 year.

Last meeting was June 6 at Northeast Offroad Adventures. Meeting and wheeling went well, so we are allowed back. Next year they'll be adding a house to the pavilion area. Northeast Offroad Adventures is glad we have insurance to cover NOVA meetings & runs on their property. They are inviting us as friends onto their property and not charging us, therefore their insurance doesn't cover us.

2 days after June 6 meeting officers approved \$100 gift certificate for LIOR Tar Hollow Event. Event was on June 13, open to public. Was well attended, however no one from NOVA went.

Conference Call set up for 11am for all NOVA officers to be able to vote on issues we have on our slate for today.

Old Business:

Rich from Patriot suggested a NOVA Facebook page. Justine from JJ volunteered to start one.

Status? Site is up as a closed group, need to organize adding members. Joe Rosas (NYCJC pres) volunteered to take over managing NOVA Facebook. Joe asked for each club to designate a member to confirm and add new members from their club.

facebook.com/groups/NOVA4X4

Insurance for NOVA Runs - status of guests and friends:

Last discussion in June was to have guests & friends pay small fee for one day membership in participating club. This doesn't work out as shown by our first NOVA Run Aug 8th. The property owner invited several friends to join us who were not part of any NOVA clubs. Couldn't ask them for money. In practice we are not having them sign the National Motorsports waivers, and they will not be covered by the insurance.

Trailfest Review:

We made more money than previous years due to increased attendance and raffle

ticket sales. 74 registrants versus usual 50. This is our biggest source of revenue. We could make it bigger if we had more trail guides.

Raffle sponsorship was down this year due to some key people leaving Instead NOVA and the clubs chipped in and filled the gap:

NOVA \$500 prizes were purchased from Quadratec by Evan's 4X4. Quadratec gave items at cost and with free shipping.

HV4W donated \$250-Quadratec gift cards

LIOR -prizes worth at least \$250- ARB portable air compressor

NYCJC-prizes worth at least \$250, given day of raffle

B4W-\$100 gas gift cards

All but NYCJC & B4W got their names on the event Tshirt.

We could use help next year reaching out to sponsors for donations.

New sponsor this year was Extreme Terrain. They contacted us via email and gave \$400 gift certificate.

We missed contacting Terraflex and Superwinch, both have given in past. We just forgot to contact them this time around. May need to form Trailfest sponsorship director to coordinate who's contacting each company.

We need Loudspeaker system for the Raffle! Hard to hear with that many people in the room. Especially near the HV4W table.

New Business

Reviewed our possible annual expenditures and incomes:

Trail Maintenance reimbursement- \$1000 per year max

Actual reimbursement for 2014 was \$165

Actual reimbursement for 2013 was \$0

Actual reimbursement for 2012 was \$1000

Event Raffle Prizes:

\$100 Florida Vacation-E4W

\$100 Take Over-NTC

\$100 LIOR Tar Hallow

Possible total expenditures:

Approved Actual 2014 2015 receipts

Trail maintenance \$1000 \$165 \$1304

CoClub reimbursements \$1200 \$600 \$900

Insurance ? \$1500 \$1959

Raffle Prizes \$200 \$200 \$300

Total \$2400&Ins \$3400 \$4460

Usually our income is \$1500 from Trailfest and \$450 from dues-Total \$~2000

This year we made \$3667 form Trailfest . We raised dues from \$50 to \$75, so dues

income became \$675-Total \$4342

Thanks to Trailfest 2015 we can afford our insurance and continue to give back to the clubs. Let's try to increase Trailfest 2016 participation so we can do even more!

Motion made for NOVA to increase Trail Maintenance fund for 2015 to \$1400. This will fully cover all clubs expenses. Clubs applying for this money are JT4x4, NTC, E4W.

Motion 1) Paul Tanner 2) Jay Varney Vote: passed unanimously

LIOR is asking for CoClub event reimbursement of \$300 (maximum per event) for their June 13 Tar Hallow run to help with the insurance costs. Insurance cost was \$341.60, and receipt was given to NOVA. We already gave them \$100 gift certificate for this event. Should we approve another \$300?

The \$100 gift certificate was not given as part of CoClub reimbursement fund so they are eligible for for full \$300.

Motion was made to give LIOR \$300 reimbursement from the NOVA CoClub event reimbursement fund

Motion 1) Rob Connelly 2) Tim Giunta Vote: passed unanimously

NOVA officers for 2016 to be voted in at Jan 2016 meeting.

All current officers have agreed to stay on if no one else volunteers.

Chairman reported he would like to see next generation of wheelers stepping up.

Please check with your clubs to see if anyone would like to participate as an officer. The CoChair position would be the easiest for a new person to step into.

Club happenings & 4 wheeling news:

JT4X4 12/5/15 Toys for Tots is posted on forum. You need to register for event with JT4x4. Information to do so is on forum. Run is in Groton CT. Food will be provided and NOVA will reimburse \$300 for expenses.

E4W 12/6/15 Toys for Tots -registration information will soon be posted on the forum. Run is in Shelton CT. NOVA insurance will be used for this event.

Food will be provided and NOVA will reimburse \$300 for expenses.

HV4W, NTC, E4W plan to coordinate club schedules better for next year and get more NOVA Runs

Club Reports:

NYCJC

*As of Oct 1, NYCJC is an LLC

*Membership increase from 32 last year to 44 this year

*Hosting annual Topless day at Rausch in May-last year 45 participants, 2016 looking for 60. \$10 fee and food is provided.

*November 21 have organized a food drive which has grown tremendously. It is now a multiclub event with over 100 jeeps participating in a police led parade. Could be closer to 200 jeeps.

Looking to raise 5000 lbs of food.

*2016 Spring run to Virginia for 1 week planned. Hoping to hit 5 offroad parks.

JJ

Club is losing momentum and members. They will need help to do the Trailfest BBQ next year.

NYCJC volunteered to help with BBQ for 2016.

HV4W

2 runs with NOVA Insurance, Aug 8th with E4W and NTC, Aug 15th with NTC & LIOR. Both were on private property and went very well. Runs were on NOVA calendar, but no one reached out asking to go.

ECOJOCS

Club volunteered at Monson MA Crawling for A Cure and Ellington CT for Great American Jeep Rally this year. Both events were huge (over 1,200 jeeps at Great American Jeep Rally).

Will be creating trails on private property they have access to in Durham, CT. Property is a youth camp with 78 acres. Youth Camp is only access to surrounding State Forrest. Club received DEP Forestry Grant to make fire road trails for access into surrounding forest.

LIOR

First Annual run at Tar Hollow on June 13 was a success, ~ 60 rigs attended.

2nd Tar Hollow run was Oct 3-4. This one was for NOVA members only. NYCJC members attended, NOVA insurance was used.

NTC

Annual Take Over event at Rausch Creek on July 25 weekend. For the raffle ~\$4500 in prizes was donated. Event is open to NOVA members and all vehicles.

Many participants came from Tacoma World and TTRA

Club constructed a bridge on private property. Project started out as 25' bridge, but when completed was 44' long

Motion to Adjourn & go Wheeling 1) Michael Spiller 2) Rob Connelly (Minutes stopped here, evidently the motion passed. -Ed.)

NOVA Meeting Minutes 01/23/2016

Location: MJ Tuckers Pub & Restaurant, 61 S. Main St, Sandisfield , MA
Meeting began at 4:00

In Attendance:

Rob Connelly NTC
Wayne Wilhelm E4W
Jim Slawinski LIOR
Kurt Beyer LIOR
Rich Banfield NOVA Co Chair PJ
Mike Luzzo PJ
Eric Anderson PJ
Zane Grey HV4W
Mike Belfi HV4W
Michael Spiller NOVA Chair HV4W
Ben Roccapriore JT4x4
Robert Willson JT4x4
Tim Giunta ECOJOC
Mick Johnson ECOJOC
Chip Redmond NOVA Treasurer B4W

Reviewed minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve: Rich Banfield 2nd Chip Redmond Vote Approved

Treasurer's report:

Submitted receipts for mailing Trailfest Tshirts to Sponsors (\$26.50)
Submitted receipts for purchasing Raffle tickets on way down to Trailfest (\$25.43)
Submitted receipts for Oct meeting food expenses (\$76)

JT4x4 still need to cash their \$300 Toys for Tots reimbursement, Eastern cashed their \$300 Toys for Tots reimbursement 1/22/16

After submitted receipts and JT4x4 reimbursement are deducted account balance is \$17,643.37

Communications Officer's report

given via email due to Snow Storm:

1/22/16 Optimized all current databases, Forum db backup
12/15/15 Modified text of home page link to NOVA on Facebook

December/January:

At request of LIOR's President, I researched the NEA's Website & WordPress. I updated their homepage display with a new article, their sponsors & club lists, and explained to president Eric how to add new articles. I offered to publish any new content, but none has been forthcoming.

NOVA chair is glad to hear of any positive communications and efforts between NOVA

and NEA. Thank you Bob for your work and sending in a report for the meeting.

Chairman's report:

Very excited about all the ways NOVA was able to give back to member clubs.

Total reimbursed for 2015

Trail Maintenance-

E4W \$651

NTC \$557

JT4X4 \$94 (also received Extreme Terrain grant for \$350)

Co-club event expenses (usually food)

JT4x4 \$300 Toys for Tots-food

E4W \$300 Toys for Tots-food

LIOR \$300 June Tar Hollow Run-Insurance

National Motorsports insurance for NOVA \$2000, covered till July 15, 2016.

\$1 million General Liability per occurrence, max \$3 million per year

\$300k damage to rented premises

NOVA runs are covered. To be a NOVA run must be NOVA members, a coclub run, non competitive trail ride posted on NOVA calendar.

Non competitive and NOVA members only requirement come from National Motorsports.

Other requirements come from NOVA.

So far we've had 5 NOVA Runs. 2 from HV4W, 1 from LIOR, 1 from E4W (Toys for Tots), and today's LIOR/NOVA snow run

Plan to coordinate club schedules better for next year and get more NOVA Runs.

Update contact info for each club. Email and cell of people in each club setting up runs.

Old Business

Trailfest

Friday BBQ status-

Capacity of JJ is greatly diminished. New president Joe Giordano reports he would like to continue with NOVA and support Trailfest. However he needs to focus on rebuilding the club, which is down to 5-10 members. Will keep us posted on club status and ability to help with BBQ. NYCJC will volunteer to help this year and others may be needed. BBQ volunteers usually don't wheel on Friday since they are setting up and cooking. The most one could wheel is ½ day. Reduced price for Trailfest is given to BBQ volunteers.

We need Loudspeaker system for the Raffle! Hard to hear with that many people in the room. Especially near the HV4W table

Caterer-keep the same? Yes

Facebook Page

Thank you Joe Rosas from NYCJC for setting up the NOVA Facebook page!

New Business

NYCJC expenses for Thanksgiving Food Drive--~\$700, can they put in for \$300 Coclub event reimbursement? Their submitted photo of receipt only has total amount spent. Can't see store or what the expenditures were for.

After some discussion it was decided you need to submit a hard copy or full photo of receipt to get reimbursed. If NYCJC can do this we'll reimburse for \$300.

Treasurer Chip agreed because if we get audited he needs the full receipt.

Calendar for 2016

June 18 "Tar Hollow 4x4 Experience" hosted by LIOR Monticello, NY

July 29 "Takeover" hosted by NTC Rausch Creek, PA

July 15-17 "Florida Vacation" hosted by E4W Florida, MA

Aug 26-28 "Trailfest" hosted by NOVA Rausch Creek, PA

tba F&F NOVA & NYCJC Hanover NH

NOVA meetings for 2016 - determine dates & locations

Possible locations-

Newtown CT Mike Spiller's house

Central CT ECOJOC private property

Ellenville NY Northeast Offroad Adventures

Highland Mills, NY HV4W private property

Winsted, CT HV4W private property

EVB shop in Danbury CT (no wheeling)

Decision by group:

Sat, April 16 Mike Spiller's Newtown CT

Sunday June 5 (meeting starts 12pm) Northeast Offroad Adventures

October 22 TBD

NOVA officers for 2016

Current slate: Mike Spiller HV4W chairman

Tim Giunta ECOJOC co chair

Chip Redmond B4W treasurer

Bob Blair LIOR communications

Joan Blair LIOR secretary

Election of NOVA officers on slate for 2016 passed unanimously

Set NOVA club dues for 2016 at \$75 per club, same as last year

Motion) Ben Roccapriore 2nd) Wayne Wilhelm Vote Passed

Approve \$1000 for 2016 Trail Maintenance

Motion) Tim Giunta 2nd) Rob Connolly Vote Passed

Approve \$1200 for 2016 Coclub event expense reimbursement, max \$300 per event.

Motion) Ben Roccopriore 2nd) Zane Grey Vote Passed

Approved amounts can be adjusted later in the year if needed.

Club happenings & 4 wheeling news:

Plan to coordinate club schedules better for next year and get more NOVA Runs.

Lets use the NOVA calendar as well as direct contact between the key people coordinating trail runs with each club.

NOVA executive contact list needs to get updated.

Club delegates with full access to forum and calendar rights needs to get updated.

Add: Wayne Wilhelm Eastern4Wheelers

Tim Giunta ECOJOC

Jay Varney NTC

Joe Giordano JJ

Zane Grey HV4W

NEA is looking into purchasing the Jon Fund property. If NEA needs money for this NOVA would be willing to contribute in exchange for access to property. NOVA members also in the NEA will find out if there's any interest here.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

No report, last minute cancel due to snow storm.

Chairman reports club is gaining momentum and willing to help out with Trailfest BBQ in 2016.

JJ

Joe Giordano is pres, trying to regroup club

Down to 5-10 members, trying no dues to increase membership

No official treasurer

Jack Cory is back as an officer

Joe definitely wants to be part of NOVA, and help with BBQ

Joe purchased all the food last year. Will need \$ ahead of time

HV4W

New trail coordinator for 2016 is Zane Grey.

Contact him for any trail swaps or to tag along on HV4W ride.

HV4W looking into doing a run at A0AA this year

ECOJOCS

Greg Molod is now the president

Private property in Durham CT is getting work done this year. Power and heat being brought into camp cabins.

Participated in Collins Crew-adopted a family and covered their Christmas

Dues \$60 family, \$30 student, \$45 individual

LIOR

President is still Jake Mulderig. He's stuck on Long Island in the snow, so no club report.

NTC

Rob Connolly is now president

Jay Varney is now VP

Tim Landry is still treasurer

Last years "Takeover" made \$1000. Money is being used for NTC annual campout & cookout weekend, which will be June 4-5, wheeling at F&F and Swansea. Good chance the cookout weekend will be open to NOVA members.

E4W

Jeff Valerie is the new President

Chris Livesly will remain VP

Kerri Mullen new Treasurere

Joe Grecki new Secretary

Wayne Wilhelm NOVA delegate from E4W

27 paid members

Eastern hosted 2 big NOVA events last year "Florida Vacation" and "Toys for Tots", lots of participation from NOVA members.

Eastern received \$1,251 from NOVA in 2015.

Eastern will look into helping out more with Trailfest .

JT4X4

Rock still pres, Chuck now VP

Ed Moosin and young Ed sharing Trail Coordinator position

Roger Hobbs still treasurer

24 paid members, 75% participation rate!

Largest Toys for Tots run to date in 2015, went very well

Participated in charity event for injured friend of a member

Lost a property, but have another property well enough set up to do a NOVA run there in 2016. This property is in addition to BTC.

PJ

Eric Anderson (present at meeting) is newest PJ board member.

With PJ no annual elections, you are board member for life.

Total of 4 board members

Looking into hosting a NOVA run 6/11 at Little Monadnock, NH

Looking into doing a Food Drive in 2016

Motion to Adjourn 1) Rob Connolly 2nd) Bob Willson Vote forgotten so I guess it's unanimous

Time ~ 6pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes 04/16/2016

Location: Newtown, CT April 16, 2016

Meeting started 10:15 am

Attendees: Club

Rob Connelly NTC president

Tim Giunta ECOJOC, NOVA cochair

Jim Slawinski LIOR

Chip Redmond B4W, NOVA treasurer

Joe Rosas NYCJS president

Bob Blair LIOR, NOVA communications officer

Wayne Wilhelm E4W

Michael Spiller HV4W, NOVA chairman

Reviewed minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve 1) Wayne 2) Jim Vote: Approved

Treasurer's report:

Account \$17,993

Clubs still owing NOVA dues: HV4W, ECOJOC

NTC & B4W paid with check, all others used Paypal

HV4W & ECOJOCs gave check to Chip at this meeting

10 Clubs for 2016: NYCJC, JJ, HV4W, LIOR, E4W, PJ, JT4x4, ECOJOC, NTC, B4W

Communication Officer's report:

Calendar rights set up for 2016 and executive contact list updated.

National Motorsports trail ride waivers link placed on NOVA forum under Documents.

Forum software & database are out of synch, future updates are not possible.

Chairman's report:

Glad to see the clubs are using the NOVA Calendar to post their runs. This is a requirement for Co-club runs that will be using NOVA's insurance. Run must be listed on the NOVA Calendar as 'NOVA Run hosted by_____'. Then under run description contact information for hosting club is given. Run details, location do not need to be given out. The hosting club still controls who can go and how many.

The Calendar was updated with NOVA Runs last week, take a look and follow the format for listing runs when posting your runs.

The National Motorsports waivers must be used on any NOVA Runs and can be printed from a link on the NOVA forum under Documents. Feel free to also use your traditional club waivers in addition to the National Motorsports waivers.

Old Business

TRAILFEST

Dates changed to Aug 19-21 on March 14 due to banquet hall already being rented. Next year we'll note date as preliminary until hall and caterer are confirmed.

Friday BBQ status

Will need to get check to JJ ahead of time for food purchase.

JJ will be at June 5 NOVA meeting.

Will need additional volunteers to run the grill and food prep.

Hess Catering for banquet-same caterer as last year. They have us booked for August 18 at Twin Grove. Deposit after we choose meal plan.

Twin Grove paid in full on Pavilion & Kitchen for Friday, The Lodge for Saturday banquet. Pavilion & Kitchen are free if we have more than 10 people staying there. They don't track registrants, last year we sent them our event registration information to show how many people where staying with them.

We are out of Trailfest Staff Tshirts, should we order more? Last year we ran event without staff shirts. A few people wore their old ones. Decided to get pricing on new staff shirts.

Motion to approve \$400 towards staff shirts 1) Bob 2)Tim Vote: Approved

We need Loudspeaker system for the Raffle! Hard to hear with that many people in the room. Should be a wireless system so Evan can use his hands. Joe Rosas will research and get pricing.

Agreed to keep prices the same: 75 driver, 40 passenger, 15 per child (4-13)

Chip- Get separate folders for raffle ticket cash, signed waivers, Trailfest fee

INSURANCE

National Motorsports application for insurance in 2016 received and sent in. They will send quote for 2016.

Would like to keep National Motorsports because of insured NOVA Trail Runs.

Review requirements for insured NOVA Run.

Must be NOVA clubs co-club run. Can be just 2 clubs

Must be on NOVA Calendar as NOVA Run (hosted by ___)

Must use National Motorsports waiver-link to them is on forum

New Business

Approve \$ for 2016 Events-last year we did \$100 EVB gift certificates for each event. Should we do gift certificates again?

Tar Hollow 6/18

Florida Vacation 7/16

TakeOver 7/29

Trailfest 8/18

Motion to approve \$400 towards club event raffle prizes. Clubs will contact NOVA if they want to get a gift certificate for their event.

1)Tim 2)Jim Vote: Approved

Last year LIOR was reimbursed \$300 after Tar Hollow for money spent on insurance. We anticipate the same for 2016. This money comes from the already approved for 2016 Co-club event expense reimbursement. \$1200 for 2016 approved at January meeting, maximum of \$300 per event. \$600 held back anticipating to be used for December Toys for Tots runs.

Note: June 5th NOVA meeting is at Northeast Offroad Adventures in Ellenville, NY. Meeting starts at noon because Northeast Offroad Adventures has event from 9-11am. After meeting we can wheel on NORA trails.

Can Alpine Stereo give 10 minute promo talk at next NOVA meeting? Talk about their new JK factory stereo replacement and give out discount coupons. Decided their isn't enough time at the next meeting since we are only starting at noon and wish to wheel after the meeting. Perhaps next year if we start earlier and Alpine buys lunch for the group.

Club happenings & 4 wheeling news:

Plan to coordinate club schedules better for 2016 and get more NOVA Runs is coming together nicely. Now we need to make sure we update the NOVA Calendar with all the runs, especially the co-club runs if you want the insurance coverage.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

New Secretary: Bill Schreiber-been involved for a while, black cheerokee

New Trail Coordinator: John Maaz

5th year hosting Topless event @Rausch. Usually in May, this year it will be in June.

Booking Field & Forrest for weekend (\$1200) plans didn't work out for 2016, will look into it for 2017. NOVA interested and will contribute towards cost.

Land in upstate NY-prospective run in May, logging property

Another potential property in Ellenville NY near NORA.

JJ

President Joe Giordano plans to stay with NOVA & help with Trailfest.

They have a new VP, Chris Alegria-he's taken the raffle prize winner photos the last 2 years and helped with BBQ.

Jack Cory who has trailguided at Trailfest in the past is Secretary.

~10 members (no dues being collected as they rebuild)

Joe will be going to Tar Hollow in June and plans to work with Joe Rosas from NYCJC on Trailfest plans at that event.

Joe, Cory and Chris plan to be at the June 5th NOVA meeting.

HV4W

Has been running private properties for last 3 years, now looking to do more normal stuff like Florida Road. This is an attempt to get new members and not scare them off with the crazy buggy runs. Club is growing from last years efforts to host prospective member runs on easier terrain.

President Jon Mapes is now a full time employee of Northeast Offroad Adventures. For 2017 Zane Gray the current trail coordinator is likely to become president.

ECOJOCS

Campground property is undergoing reconstruction. Things look very promising there for the future but will take some time and effort. If anyone has a brush hog they would like to borrow.

Property will not be ready to host a NOVA meeting this year, so we won't have the October meeting there.

LIOR

There was/is a Facebook club using a similar name on Long Island.

Hosting an event at Tar Hollow on 6/17-19

Entered the club comp at Rausch

Growing, currently at 65 members

NTC

Night run in June w/NYCJC

~50 members

Trail shares with NEA and NOVA clubs

Tomorrow, April 17 wheel & work party at Josh's property in RI together with E4W.

E4W

Florida Vacation will be 6/15-17

30 active members

Deadfall property improvement this year. Possibly taking down building at entrance and improving driveway.

JT4X4

VP Chuck leading MaBell today together with NYCJC, 6-7 rigs

3-4 rigs at Josh's place tomorrow

20 members out of 32 at last meeting, everybody's local

NOVA Summer run at BTC, probably June, select preferred dates

PJ

Hosting NOVA run June 11 at Little Manadonock. No fees, voluntary donation, can be done anytime online. This area has a confusing trail network that consists of LMFT trails, Swansea & NEA property. NEA will be posting signs on their property so the boundaries should become clearer.

Motion to Adjourn 1)Mike 2)Rob Vote: Approved

Meeting ends around noon, pizza is delivered. Unofficial wheeling trip at The Roost

begins and all goes well. The Roost will be able to host runs in the future.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 06/05/2016

Started with a brief introduction to NorthEast Off Road Adventures (NORA) by owner, Scott Trager. They are an international 4DW trainings organization and Scott laid out the arduous requirements for certification. The facility is over 64 acres big and we recommend you visit their website for more information. They are getting ready to become a year round facility, with more buildings and outlets. They have just combined with another 4wd training outfit from N Carolina as The Road Less Traveled for some events. They have trained over 300 students already.

Introductions were made. In attendance:

ECOJOCS Greg Molod Tim Glantz

Jersey Jeepers Joe Giordano Chris Aleglia Jack Cory

Eastern 4 Wheelers Chris Livesey

LIOR Bob Blair Joan Blair

HV4W Mike Spiller Jim Hacknauer

Berkshire 4WD Chip Redmond

Review of last meetings minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We currently have \$18,055 in the bank, including one person registered for Trailfest. Report by Chip Redmond

Communications Officer's Report: The Calendar on the website is being used. The registration for Trailfest is ready, including a reduction feature for anyone working on the BBQ, along with a shortened trail run that day, for volunteers. A NOVA executive contact list was passed around, to confirm all information. Report by Bob Blair

Chairman's Report: This is Mike's 5th year as Chairman. He is looking for someone to take over. He has been talking to three candidates, and is very hopeful that the transition will be smooth. Rock from JT 4x4, Wayne Wilhelm from Eastern, are being approached. They have asked Mike to be co-chair to make the transition smooth. By Mike Spiller

Old Business:

Trailfest

Registration to open next week. Sponsors need to be aware they have to contribute to stay on the page.

Friday BBQ status: Jersey Jeepers will run the BBQ along with help from the other clubs. A discussion followed where in JJ let us know they really might not need help. Discussion followed re lower admission for volunteers, since it looks like others will not be needed. We will privately ask members if anyone wants to volunteer, and revert the software to last years profile.

Out of Pocket expenses were discussed. The BBQ cost about \$900. JJ will take a

check for \$500 now, with more at Trailfest, upon proffering of receipts.

Banquet is catered by same people as last year, Hess Catering. Kitchen and Pavilion are free if we have more than 10 people staying at Twin Grove. We did this last year and they reimbursed us. Make sure that club members mention they are in Trailfest when reserving Twin Grove, so that we get credit.

Twin Grove is paid in full on Pavilion and Kitchen for Friday. The Lodge is reserved for the Saturday.

We are in the process of getting new Trailfest Staff shirts.(the bright green ones) Prices were discussed. A place near Mike gave the best prices for Staff shirts. Mike suggested that we do a single color print of our vulture to cut costs on the official shirt. The size of our order was discussed. Mike will research and order. We are working on a loud speaker system with a hands free set up for the Raffle. Evan of LIOR is hosting the raffle and will help with getting prizes. Mike made mention several times of the great work Evan does on both getting and donating prizes, as well as his accomplished MC skills the night of the raffle. If you have contacts with various sponsors, contact them. Evan is donating a winch again. ECOJOCS donated a Snap-on Cordless Impact Wrench, and gave it to Mike at the NOVA meeting. Please help contacting people. The Big sponsors received shirts last year as well as pictures of the recipients of their largesse.

Motion to approve \$400 for Trailfest prizes. Joe moved and Craig seconded. Passed unanimous

INSURANCE: Our quote is \$1409, Approved.

The waivers after events have to be kept for 3 years. It is requested that clubs scan the signed waiver, and send it to NOVA and we will keep an electronic copy. We are currently using and would like to keep National Motorsports because of insured NOVA Trail runs. Trailfest is going to cost us an additional \$700, but member clubs are covered for their runs if:

There are more than 1 (ie 2 or more) clubs in the run,

It has to be posted on the NOVA calendar as a NOVA run (hosted by),

The hosting club must use the National Motorsports waiver - link to the form is on NOVA forum.

NEW BUSINESS: Make scanned copies of Waiver and send to NOVA for 3 year Storage

Club Reports:

NYC JEEP CLUB

Jersey Jeepers - Not much happening except for the BBQ at trailfest.

Hudson Valley 4wd - They moved their meetings back to Crew. The Sawmill Run next week will be a NOVA run, June 11. First week in Sept there is a NOVA run also in Winsted Ct.

ECOJOCS - They have a run coming up to Tunnel road. They help with other charity fundraisers. There was a question about off road license in Massachusetts. According to Chip Redmond, you need a off road registration on your truck or you can get a ticket, even if its private property. They donated a Snap-on cordless Impact Wrench for a raffle prize at Traifest.

Long Island Off Road - we had 2 runs at Tar Hollow for other clubs. Hudson hosted us at the Dog Park and that was really nice. Tar Hollow Experience is June 18, 19, 20. We have a new record of 71 members. It is due to having events open to newbies, and the Tar Hollow event. Membership meetings are still around 30 people. It was suggested we avail our selves of NOVA \$100 for raffle prizes, if we need it.

NTC - Rob reported they are having their annual camp out in Field and Forest. Their takeover event is at Rausch Creek

Eastern 4W - Florida Vacation Registration is open They have about 25 rigs and 37 people July 15-17 Friday BBQ, Banquet Saturday. If they are working on trails, keeping receipts. They are up to 40 members with a recent influx of new members.

JT 4x4 - Hosted NOVA run 5/16 at their new property known as "City Hall" 20 rigs came. It was a great day and the new property is awesome, something for everyone. Rigs from NYCJC, E4W, and NTC were in attendance. Signed National Motorsports waiver was scanned and sent to NOVA chair.

Patriot Jeepers - are hosting a NOVA run on June 11 at Little Monadnock, Vt. No Fees, voluntary donation, can be done at anytime online. Yearly individual membership is \$35. Contact Rich if you want to go. PJ is looking into joining NEA again, but would keep its membership in NOVA. PJ ran Brookridge property (ex JonFund) on a weekend hosted by Built not Bought on 5/26. Trails are getting even better. 40 jeeps, cost was \$25/rig. PJ ran Tunnel Road, Tory Mtn and Dodge Road last time in Charlemont MA. Dodge road is better now that it is worn in a little (tree stumps)

Motion to Adjourn Mike Spiller, seconded Bob Blair approved unanimously 1pm.

NOVA Meeting Minutes 10/23/16

Attendees:

Michael Spiller HV4W, NOVA chairman
Dave Deines HV4W
Joe Rosas NYCJC
Tim Giunta ECOJOCS, NOVA co-chair
Justin Golden LIOR
Jay Varney NTC
Chip Redmond B4W
Todd Thome E4W/NTC
Ben Roccapriore "Rock" JT4x4

Review minutes of last meeting.

Correction to \$400 approved for raffle prizes, should be \$500, \$400 was for new Trailfest staff Tshirts

Motion to approve minutes as amended: 1) Mike Spiller 2) Joe Rosas Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Last meeting \$18,055 in bank
Insurance was renewed (\$1409)
Insurance for Trailfest purchased (\$547.60)
Receipts for mailing Trailfest Tshirts to sponsors submitted (\$30)
NOVA run at Sawmill food receipt submitted (\$140)

Trailfest 2016 income \$4035
Current bank account \$20,736

Chairman's Report:

Been a long time, since June 6 at Northeast Offroad Adventures in Ellenville, NY

Due to the rainy weather on Sat. we moved the meeting to Sunday at the last minute so we could enjoy wheeling after the meeting. Message didn't go out to everyone which really screwed Greg Molod of ECOJOCS. In future we need to use the executive mailing list for all such discussions and changes.

Had a great time at Trailfest this year, thanks Tim Giunta, the events MVP. TF2016 was our largest to date with 86 trucks registered and 175 attendees. That combined with lots of raffle ticket sales allowed us to achieved twice the revenue we usually get. That allows us to continue insurance coverage and still have money to give back to clubs.

We are looking to change the NOVA leadership in the next year. Bring your younger club members to a NOVA meeting! Get them involved and out wheeling with us. That's the way for us to grow and coach the next generation of NOVA officers. We have lots of fun wheeling after the meetings.

NOVA insurance and NOVA Runs - the Run must be posted on NOVA Calendar

This year we've had 8 NOVA Runs, would have been 10 except 2 were cancelled

Host Location Guests

HV4W Dog Park x 2 LIOR, NYCJC

LIOR Tar Hollow x 2 E4W, HV4W, NOVA

HV4W Sawmill NOVA members

Roost x 2 NOVA members

NORA NOVA members

LIOR Snow Run NOVA members

PJ Breakfast Run JT4x4, ECOJOCS

JT4x4 City Hall NOVA members

Cancelled

E4W Crazy 8 HV4W

HV4W Dog Park E4W

NOVA approved expenditures for 2016

\$1200 for co-club run reimbursements, max \$300 per run

\$1000 for trail maintenance reimbursement

\$400 for event raffle prizes

Old Business

\$100 given to LIOR June Tar Hollow Event Raffle by NOVA, this comes out of

\$400 approved for member club event raffle contribution

Renewed our Annual Insurance with National Motorsports, good thru 7/15/2017

Cost \$1409

TRAILFEST

Purchased Loudspeaker system - worked well in the banquet hall room

Was tested by E4W at Florida Vacation prior to Trailfest.

Available to any NOVA member club throughout year for their events

Spent \$400 on new Trailfest staff shirts, should last us another year or two.

E4W donated 2 HiLift Jacks to raffle the week before the event. It was too late to get them on the Tshirt. Wish to recognize their contribution by putting them on the NOVA homepage as a Trailfest sponsor. \$ value of Hilifts is just under \$200, which officially is the amount needed to be on shirts and website. Let's put them on anyway to recognize their contribution.

We started putting labels on prizes stating who donated them. ECOJOCS donated one of the most sought after prizes, a Snap On cordless ½" impact gun. Will try to label all prizes in the future. If Company Sponsors have stickers we should use them on the prizes.

Goonies Garage did a great job by putting their stickers on all their donations.

New Business

NOVA Runs

Signed waivers should be scanned and sent to NOVA chair for records. We should plan on keeping them for ~3yrs.

NOVA rules state clubs need to submit their membership list. We've been slack on this after the first year a club joins. Now that we're doing NOVA Runs where the insurance applies only to current NOVA club members, we need to get updated lists. All clubs will be asked to submit updated membership lists.

This will help JT4x4 know that the people asking to go on Toys for Tots run are current members. Same for all future NOVA Runs.

Approve \$300 reimbursement to LIOR for June Tar Hollow event insurance. This comes from the \$1200 approved for co-club event reimbursement.

Motion 1) Rock 2) Tim Giunta Vote: Approved

Approve \$ for E4W trail maintenance - Signage on Crazy 8. E4W receipt not handed in so we couldn't approve it yet. Jeff Vallerie E4W pres would have brought receipt if meeting date hadn't been changed last minute from Sat. to Sunday.

Approve \$500 for NOVA quick shade, available for any member clubs except during Trailfest and NOVA meetings at Dog Park or Sawmill.

Motion 1) Chip Redmond 2) Todd Thome Vote: Approved

Trailfest 2017 - Jersey Jeepers will not be able to do the Friday BBQ. We will need volunteers from clubs for the BBQ. We would prefer to host the BBQ ourselves instead of getting it catered.

NOVA officers for 2017: ??? To be elected at January meeting.

All current officers volunteered to stay on for another year. We need to spend the next year getting new people involved to take over!

Justin Golden is one such person and was able to come to this meeting. We look forward to working with him and showing him how NOVA works as he takes on more responsibility.

Club happenings & 4 wheeling news:

Plan to coordinate club schedules better for 2017 and get more NOVA Runs.. Now we need to make sure we update the NOVA Calendar with all the runs, especially the co-club runs if you want the insurance coverage.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

Heading to Dogpark on 11/5, this is NOVA Run hosted by HV4W.

11/19 will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, will keep receipts this year and apply for NOVA reimbursement.

Looking into private property, planning a scouting trip.

Currently 76 members.

Planning to book Field & Forrest for a weekend in 2017. NOVA reports it is very interested in supporting this financially and opening it up to NOVA members.

JJ

Disbanded after Trailfest

Ex Pres Joe Giordano is with North Jersey Jeep Club, has been a member for 3 years.

Joe received NOVA gift of Trailfest Tshirt & \$100 gift certificate to 4WD Hardware.

NOVA sent this as a thank you for all the work he and JJ did hosting the BBQ at Trailfest.

HV4W

Jon Mapes will stay on as president for another year.

Zane Grey will stay on as trail coordinator.

Oct 29 Costume run with bonfire and food afterwards on private property in Cairo NY, club members only.

Nov 11-13 heading to A0AA for first time. Steve Risk will be guide.

ECOJOCS

NH property scouting trip in Nov 2016

May do the NH Overland Challenge

Club members volunteered to help run Crawling for a Cure.

Crawling for a Cure was created by Jeff Cambray. He now has started a offroad club with the same name and is interested in NOVA.

May be doing a Toy Drive.

Through Colins Crew they will be adopting a family and getting them Christmas presents.

Will be doing night run & costumes at Gremlins Graveyard.

LIOR

Will be hosting the January NOVA meeting in conjunction with their snow run. Dates TBD, usually weekend after Martin Luther King day.

Hosted 3 NOVA runs at Tar Hollow & one open to public in June.

Today LIOR is at Crazy 8s on a trail swap with E4W for a spring ride at Tar Hollow.

NTC

Next weekend heading to Eugene's in RI.

TakeOver event at Rausch was a successful event even with the rain.

Would like to use the newly approved NOVA quick shade for their annual cookout & camp-out run.

JT4X4

At Rausch Creek last weekend for annual club trip. The usual, lots of carnage.

Dec 3rd will be hosting Toys for Tots run at BTC in Groton CT.

Hosted E4W @ BTC end of September.
Their 10'x20' quick shade with two sides cost ~\$400.

PJ
Hosted NOVA run June 11 at Little Manadonock.

Motion to Adjourn

1) Tim Giunta 2) Todd Thome Vote: Approved

Time 12:00

Pizza arrived, lunch was had and then some great wheeling began.

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 28, 2017

Attendees:

Rob Connelly NTC
Cameron Rogers RITS
Kevin Powell RITS
Tyler Hurlock E4W
Chris Livesey E4W
Jeff Valerie E4W
James Slawinski LIOR
Jeff Canbry CfaC
Jason Koehler ECOJOCS
Jeff Allen NJJA
Bob Naylor NJJA
Bob Slawinski LIOR
Tim Giunta ECOJOCS, NOVA Co-Chairman
Zane Grey HV4W
Mark Snowden HV4W
George DiGiacinto LIOR
John Mullahey LIOR

Review minutes of last (10/26/16) meeting

Treasurer's Report

(Report prepared by NOVA Chairman Michael Spiller)

Bank Balance as of last meeting was \$20,736.

No checks have gone out since Trailfest, except bounced checks.

Mike Spiller is owed \$223.49

Jon Mapes, HV4W pres, is owed \$87.74

LIOR is owed \$300

JT4x4 is owed \$300

Question: Did Trailfest Refunds go out and did they bounce?

Communications Officer Report

No Report

Chairman's Report

(Report prepared by NOVA Chairman Michael Spiller)

Need to free up the NOVA funds, can't be held hostage by one person.

We need a second person with access to the account or a new treasurer.

I would prefer a second person. The accounts need to be linked and have remote electronic transfer of funds possible by the second person. Joan is the natural choice for this since she already is approved to write checks for NOVA. If Joan doesn't want to do this Mike Spiller volunteers for the treasurers position.

Old Business

(Report prepared by NOVA Chairman Michael Spiller)

Trailfest 2017- Scouting trip of A0AA near Rausch in NOV by HV4W. Park is good, but there are no amenities to host a Trailfest banquet nearby. The jeep jamboree held there does their banquet 45 minutes drive west of their lodging.

We will need to keep Trailfest at Rausch and Twin Grove for 2017.

Jersey Jeepers doesn't exist, so we'll need volunteers to do the Friday BBQ.

Nominate person in charge of Friday BBQ?

Potential dates for Trailfest 2017- Aug 18-20, 25-27

CALL TWIN GROVE BEFORE MEETING TO CONFIRM DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PAVILION & KITCHEN ON FRI, LODGE ON SAT

Quick Shade purchase approved at Oct meeting didn't happen yet, but will by summer 2017 and be available for member clubs to borrow.

NOVA Runs-Signed waivers should be scanned and sent to NOVA chair for records. We should plan on keeping them for ~3yrs.

NOVA rules state clubs need to submit their membership list. We've been slack on this after the first year a club joins. Now that we're doing NOVA Runs where the insurance applies only to current NOVA club members, we need to get updated lists. All clubs will be asked to submit updated membership lists.

This will help JT4x4 know that the people asking to go on Toys for Tots run are current members. Same for all future NOVA Runs.

New Business

NOVA officers for 2017 election - Last chance to volunteer & become an officer

Chairman: Mike Spiller

Co-Chairman: Tim Giunta

Treasurer: Chip Redmond

Secretary: Joan Blair

Communications: Bob Blair

Motion to approve slate as read.

1) Rob Connelly 2) Zane Grey Vote: Approved

Motion to approve \$1000 towards trail maintenance for 2017.

1) Bob Slawinski 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

Motion to approve \$1200 towards co-club event expenses reimbursement, max \$300 per event.

1) Jay Koeller 2) Zane Grey Vote: Approved

Motion to approve reimbursement to JT4x4 for all expenses associated with Toys for Tots 2016.

(They spent \$572.25 on a great event for all NOVA members. We have left over in the allocated coclub reimbursent for 2016, so can we give \$572.25 to JT4x4 instead of

the approved \$300 max per coclub event.)

1) Tim Giunta 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

Motion to approve \$1200 towards booking a NOVA weekend at F&F for 2017.

NYCJC notes F&F is already booked out for 2017, but approve this expenditure to get any spots that may free up at F&F.

1) Tim Giunta 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

Motion to keep club dues @\$75 per club for 2017, same as last 2 years.

1) Zane Grey 2) Tim Giunta Vote: Approved

Motion to link savings & checking account, get electronic remote access to both accounts for NOVA Secretary, currently Joan Blair.

1) Tim Giunta 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

Club Reports:

HV4W

Looking for NOVA funds to move excavator to property, expense is \$1,00.

E4W

Florida Vacation dates is set as July 21-23, 2017

Dues Paid at Meeting:

ECOJOCS

NTC

HV4W

RITS

NJJA

Motion to Adjourn

1) Tim Giunta 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes April 29, 2017

Meeting began at 10:22am

Attendees:

Michael Spiller HV4W, NOVA Chairman
Rob Connelly NTC
Tim Giunta ECOJOC, NOVA Co-chairman
Greg Molod ECOJOC
Jason Koehler ECOJOC
Tyler Hurlock E4W
David Ahrens NJJA
Chris Livesey E4W
Dustin Crosson NYCJ
Bob Blair LIOR, NOVA Communications
Joan Blair LIOR, NOVA Secretary
Ben Roccapriore JT4x4
Sue Schoenig HV4W

President's Introductory Remarks by Michael Spiller

Last meeting was January Snow Run hosted by LIOR at Tuckers.

Many thanks to our co-chair Tim Giunta for running the Jan meeting! First time in 6 years Mike missed a meeting. Three clubs joined at that time.

Review of bylaws for legal quorum meeting shows that the last meeting did not meet quorum requirements. Meeting votes need to be redone with quorum as per by laws, which we have at this meeting. Voting on officers for 2017 from January meeting will be redone together with all votes from January meeting now that we have a quorum.

At our October Meeting our treasurer reported \$20,736 in the bank. We found out on April 12, that the savings account at the bank was closed in November due to insufficient funds, and the checking account has \$78. (The Danbury police are now investigating, Bob Blair has sent for IRS records, police are subpoenaing bank records, and the case is being pursued.) While we are investigating where our funds are, it was decided that NOVA should continue, as it is invaluable in assisting clubs to communicate and work together, for the betterment and expansion of off road four wheeling.

Our insurance is paid until 7/15/17, and room is reserved for Trailfest.

We then redid the votes from the January meeting:

Officers Volunteering for 2017:

Michael Spiller Chairman
Justin Golden Co-Chair
Tim Giunta Co-Chair
Bob Blair Communications Officer

Suzanne Schoenig Treasurer
Craig Redmond Treasurer
Joan Blair Secretary

Motion to approve slate as:

Michael Spiller Chairman
Tim Giunta Co-Chair
Bob Blair Communications Officer
Suzanne Schoenig Treasurer
Joan Blair Secretary

Rob Connelly made motion to approve, Tim Giunta seconded, approved unanimously.

All motions to spend funds were tabled until we could complete a fiscal review and revisit, probably after Trailfest. These motions were:

Motion to approve \$1000 towards trail maintenance

Motion to approve \$1200 towards co-club event reimbursements, max \$300 per event

Motion to approve reimbursement to JT4x4 for all expenses associated Toys for Tots 2016. They spent \$572.25 hosting the event. We have given them \$300, the maximum approved by current meeting minutes.

Motion to approve \$1200 towards booking weekend at Field & Forrest

Motion to keep club dues at \$75 per year, same as last 2 years

Treasurer's Report by Mike Spiller

At the October meeting the Treasurer reported \$20,736 in bank.

Mike Spiller was owed \$223.49, finally paid 2nd week of January.

JT4x4 is owed \$300, finally paid first week of March.

Jon Mapes, HV4W pres, is owed \$87.74, not yet paid.

LIOR is owed \$300

Twin Grove Lodge was reserved for Sat banquet Aug 19, we are penciled in for the pavilion on Aug 18. Need to follow up on "penciled in". Cost was \$300 and taken care of by Chip Redmond

At January meeting Tim collected dues from 5 clubs for total of \$375.

\$300 cash and \$75 check from ECOJOC.

4/27 Joan Blair wrote check for \$78 to empty the old NOVA checking account. Check was made out to Bob Blair and put into his private account until new account is up and running with online access.

We now have $\$375 + \$78 = \$453$

We are having trouble with our PayPal account, and Bob Blair is trying to straighten it out. It is requested that no one use the account until notified by Bob.

Because of the problems we are having with our accounts, it was decided that we would work under an auspice of transparency, and that new accounts would be set up with three signatories -the Chairman, Treasurer, and Communications Officer, each having access to the account, while all officers, and one representative from each club, would have visual access, but not monetary access to the account(s).

Communications Officer's Report by Bob Blair

All is well. Bob needs to get new members on forum. He was given their names, etc., and will take care of it. He was also directed to put on forum that we are having issues with PayPal -suspend use until further notice.

Chairman's Report by Michael Spiller

Opened new checking account at Savings Bank of Danbury with \$300 from January meeting club dues submitted. Account has no minimum and no monthly fees.

Trailfest is our annual fund raiser, usually netting between \$1200-2000. Last year was exceptional with \$4000. After Trailfest, we will allocate the money in the best way to benefit our member clubs. Is it the insurance that you value the most? Probably for HV4W, LIOR, JT4x4 because they host NOVA runs. Is it the private property maintenance reimbursement or co-club event reimbursement? It will be an interesting challenge to figure out as we rebuild the bank account, what we would like to do with the funds. Mike also noted that he has been chairman for 6 yrs now and was looking for a replacement to mentor. Should we shut down NOVA and say good bye? The group protested, feeling that NOVA has value to the wheeling community.

One of the biggest values from NOVA is the chance to communicate with other clubs. From this we've established many trail swaps, which to Mike is the biggest benefit of NOVA membership. We also have several clubs hosting NOVA events on their private properties. This is what it's all really about. Granted insurance does become a big part of that. As an example of what NOVA does, Mike offered these examples:

LIOR hosting 2 events: Tar Hallow open to public and open to NOVA
Plus various club invites throughout the year. Last year it was HV4W & E4W.

JT4x4-hosting 2 NOVA events, NOVA trail ride and Toys for Tots trail ride, plus another 1 or 2 club invites throughout the year

HV4W-hosting NOVA runs at Sawmill and Dogpark, usually 1 each per year, plus several trail swap rides with E4W, LIOR, NYCJC. Dogpark is available to any NOVA member club, need to check if insurance will limit this. It does with Sawmill.

E4W hosting Florida Vacation-2 day wheeling, camping, catered dinner & raffle & trail swaps

Private invitations to individuals because of NOVA made connections are also

abundant and a great part of our NOVA experience.

Contact info for NOVA Runs, Club Runs are on the NOVA Calendar. Anyone that can't get on and see them, contact Bob Blair

Our communication through the Calendar is vital and we should work to keep it updated.

There is more value than just the dollars in NOVA.

Old Business

Quick Shade purchase approved at Oct meeting didn't happen yet, was meant to be available for member clubs to borrow for various functions throughout the year and used for Trailfest registration at Rausch. We hope to do this in the future.

NOVA PA system is currently held by NOVA chairman and is available to any member clubs.

New Business

How do we handle disabling the old Paypal account?

We discussed how to handle account. We will have 3 signers on the account the treasurer, communications officer and chairman.

Chris Livesey motioned, Dustin Crosson seconded, Passed unanimously.

All officers are able to log in and see accounts, as well as a member from each club, to view the books. Ben Roccapriore motioned, Greg Molod seconded, passed unanimously.

Motion to give Treasurer and Chairman and Communications Officer full access to new bank account at Savings Bank of Danbury

Ben Roccapriore motioned, Greg Molod seconded, passed unanimously.

Motion to create new PayPal account

Tim Giunta motioned, Tyler Hurlock seconded, passed unanimously.

Make sure Paypal follows bank account access procedures. View access will be established if possible.

Motion to give all officers access to view account, only Chairman, Treasurer, and Communications Officer have full access to move money online and write checks.

Tim Giunta motioned, Tyler Sherlock seconded, passed unanimously

Trailfest 2017 - It was suggested that we look into installments for insurance. Also could clubs pony up money for the insurance, and as a start-up for NOVA. See

if clubs can contribute. Re: Trailfest - both building and pavilion are reserved. Also, money for shirts will be paid in advance, register late, no shirt. Banquet is paid for after event. Caterer has to be reserved but does not require advance deposit. Registration should open end of June, just like last year. Need Paypal sorted before we open registration. We usually make \$1200-2000 with ~50 trucks. With 90 trucks last year we made \$4000. The key to more participants is the number of volunteer trail leaders available. With more trail leaders we can increase the event and make more money. Need to ask clubs to provide more trail leaders. Need best raffle ever, please start asking any and all connections for raffle donations.

We have enough new staff T shirts to cover this year.

Need person to be the BBQ boss, a PIC (Person In Charge) to coordinate, gather volunteers, organize grill & grocery list. North Jersey is expressing a desire to help. Dustin Crosson NYCJ said he might have a professional BBQ man who might donate time, while David Ahrens indicated his club, New Jersey Jeep Association would probably be willing to provide most of the labor, including grills. Justin Golden is willing to work on Trailfest. He might become Co-chair.

NOVA meetings - June 11, Sunday at the Dogpark, Highland Hills NY. Hudson Valley has a run that weekend there The meeting after that will be October 15, probably at Mike's in Connecticut.

Are Clubs interested in online event registration similar to Trailfest. Don might be able to make your club a a version. What does LIOR do for Tar Hallow? LIOR uses Eventbrite. Bob explained the intricacies of the app.

Club Reports:

NYCJC They were less formally organized than Nova So they have regrouped - they are now incorporated.

They now have 3 trail co coordinators Rob Franz Dennis McClure and Dustin, and an official treasurer; Dan Loiacono.

May 6-7 Ma Bell and associated trails. They are aware that LIOR is up there the same weekend and will try to coordinate.

June 10 they are having their topless run at Rausch

John at Goonies Garage is doing a BBQ, sometime in May

May 13 Gremlin Graveyard

They plan to go to Harris Mountain later this year. There is a voluntary donation to run there.

HV4W hosting NOVA run at Dogpark Sunday June 11, will also be next NOVA meeting. Hosting NOVA weekend at Sawmill Forest July 1-2. Any member of NOVA is invited to attend. Next weekend they are going to a private property - if other NOVA club members want to go, let Zane Gray know. Contact info is on NOVA calendar. Property is in Cairo - it is not a buggy property. There is a voluntary donation afterward. They need an excavator delivered to Dogpark for trail work(\$400). Can get excavator, driver & insurance from 2 club members, just need delivery. ECOJOC

thought they might be able to help.

ECOJOC Good year, they have NEA properties scheduled Field and Forest - he will post it on Site. Gremlin Graveyard -they just want to know who is coming They typically go the 3rd weekend of every month, The F&F is on Father's Day. They are mostly local, not hard core. The Great American Jeep Rally is Sept 16, 17 in Ct this year. Dates will be on NOVA Calendar.

LIOR We have been trying to do 2 runs a month.

Upcoming:

May 6, 7, Summit and Ma Belle.

May 20-22 Womens Wheeling Day at Tar Hollow.

June 23-24 Tar Hollow Experience - open to the public.

Sept 23-24 NOVA run at Tar Hollow.

NTC Rob reported. Class 6 roads mostly. Membership is around 50 and there are now some buggys. BBQ is June 2-4 at Field and Forest. Saturday, the 3rd is having We Rock in Weir, New Hampshire, and some people will be going to that from the BBQ. There are 3 other NEA clubs are also running at that time. Rausch is the last weekend in July. They will be hosting Tacoma World and TTROA. They are having trouble with raffle prizes also. May 13 Meet and Greet at Gremlin They get a lot of stock guys that check it out. It is also a trail share with NYC Jeep. Jericho Mountain, with Northridge off Road blue to black, is a legal state owned trail. It is in a state park, with camping. No reservations. Its only been open for 2 years. They are going to Moose Mountain in New Hampshire, similar to Todd's property, semi open to the public. NEA bought the Jon Fund property in Northridge, Mass.

E4W Events:

July 21-22 Florida Vacation Good time, all types of Jeeps, camping.

May 7 Crazy 8s

May 20 Deadfall

June 11 Dog Park

June 17 Fathers Day at Stone Garden.

Mini cabins are already booked for Fla Vac

Eastern is joining NEA next weekend.

JT4X4 They are running on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Their schedule is fluid. City Hall is being groomed for new NOVA Property. BTC parts may be sold by the church, so use is limited. They are slowly listing their dates, but they are open, so you contact Chuck, Pres, VP, or Webmaster if you want to run with them. Next weekend they are going to Rausch.

New Jersey Jeep Association Their big thing is the jeep invasion at Wildwood -1100-

1500 jeeps on the beach. They have a long distance run from June 26-July1 to Rock Park, Oliver Springs Tennessee. July 22-23 they are doing a run at Rausch Creek. They have 140 members, 60% are street jeeps, Membership is \$50 a year. They do a lot of benefits, on paved road.

Motion to Adjourn

Bob Blair motioned, Rob Connelly seconded, approved unanimously.

Meeting closed at 1 pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes October 15, 2017

Location: Newtown CT

Attendees:

Tim Giunta ECOJOCS/ NOVA cochair
Sue Schoenig HV4W/ NOVA treasurer
Mike Spiller HV4W/ NOVA chair
Jason Varney, Rob Connelly NTC
Justin Golden LIOR
Dustin Crosson, Dominic Panzica NYCJC
Chris Bunting, Andrew Kosiba, Jay Anderson CDJW
Ryan Veitoh, Emily Craven CDJW
Chuck Simonds, Sean Gill, Ed Leighton, Emily Marquis JT4x4
Greg Molod ECOJOCS
Kevin Powell, Jesicda Funaro E4W/ RITS

Reviewed minutes of last meeting.
Motion to accept meeting minutes
1st Tim Giunta 2nd Jay Varney vote: Approved

Treasurers report:

Account Balance now is: \$7332.73, this is after the \$2000 loan from LIOR has been paid back in full.
Bank account history from opening of account thru Oct 15 printed out and handed to attendees. Each line item had hand written notes identifying the transaction. See attached document.
Trailfest Expenditures spreadsheet handed out, see attached document.
Total income from Trailfest is \$6043.35
This is the most we've ever made from Trailfest.

NOVA officers agreed to send full refund to Danielle Grey for Trailfest-\$145. This was sent to Danielle in September and has already been cashed.

Communications Officer report:

Email address info@nova4x4.org is working intermittently. Bob is looking into it.
NJJA members added to NOVA forum

Online Banking-5 clubs have View Access set up:
LIOR Jake Mulderig
HV4W Mark Snowden
NJJA Mechele Hopkins
NTC Rob Connelly
NYCJC Joe Rosas

5 clubs have not set up account access viewing
E4W
JT4x4
ECOJOC
PJ
RITS

Executive Contact List will need to get updated in beginning of 2018- club elections may change things.

Chairmans report:

Very proud of our organizations perseverance and success this year. The most challenging year in our history is ending well thanks to everyone's efforts to see NOVA survive.

Since the last meeting we've had the following coclub events/runs: Tar Hollow hosted by LIOR (June), Sawmill NOVA Run hosted by HV4W, Florida Vacation hosted by E4W, TakeOver hosted by NTC, Trailfest hosted by NOVA, Tar Hollow hosted by LIOR (Oct).

NOVA chairman was able to attend NOVA Oct Tar Hollow run and was very impressed by the property. We had members from NJJA, NYCJC, HV4W, and LIOR.. Everyone is very much looking forward to getting back there next year. Couple more good places scouted out for trail cutting. Tentative plan for trail cutting in May 2018 was discussed. LIOR and Steve Paul will organize any runs/work at Tar Hollow. Being covered by insurance while on the property is critical to the property owner. LIOR and NOVA have insurance to cover us being there.

There have been a couple of trail swaps between member clubs as well, but none that went onto the NOVA calendar and were covered by NOVA's insurance.

Coming up we have a NOVA Run on Oct 25 at The Dogpark where HV4W is hosting NYCJC.

NOVA 11 we have the Zane Grey Memorial Ride at Sawmill, hosted by HV4W. Registration link is on the NOVA forum. This is a pay to play ride where all \$ raised goes to Zane's wife and kids. \$50 per rig, \$25 for passenger, \$75 for families, \$25 for Tshirts. There is talk of having a raffle to raise money, NOVA chairman to confirm and let clubs know.

To get NOVA Runs covered by insurance we need to put run onto NOVA Calendar and use National Motorsports waivers

Discussion on the best way for NOVA to send info to member clubs? Was decided that Facebook gets the word out quickly and is noticed by many more people than the NOVA forum or emails. Event notifications will now get posted on NOVA Facebook page so people become aware of what's going on. Sign up for events will be on NOVA forum or by hosting clubs.

Crawling for a Cure has disbanded this summer.

Old Business

Trailfest Wrap Up

NOVA ran the event very lean to save money.

NOVA usually contributes \$500 towards raffle prizes, did not do that this year

NOVA did not buy new staff Tshirts, will need to next year

Event Tshirt was printed as one color, saved ~\$2-3 per shirt

Friday BBQ food purchased was 80% of what's needed for all attendees

Sat catered meal # reduced by 10 from our total registered number- this is the number of people registered that usually don't show up.

NJJA handled the Friday Trailfest BBQ very well. They also had 2 trailguides working on Saturday, one on Sunday. One reason they joined NOVA is to get access to the Tar Hollow property again. They have been great to work and wheel with. NOVA chairman is looking forward to getting back onto the property thru NOVA events and will make sure NJJA is aware of these dates..

Success of event was because attendance is double what it was when we started and clubs have really stepped up their donations to the raffle. Raffle is hugely successful money raiser and a great way for the clubs to contribute. This year we had more clubs contributing to the raffle than before. It added greatly to the event and helped raise money at the same time.

Let's book Trailfest at Twin Grove now, instead of waiting till after the January Meeting.

Preferred dates for next year would be Aug 17-19, 2018. Treasurer will call to reserve and give deposit.

Also will call caterer Hess Catering to confirm Aug 18, 2018 for Banquet

Motion to post the club roster, names only, in our Documents section on the forum was passed at the June 2017 meeting. This still needs to get done. Purpose is so clubs hosting coclub events can check that the people signing up are members in good standing with a NOVA club. This is important because NOVA's insurance only covers NOVA club members.

Should we get the NOVA canopy approved at the Oct 2016 meeting?

We never purchased it, instead we borrowed one from Justin Golden this year at Trailfest.

It was decided that we would purchase the canopy. This way we can host NOVA meetings on properties that don't have facilities.

New Business

Motion to approve \$1000 towards trail maintenance for 2017.

Motion to approve

1st Dustin Crosson 2nd Jay Varney vote: Approved

Discussion on whether we can allow clubs hosting money generating events to get NOVA coclub event reimbursement of max \$300. For example Florida Vacation, TakeOver, Tar Hollow. It was decided we can, but most of those events do not ask for financial compensation. If clubs don't need the money it was suggested that NOVA contribute to the raffle at those events. Great way to support and build the events. Clubs should let NOVA know how it can best support their events.

Motion to approve \$1200 towards co-club event expenses reimbursement, max \$300 per event.

Motion to approve

1st Rob Connolly 2nd Kevin Powell vote: Approved:

Motion to approve reimbursement to JT4x4 for all expenses associated with Toys for Tots 2016.

They spent \$572.25 on a great event for all NOVA members, and were reimbursed \$300.

Motion to approve

1st Tim Giunta 2nd Justin Golden vote: Approved:

Toys for Tots runs coming up first weekend of December.

Does Eastern want to keep it a club event or open to NOVA?

They will get back to us on this.

JT4x4 will again host an open to NOVA Toys for Tots run on the first Saturday of December.

2018 Officer Nominations - who would like to be on the ballot?

Joan Blair is stepping down as Secretary

Mike Spiller is willing to stay on at least until police investigation is completed.

Mike Spiller volunteers to be the Trailfest Coordinator if he's not an officer.

Slate as of Oct Meeting:

Chairman Michael Spiller

Cochair Tim Giunta

Treasurer Sue Schoenig

Communications Officer Bob Blair

Secretary Justin Golden

Officers get voted in at the January meeting. Anyone wishing to take on an officer position should let us know by the January meeting so they can be on the slate.

Discussion on whether the NOVA chairman should ask to attend the next NEA meeting? It's nearby in CT and will be on Nov 4th. Would be a good opportunity to meet them. NOVA chairman will ask.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

88 paid members, about 20 active.

Will be doing a food drive before Thanksgiving on Long Island.

Treasurer has moved on.

Will be doing a trip to Big Dogs in Virginia next year. Looking into private property in the Catskills for next year. If it comes through they will be asking for NOVA help to cut trails.

HV4W

Hosting NOVA Run at Sawmill Forest Nov 11. All proceeds go to Zane Gray's wife & kids. Sign up info is on NOVA calendar. We will cap this run at 40-50 trucks.

Tractor Dave is filling in as Trail Coordinator until Oct elections. Mark Snowden will become Trail Coordinator for 2018.

Hosting NYCJC at Dogpark Oct 25

ECOJOCS

50 members. Facebook page is active, their forum is down.

Volunteered to help run Great American Jeep Rally, huge and successful event with ~1600 jeeps in attendance.

Jericho Mtn run-article was written by JP magazine.

Joined COREC, Matt House's organization-big things are happening there, NOVA should look into joining.

Will be doing Collins Crew Fundraiser again.

LIOR

Will host the January NOVA meeting/snow run. Dates still to be confirmed, usually third weekend in January.

NTC

Field & Forrest club weekend and BBQ in June

TakeOver at Rausch Creek in July was a success, \$1300 profit, 65 rigs

36 members

E4W

Working on developing a second Facebook page for current dues paying members.

Will probably be changing the name of annual event known as "Florida Vacation".

Event is based out of northwestern MA near the Old Florida Road Trail. People who are new or searching on internet for wheeling events get confused. This event has been held for more than 20 yrs under its current name.

Looking into a new property in CT

JT4X4

32 paid members, 75% of members attend the monthly meetings

Annual Toys for Tots will be hosted at BTC private property in Groton CT. A portion of the BTC property is for sale, but it won't affect the trails if sold.

Offered to host the April NOVA meeting/run @ their City Hall property. NOVA will have a canopy by then so this was enthusiastically agreed to. JT4x4 will confirm the date, probably the 3rd weekend in April.

PJ

President Mike Luzzo

VP Eric Anderson

(new) Sec/Treasurer Rich Banfield

Patriot Jeepers now has access to 38 Acres in Rutland , MA. They have done two trail cuts so far, looks promising. The land is rocky in spots with hills, and ledge. They are back to a member BOD. Jim B is moving to UT.

NJJA

For the past four years (2 two year terms) Jeff Allen has been president but that's going to change in 2017. He still plans on taking a leading role in our involvement with NOVA. Dave will still be VP for another year at least.

Their membership is 182+/-.

Doing a "Back The Blue" Ride this weekend which is basically a boatload of Jeeps stopping in at a bunch of local police stations to show support. They have a Rausch run in November, the weekend before thanksgiving.

Xmas party and Toys for Tots is December 2nd

RITS

1st year of club, it's a buggy club which is even written in the Bylaws. To become a member you have to be voted in, no open enrollment. If you are not active in the club you are removed from the club.

Pig Roast held at Field & Forrest in June. Next year it could become open to NOVA members.

CDJW - Capital District Jeep Wrangler

Prospective club from Albany NY area who attended this meeting to find out what NOVA is about.

Club founded in 2012, currently has 450 members. 450, that is not a typo! 5-10% of member rigs are built. They do lots of social events that don't involve trail riding. They do 20-30 trail rides per year, 200 active members. They use meetup.com to organize events & runs

Motion to Adjourn at 12:30

1) Michael Spiller 2) Rob Connolly vote: Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 20, 2018

Meeting started at 4:30pm

Location:

MJ Tuckers Pub & Restaurant, 61 South Main St, Sandisfield, MA

Attendees:

Tim Giunta HV4W/NOVA cochair
Tyler Hurlock E4W vice president
Rob Connelly NTC president
Chris Eldridge NTC officer
Todd Mester E4W
Bob Blair LIOR/NOVA communications officer
Bob Slawinski LIOR
Jim Slawinski LIOR
Chris DiRenza ECOJOCS president
Jenn Karas ECOJOCS secretary
Rich Daddona ECOJOCS
Jason Koehler ECOJOCS
Chrissy DiGiacinto LIOR
George DiGiacinto LIOR treasurer
Joe Rosas NYCJC president
Ben Roccapriore JT4x4
Mark Snowden E4W

Last meeting was Oct 15, 2017 in Newtown CT

Minutes of last meeting reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as read.
1st Rob Connelly 2nd Todd Mester Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance at Oct 15 meeting was \$7332.73, now it is: \$5200.79

Hard copy of bank statements handed out, expenses reviewed.

Deposit was placed with Twin Grove campground for Trailfest 2018

\$100 for pavilion

\$25 for the kitchen

\$300 for the banquet hall

\$345.99 NOVA 10'x20' canopy was purchased via debit card to have it in time for Zane Grey Memorial Ride on 11/11.

\$272.25 JT4x4 2016 Toys for Tots reimbursement approved at Oct meeting.

\$41.74 Spillers accidental use of NOVA card, reimbursed to NOVA (card deleted from our Amazon so it won't happen again)

\$158.38 Food reimbursement for 11/4/2017 NOVA Run-HV4W hosted NYCJC at the Dog Park

\$450 deposit to Hess Catering for Trailfest 2018

\$265.88 Zane Grey Memorial Run HV4W expenses reimbursement- Porta Potty rental

Communications Officer's Report:

Justin Golden and Bob Blair have set up a NOVA Facebook public page. We realized that our sponsors were not able to see the postings about Trailfest and other events. We want them to see how successful and well attended the events they have helped support are. It's also another way for us to get them good publicity. There are now 2 NOVA Facebook pages, one public and one for paid club members.

Contact Bob Blair if you'd like access to view the NOVA bank account for your club delegate.

Chairman's Report:

The NOVA canopy has been purchased and is stored at the Spillers'. It is 10'x20' with removable sides. It can be borrowed by any member club. NOVA plans to use it for NOVA meetings on wheeling properties that don't have facilities and for Trailfest.

April NOVA meeting is being hosted by JT4x4 on their private property "City Hall" in Gales Ferry CT on April 21. There are no facilities on this property for the meeting if the weather is bad. We will bring the NOVA canopy and JT4x4 also has a 10x20 canopy so we should be good.

Trailfest has been booked, this is the earliest we've ever done this, 8/17-19, 2018. Good thing we did because the caterer was already booked for one event that weekend and would only accept one other booking. Deposits have been given to Twin Grove for BBQ & Banquet.

Deposit has been given to Hess Catering for the banquet.

NOVA runs since our last meeting were :

NYCJC at the Dog Park, hosted by HV4W November 4

12 trailers were miraculously parked on property, that's the most ever. More can fit 1.5 miles away at Jon Mapes's house.

Zane Grey Memorial Run in Colebrook CT, hosted by HV4W Nov 11

~50 rigs attended, a large raffle was held before the trail run started.

\$6095.95 was raised for the Grey family between the raffle and entry fee.

Thank you to all the clubs, companies and individuals who contributed to make this a success.

HV4W plan to make this an annual event.

This year we used NOVA's annual policy insurance for the ZGM ride. It's larger than a regular trailride, so next year we will increase the insurance coverage by getting event insurance through National Motorsports. NOVA will have to get the

event insurance because NOVA is the policy holder. HV4W will need to pay NOVA the cost of the insurance. Cost should be between \$300 and \$600.

Toys for Tots in Groton Ct, hosted by JT4x4 Dec 2

Eastern 4 Wheelers did a Toys for Tots run on their own, but it was not a NOVA event. What makes it a non-NOVA event is that it wasn't posted on the NOVA Calendar and there was no invitation to the run through NOVA forum or NOVA Facebook. Therefore it didn't qualify to be covered by NOVA insurance. Event was still full and a good fun day.

Both Toys for Tots runs were fully booked within a few days.

NOVA chairman was invited to the NEA quarterly meeting Nov 4 in Niantic CT. Eric Weybrannt the NEA president gave us a few minutes during the meeting to speak about NOVA. The two organizations have many overlapping concerns and goals, so fostering communication between us is a positive move. The NEA is purchasing their first piece of property and are very excited about this and looking for the next property to buy.

Two clubs, Adirondack Jeeps and Rockaholics have expressed interest in joining NOVA.

Chip Redmond, the former NOVA treasurer was arrested on Nov 9, 2017 on charges of embezzlement and larceny. Detective Duffy of the West Springfield MA police department did the investigation and arrest. The Springfield MA assistant district attorney Matthew Loftus will be prosecuting the case. It should come to trial within 6 months.

Old Business

Check was given to JT4x4 for Toys for Tots 2016 reimbursement

10'x20' NOVA canopy was purchased, member clubs are welcome to borrow it.

Putting the club roster, names only, in our Documents section on the forum still needs to get done.

New Business

Discussion on club dues for 2018. Dues have been \$75 per club. What should they be for 2018?

Motion to approve \$100 for club dues in 2018.

1) Bob Blair 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

We can now begin collecting dues for 2018, all dues should be received before the April quarterly meeting.

Clubs can pay:

With cash at meetings

Or Mail check made out to Northeast Offroad Vehicle Alliance to:

Sue Schoenig

2 Pequot Path

Sandy Hook CT 06482

Or With Paypal: novapaypal@nova4x4.org

Motion to approve \$1200 towards co-club event expenses reimbursement for 2018, max \$300 per event.

1) Tim Giunta 2) Tyler Hurlock Vote: Approved

Motion to approve \$1000 towards trail maintenance reimbursement for 2018.

1) Tim Giunta 2) Rob Connelly Vote: Approved

2018 Officer Elections

Joan Blair is stepping down as Secretary

Nominated slate as of the October meeting is:

Chairman - Mike Spiller - HV4W/E4W

Cochair - Tim Giunta - HV4W

Treasurer - Sue Schoenig - HV4W

Communications Officer - Bob Blair - LIOR

Secretary - Justin Golden - LIOR

Motion to approve the NOVA officers slate for 2018 as read (above):

1) George DiGiacinto 2) Tyler Hurlock Vote: Approved

COREC discussion

Matt House and Dan Brown are the main guys.

Organization has gone in front of the state of CT legislation to gain public access to land for recreational use.

Property they are working on is in CT and MA.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

80 members

Thanksgiving food drive brought in 7000 lbs of food

Prospecting new land in upper NY

HV4W

51 members

Mark Snowden is now the Trail Coordinator for 2018.

Mark was previously the treasurer.

Club plans to host a 2nd annual Zane Grey Memorial Ride

ECOJOCS

55 members

Chris DiRenzo is now the president, he was previously the secretary.

Hosted drive for Collins Crew at executive jeep in Wallingford.

Currently COREC member club

LIOR

70 members

Has new member application process, includes approval of individual and rig.

Willing to host NOVA meeting Sept 28,29 at Tar Hollow during their open to NOVA members weekend at Tar Hollow.

NTC

30 members

16th Annual TakeOver will be July 27-29

NOVA/NEA members invited

E4W

35 members

Annual meeting will be Jan 21 in Berlin CT

Looking at working with another landowner to gain access for their club to land in southern CT.

Trail shares with NOVA clubs are welcome.

JT4X4

25 members

Will be hosting April 21 Gales Ferry NOVA meeting/run at private property known as "City Hall". 2 rigs per club max.

Dec 2017 Toys for Tots was a big success, 142 toys were donated.

PJ

3 Officers: Mike Luzzo president

Eric VP, Rich Banfield Sec & Treasurer

Cutting trails on private property, ~60 acres, belonging to brother in law of Eric
~25 members

Want to contribute towards Trailfest raffle this year

NJJA

Will send member list in February, that when members must renew by.

Jeff Allen is no longer the president but still very much involved.

Jeff will continue to lead all things Trailfest related for NJJA.

NJJA is willing to cook for the Friday night BBQ at Trailfest again.

Paul Sandyck is president, Dave Aherns is still VP

NJJA interested in attending Florida Vacation this year.

RITS

50 members

Prospective NOVA club CDJW

After fall NOVA meeting CDJW is restructuring.

450 members, 250 active, all are non dues paying, Facebook Club

Will change to dues paying membership this spring and then would like to join NOVA

Motion to Adjourn

1) Rob Connelly 2) Tyler Hurlock Vote: Approved

Time 8:30pm

NOVA Meeting Minutes April 21, 2018

Meeting started at 10:10am

Location

Gales Ferry CT, hosted on private property by JT4x4

Attendees & Club

Michael Spiller HV4W / NOVA Chairman
Sue Schoenig HV4W / NOVA Treasurer
Tyler Hurlock E4W Vice President
Alex Stirling E4W
Bob Blair LIOR / NOVA Communications Officer
Adam Radlowski CDJW Vice President
Ryan Veitch CDJW
Emily Craven CDJW
Cameron Rogers RITS
Pete Fraenkel RITS
Beaudry Jr ECOJOCS
Todd Thome NTC
Todd Mester Rockaholics
Brent Ewing JT4x4
Chuck Simmonds JT4x4 president
Ed Coats JT4x4
Jon Lent JT4x4
Roger Hobbs JT4x4 Treasurer
Nando Prudhomme 5 Star Jeep Club Secretary
Eric 5 Star Jeep Club
Michelle Castanza JT4x4
Tim Castanza JT4x4
Sue Rogowski JT4x4
Greg Dorset JT4x4
Greg Startz JT4x4
Edward Leighton JT4x4

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Chuck Simmonds 2nd Tyler Hurlock Vote: Approved

Treasurers Report:

Account Balance now is: \$5702.10

Hard copy of bank statements handed out, expenses and deposits reviewed.

\$300 to JT4x4 - 2017 Toys for Tots reimbursement.

\$95.49 Food reimbursement for 1/20/2018 NOVA Run-hosted by LIOR in Sandisfield MA

Club dues received from 9 clubs: NJJA, LIOR, JT4x4, ECOJOCS, HV4W, E4W, RITS, NTC, NYCJC. HV4W and ECOJOCS sent checks, everyone else used Paypal.

Patriot Jeepers sent \$100 to old NOVA Paypal account. We don't have access to that account, only the former treasurer Craig Redmond has access.

Communications Officer Report:

There was a problem with the email addresses <!-- e -->info@nova.org<!-- e --> and <!-- e -->webmaster@nova.org<!-- e --> but Bob has now fixed the problem. Justin Golden the new NOVA secretary does get emails. The NOVA website and forum have an issue in that they are not encrypted. Adding encrypted will require additional expense and possibly extensive work. For now we will keep them since they are still working.

New officers and New NOVA clubs should work with Bob Blair (<!-- e -->howler4x4@verizon.net<!-- e -->) to get set up on NOVA forum. Bob and Joe Rosas will get clubs set up on NOVA Facebook.

Secretary's Report:

Trailfest 2018.

- This week Justin will begin contacting sponsors for donations/prizes.
- NOVA public page is up to 53 likes. Now that the weather is getting warmer and we are focusing on wheeling again he will continue to update that page.

Justin would like to advertise Trailfest on the NOVA public page. He tested the advertisement feature with the Zane Grey run and for only \$25 we reached 2,400 people and got 200 people to click on the post and learn more about NOVA. He doesn't anticipate that many people registering for Trailfest. If it starts to yield too many registrations, the ads can be cancelled.

Chairman's report:

The NOVA Calendar portion of the NOVA forum has been updated by JT4x4, LIOR, PJ, NJJA. The other clubs are encouraged to post their club calendars to the NOVA calendar. This does not mean the run is open to other club members. Even when you are hosting a NOVA Run the hosting club still controls who may attend. Runs listed as a NOVA Run on the calendar are covered by NOVA's National Motorsports Insurance. The only other thing a club needs to do to be covered by NOVA's insurance is us the National Motorsports waivers.

Chairman put Eastern's Florida Vacation and NTC's TakeOver on the NOVA Calendar

Craig Redmond case update from Assistant District Attorney Matthew Loftus:
Thus far, there is nothing to report in terms of significant upcoming dates or events. Defense counsel is in the process of reviewing and requesting further discovery. A trial date will not be selected until both sides are reasonably

certain they have reviewed the entire "universe", so to speak, of discoverable evidence related to this case. Even then, the defendant has the option to submit a proposed plea, or negotiate a plea deal. All to say, there is no trial date at present and, depending on how the case progresses, there may never be one. My office will certainly keep you apprised of any significant events that arise however (e.g. trial, plea date, dispositive motion hearings, etc.). As a general matter, however, if you haven't heard anything from our office, it's generally safe to assume that it's because there is simply nothing significant to report yet. By their nature, court cases tend to be slow-moving beasts, and this applies double for the document-heavy cases - such as embezzlement cases. However, as the victim, NOVA has the right to have its input heard and considered with respect to preferred outcome of the case, though the ultimate decision on disposition rests with the DA's Office. As such, our office will definitely reach out to you if and when a disposition looks likely.

Lastly, I wanted to inform you that, due to some personnel assignment changes in my office, Bianca Santaniello of our Victim Witness Advocates' Office will be taking this case over for Yadiraixa Rivera. I have copied both Yadi and Bianca on this e-mail so that you have Bianca's e-mail address and to keep everyone in the loop. Going forward though, please contact Bianca with any questions that you otherwise would have asked Yadi.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Bianca. I can be reached directly at 413-505-5629, or you may call 413-747-1001 and ask to speak to Bianca Santaniello of the District Court Victim Witness Advocates' Office.

Old Business

Discussion on club rosters and where to store them.

NOVA Bylaws say every member club must submit their club roster annually. To date only NJJA and CDJW have submitted their roster for 2018

NOVA Bylaws request name, addresss, email address, phone number.

Should we post that information on the forum?

Roster can be used by club's hosting a NOVA Run to make sure attendees are NOVA members in good standing. This is important because insurance only covers NOVA members.

Motion not to post rosters on the forum. Instead the NOVA Secretary Justin Golden will collect all rosters. If a club wants to check the list contact Justin and he will send it. The version he will send will have names only.

1) Michael Spiller 2) Tyler Hurlock Vote: Approved

New Business

Patriot Jeep club dues for 2018. In March they sent \$100 for 2018 dues to the wrong Paypal account. In May 2017 they donated \$1000, to NOVA, to help it recover

from our missing bank account fiasco. NOVA could have dissolved at that time if it hadn't been helped by member clubs like Patriot. Without the club's money we couldn't have continued our insurance. Without insurance 4 out of 5 NOVA officers would have left.

Motion to approve Patriot Jeepers as paid in full for club dues in 2018.

1) Chuck Simmonds 2) Todd Thome Vote: Approved

Discussion on our old Paypal account followed. Bob Blair will reach out to a lawyer and look into what it takes to shut the account down. Our first attempt to do this last year did not work. Now that we have criminal charges filed and an arrest perhaps, it will work. To be looked into.

Where and When to host our June and October meetings?

June meeting in the western part of the NOVA demographic. So clubs working to run Trailfest can attend and firm up plans.

Options:

June 2,3 at NORA Offroad Driving School, Ellenville NY

June 9 at Dogpark, Highland Mills NY

June 9,10 at Tar Hollow, Hancock NY-need to pay \$20 to landowner

Oct 20,21, 27,27 Location Newtown CT or Colebrook CT TBD

Decided on :

June 9 at Dogpark, Highland Mills NY

Oct 20 Location Newtown CT or Colebrook CT TBD

Trailfest 2018

Will need to order more staff Tshirts

Motion to approve \$ 300 for staff shirt purchase

1) Michael Spiller 2) Suz Schoenig Vote: Approved

Mike Spiller would like to head up the trail guide schedule. The number of trailguides available dictates how many registrants we allow. Please ask you club members for volunteers to trail guide and submit to Mike Spiller ()

Waiver for Twin Grove was signed and mailed in. We still need to send another \$300 for Lodge rental before the event.

Any requests for a different meal plan contact Sue Schoenig, NOVA Treasurer

Trailfest Registration typically opens the 3rd week of June.

Mike Spiller will call Pine Grove Comfort Inn to block off rooms for Trailfest

COREC discussion/update:

Plans have changed from opening property for wheeling to combating current legislation. Currently ATV's must be registered in CT, even though there is no place to use them. COREC wants change the DEP ATV policy and get access to public property in CT.

3 New to NOVA clubs where in attendance at the meeting. This was 2nd meeting for CDJW, first meeting for Rockaholics and 5Star Jeep Club. After one meeting a club is eligible for membership.

It was voted upon and approved that all 3 clubs can become NOVA clubs.

Clubs need to send in annual dues, \$100, and member roster to complete application.

CDJW (Capital District Jeep Wrangler) has completed application and is full member

Rockaholics sent in dues the day after the meeting.

5Star Jeep Club will discuss with its members.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

Hosting 7th Annual Topless Day at Rausch on June 9th, open to non members.

President Joe Rosas got called into work this morning, so no report

HV4W

51 members

Mark Snowden is now the Trail Coordinator for 2018.

Zane Grey Run will probably be part of Sept NOVA Tar Hollow Run, Sept 29,30

\$20 per person goes to landowner, so there will be less for the Grey family.

Property from last year is for sale, so risky to book an event like this there.

ECOJOCS

54 members

Campground property is no longer used by the club

LIOR

80 members

Doing a lot more trailrides, 28 events/year

Doing Rausch Creek Club Comp next weekend 4/28,29

Hosting open to public event at Tar Hollow June 29,30

NTC

30 members

Doing Rausch Creek Club Comp next weekend 4/28,29

Hosting annual "TakeOver" at Rausch July 27-29

E4W

44 paid members, 10 prospective members

Clean up and trail cutting on their new property in Harwinton,CT

Hosting annual "Florida Vacation" on July 13-15 at Country Aire Campground, Charlemont, MA.

JT4X4

50 very active members

Monthly meetings at members houses.

March 25th hosted LIOR on their private property and had 6-10 open spots for NOVA members.

PJ

2 runs already this year

Cutting trails on their private property, ~60 acres

Interested in doing trail swaps once property is ready

Currently 4 trails cut

NJJA

85 members on 2018 roster as of 2/11/18

RITS

50 members, very active

Members are removed if they are not actively involved

Club is running Harris Mtn today

BBQ in June at F&F will probably be combined with NTC and open to NOVA members

CDJW

62 Paid members as of 4/18/18

Started in 2012, revamped in March 2018 to require dues of its members.

30+ meetups/yr, if you include social and wheeling get togethers

Setting up Animal Protection Charity

Raised \$5000 for APF

Rockaholics

26 members

Members are from CT, MA, NH (mostly MA)

Have 30 acres in Hebron CT that a member owns

35" min tire size & 2 Lockers

Five Star Jeep Club

155 non paying members, 80 paying members

Club is 3 yrs old

Do many social events and some wheeling.

¼ of paying members wheel (~20rigs), looking to increase that

11:45 am-Motion to Adjourn-1) Mike Spiller 2) Sue Schoening Vote: Yes

NOVA Meeting Minutes June 9, 2018

Meeting started at 10:10am

Location:

The Dogpark, private property in Highland Mills, NY hosted by HV4W

Attendees

Justin Golden - NOVA Secretary/LIOR/HV4W

Bob Blair - NOVA Communications Officer/LIOR

Jeff Allen - NJJA

Bob Naylor - NJJA

Patrick Eisen - NJJA

Nando Prudhomme - 5Star JC

Mike Bagnato - HV4W

Mike Spiller - HV4W/ NOVA chairman

Last meeting was April 21 in Gales Ferry CT at JT4x4 private property known as City Hall.

Thank you JT4x4 for hosting NOVA meeting and ride.

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Jeff Allen 2nd Bob Naylor Vote: approved

Treasurers Report:

Account Balance was \$5702.10 at last meeting, is now: \$5998.90

\$300 in dues received from the 3 new clubs: CDJW, 5Star, Rockaholics

No checks written or expenses since last meeting. JT4x4 and NOVA did not buy lunch at the April meeting.

That will change in the coming month. Annual insurance expires in July and will cost around \$1300, Trailfest insurance will be purchased in early July and should cost ~\$600.

In August we will purchase insurance for Zane Grey Ride, HV4W will reimburse.

Communications Officer Report:

Added clubs to forum. If club delegates don't get emails please let Bob know.

Secretary Report:

Donations are coming in for trailfest. List of sponsors was handed out. If anyone is interested in helping out m, the google docs is shareable.

Trailfest survey was handed out and recommendations were added.

Chairman's Report:

The NOVA Calendar portion of the NOVA forum has been updated by JT4x4, LIOR, PJ, NJJA, CDJW, HV4W. The other clubs are encouraged to post their club calendars to the NOVA calendar. This does not mean the run is open to other club members. Even when you are hosting a NOVA Run the hosting club still controls who may attend. Runs listed as a NOVA Run on the calendar are covered by NOVA's National Motorsports Insurance. The only other thing a club needs to do to be covered by NOVA's insurance is use the National Motorsports waivers.

I put Eastern's Florida Vacation and NTC's TakeOver on the NOVA Calendar

Craig Redmond case update from Assistant District Attorney Matthew Loftus: Subpoena was submitted to get all bank records.

The detective had subpoena for the last 2 years of bank records, which showed a crime and led to the arrest and charges.

Now with all the bank records we can see exactly what happened and when.

Complete bank records were received and are being reviewed by defense and prosecutor.

Old Business

Getting the club rosters, names only, to NOVA Secretary is ongoing with most still to needing to get done. NJJA, LIOR, CDJW have submitted for 2018.

New Business

NOVA run at Tar Hollow in Sept has been moved to 9/22-23. This will be combined with the Zane Grey Ride. This is a fundraiser for the Grey family so there will be an event fee, price for 2018 has not been confirmed. There will also be a raffle to help raise money. Last year the raffle raised \$2105. NOVA will get event insurance for the day and HV4W will reimburse NOVA.

Bob contacted lawyer - said he couldn't because he was not licensed in Mass. Mike and Joan were contacted by defense lawyer. No one said anything. Mike called the prosecutor to find out what is the way to handle the situation. Prosecutor said we are not obligated to call back. Anything said will be used against our case.

Trailfest 2018

\$300 approved at last meeting to order more staff Tshirts

Last year the Friday BBQ cost was \$751.87

Write check to NJJA for \$500 at this meeting?

Discussion to approve \$500 check to NJJA. Club will pay upfront costs. Will get reimbursed at trailfest. Discussion tabled, no motion needed.

Mike Spiller would like to head up the trail guide schedule. The number of trailguides available dictates how many registrants we allow. Please ask you club members for volunteers to trail guide and submit to Mike Spiller (<!-- e --><a

[href="mailto:spillski@gmail.com">spillski@gmail.com<!-- e -->](mailto:spillski@gmail.com)

Compensation for Trail Guides discussion.
(Extra Raffle Tickets) , reimbursement check, ideas?
Motion to approve 20 raffle tickets per day of trail guiding.
1) jeff Allen 2) Bob Naylor. Vote. Approved

Waiver for Twin Grove was signed and mailed in. We still need to send another \$300 for Lodge rental before the event.

Trailfest Registration typically opens the 3rd week of June.
What should the registration fee be?
Has been \$75 driver, \$40 BBQ volunteer, \$40 Passenger, \$15 child ages 4-13, under 4 is free.
Motion to approve keeping registration costs the same.
1) Jeff allen 2) Bob Naylor Vote approved

NOVA contribution to raffle prizes
In previous years NOVA has done \$500 in prizes from Quadratec. Not last 2 years due to increased prizes from individual clubs. We also used to do a kids raffle for ~\$75
Powertank is offering their small CO2 tank at heavy discount for our raffle.
Motion to approve purchasing Powertank system as NOVA raffle prize.
1) Bob Naylor 2) Jeff Allen Vote approved

Club Reports:

NYCJC
(no report)

HV4W
Florida Rd- Electrical Powerline work has equipment blocking road after pond.
Was there April 14 of this year. Is it clear now? Important for Florida Vacation.

ECOJOCS
(no report)

LIOR
Has event this weekend at tar hollow. Big pay to play event Tar Hollow Experience,
Website is open for registration. June 29- July 1.

NTC
(no report)

E4W
Florida Vacation is July 13-15.
Trails at Crazy 8 in VT cleared weekend of 6/2-3 in preparation for Florida Vacation. NEA property "Badlands" will be run as part of Florida Vacation, same as

last year. NEA uses Crazy 8's for their Fall Crawl in return.
Registration is open, will post link onto NOVA forum and Facebook.

Developing trails on new property in Harwinton CT off of route 8. Cutting perimeter now middle for harder trails.

JT4X4
(no report)

PJ
PatriotJeepers, Inc now has a new branch PatriotJeepers Overland. This is a test we are working on and we had a PJO run on Sunday June 3rd. Led by me RB, PJO is for newbies stock to mild Jeeps with camping. Nothing is set in stone but as it stands now if you are a PJ member you can attend a PJO run as well as new people. We have a facebook page PatriotJeepers Overland as well as PJs. Looks like the NEA did a trial cut on the new land (Rutland, MA) that we cut late last year and into this year. Snake Hill Road is a great stock 4wd run in CT and we cleared it from the winter fallen limbs. so it is passable if anyone needs info contact RB

NJJA
We have a approx 140 paid members. At aaoa today. Rausch tomorrow. Mixed trail run. A bunch going to tar hollow at the end of the month.

RITS
(no report)

CDJW
As of today, 6/8/18, CDJW is 84 members strong. Since the last nova meeting we have held our camping and wheeling weekend at Rausch creek off-road park the last weekend in April. Roughly 20 of us braved the 28 degree nights and had a blast at the park.

We are currently waiting on our approval from The IRS to become a 501(c)(3). Once this happens it will help us to continue our positive presence in the community.

We held two off-road 101 classes for first timers on a man made course. And an all new 201 class at Tin Teepee specifically for members new to the off-road world where we get folks out in the woods and walk them through the basics of wheeling.

In the future we are holding rides at Tin Teepee campground on 7-15-18 and Mettowee Off-Road Extreme park on 6-10-18, and 8-4-18.
We are also planning a trip to AOOA in early October. We would like to invite all Nova members to our upcoming events. We have them posted on the NOVA calendar.

On August 26th we are hosting our 6th annual CDJW help a Dog BBQ fundraiser and pet adoption day to benefit the Animal Protection Foundation. This is a Huge event we host that really lets us give back to the community.

Rockaholics

(no report)

5Star Jeep Club

New York and New Jersey chapters. Two separate boards. Approx members 154 paid and non paid.

Motion to Adjourn

1) Bob Blair 2) Jeff Allen Vote approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes October 20, 2018

Introductions

Last meeting was June 9 in Highland Mills NY at HV4W private property known as Dogpark.

Thank you HV4W for hosting NOVA meeting and ride.

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st John caroli 2nd Jason Vote: approved

Treasurers Report:

Account Balance was \$5,998.90 at last meeting, is now: \$7,714.64

\$1,409 paid in July for annual insurance

\$547.60 paid in August for Trailfest insurance

Trailfest made \$3,195.92, spreadsheet of expenditures handed out.

In Sept NOVA purchased insurance for Zane Grey Ride, cost \$341.60. HV4W reimbursed \$41.60 in Oct

HV4W used NOVA coclub event reimbursement max of \$300 against the insurance for the Zane Grey Ride.

LIOR used NOVA coclub event reimbursement for Zane Grey Ride Land Fees, \$160.

HV4W used NOVA coclub event reimbursement for pizza lunch when hosting NYCJC at Dogpark, cost \$101.76

Mike spiller paid the land use fee in cash (Zane Grey Run). Mike is awaiting a check for reimbursement.

Communications Officer report:

Nothing new. If anyone is not receiving NOVA emails, please let us know.

Test email was sent out to everyone. Please respond if receiving. Check Junk folder

Secretary Report:

Trailfest was successful. All sponsors were extremely generous. Facebook page was uploaded with pictures and tagged sponsors.

Chairman's report:

Two NOVA clubs hosted Peterson's 4 Wheel Drive Ultimate Adventure for 3 days on private property. Eastern hosted at Crazy 8's and HV4W hosted at Sawmill and Northeast Offroad Adventures in Ellenville NY

NOVA events we enjoyed

July E4W Florida Vacation and NTC Takeover

August was NOVA Trailfest

Sept was Zane Grey Memorial Ride-replaced NOVA open day at Tar Hollow

Various Co-Club rides

NOVA co-club event reimbursement could have been used at Harris Mtn and Badlands.

So far this year no one has put in for the \$1,000 approved for trail maintenance reimbursement. Possible work needed at Sawmill next year. Will need volunteers to help in the future. Please stand by for further information.

NORA got their CO on the new building, so we can now have NOVA meetings inside.

Nothing new to report on Craig Redmond case from Assistant District Attorney

Matthew Loftus:

Arrested and case still pending. Investigation is still ongoing and documents are still being reviewed.

It's been a fun 7 yrs as chairman, now it's time for others to take over.

Old Business

Trailfest 2018 reviewed

Sponsorship of raffle by member clubs increased, most ever

BBQ cost was \$100 less than previous year, but just as good

20 raffle tickets for trail guides per day of guiding was good, except Sunday's guides

Twin Grove no longer donates Pavilion and Kitchen-\$160 charge for them, Lodge is still \$300. So total charges by Twin Grove are \$460.

New Business

Sunday trial guides from 2018 Trailfest will be given 20 raffle tickets for next years event.

Motion to approve

1)Bob Blair 2)Tyler Hulorck Vote Approved

Any trail projects going on that could use NOVA \$?.

NOVA Officer nominations for 2019

Currently:

Mike Spiller Chairman

Tim Guinta CoChair

Sue Schoenig Treasurer

Justin Golden Secretary

Bob Blair Communications Officer

For 2019 we have
Justin Golden Chairman
CoChair
Mike Spiller Treasurer
Secretary
Communications Officer

Next NOVA meeting/run will be in 2nd or 3rd weekend of January, hosted by LIOR.

Club Reports:

NYCJC
9 at Trailfest
Local turkey run (November)

HV4W-
7 at Trailfest
Shared run with E4W at Harris Mtn Aug4
Shared run with E4W, Rockaholics at Badlands Sept 1,2
Hosted Zane Grey Memorial together with LIOR on Sept 22
Hosted NYCJC at the Dogpark Sept 30
Zane Grey Memorial Ride raised \$4,300.

ECOJOCS
5 at Trailfest
Nothing new to report
President is out (Chris Derenza)
Bi-Laws will be rewritten

LIOR
17 at Trailfest
Zane Grey Run
Annual Big event Tar Hollow Experience (June)
Florida Mass. Run - Last week
AOAA - Nov. 10

NTC
At field and forest today

E4W
Most are at Field and Forest
Florida Vacation this year was most profitable.
Event next week (Oct 27th), Women's Wheeling Day at Crazy 8 (Vermont)
Toys for Tots in December for club members

JT4X4

Annual toys for tots December 1st. Registration will come out 2nd week in Nov.
Groton Ct. Behind the Church.

Open to all NOVA members

If interested in trail swap, contact Chuck (President)

Interested in holding our April meeting again.

PJ

3 at Trailfest

NJJA

17 at Trailfest

Hosted BBQ at Trailfest.

RITS

New property in CT. Going well.

NTC run on Nov 22nd (Rhode Island private property)

CDJW

93 official dues paying members

8 trips. (multi day trips)

\$3,300 raised for animal protective service.

Officers voting on Tuesday (Oct 23)

Rockaholics

Busy year, wheeling a couple times a month

Open run in Brockridge, MA

35 members (roughly)

5Star Jeep Club

2 at Trailfest

• Participated in the 8th annual "Clean Streets Project" on August 18th
hosted by Applebee's of Long Island

• Hosted the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle with their Back 2 School Drive on
September 15th

• Participated in the 2nd annual Zane Gray Ride on September 22nd

• Hosted a "Times Square Jeep Run" on October 8th

• Will host our 2nd annual Buffalo Wild Wings Saturday Night Jeep Takeover

Motion to Adjourn-

1)Mike Spiller 2)Bob Blair Vote Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes Jan 19, 2019

Hand out sign in sheet, note time of meeting start.

Introductions

Last meeting was Oct 20 in Colebrook CT at HV4W private property known as Sawmill. Thank you HV4W for hosting NOVA meeting and ride.

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.
1st Jason Koehler 2nd Ben Roc Vote: Yes

Treasurers report:

Account Balance was \$7714.64 at last meeting, is now: \$6379.64

\$75 full payment on Camp Kitchen at Twin Grove paid 12/12/18 for Trailfest 8/23/2019

\$100 full payment on Pavilion at Twin Grove paid 12/12/18 for Trailfest 8/23/2019

\$300 deposit on Lodge at Twin Grove paid 12/12/18 for Trailfest 8/24/2019

\$400 deposit to Hess Catering for Trailfest 8/24/2019, sent 12/21/18

\$300 co-club run expense reimbursement sent to JT4x4 for Toys for Tots hosted on 12/1/2018.

JT4x4 handed in a receipt for \$570 in food expenses.

\$160 check to Mike Spiller for \$160 cash he gave LIOR at ZGM ride. Money was for LIOR land use fees. Gets reimbursed by NOVA because ZGM ride was co-club event.

Total Co-Club run expense reimbursements for 2018 where \$861.76

HV4W received \$401.76

LIOR received \$160

JT4x4 received \$300

Total appropriated for 2018 was \$1200.

Total trail maintenance reimbursements for 2018 were \$0.

Some years our max of \$1000 gets used, others it does not.

Communications Officer report:

Web update trailfest 2019, Optimize data base and webpages

NOVA contact list was updated

Copy of insurance policy

NOVA exec email can only handle 60 emails per hour. 36 members total.

Groups.io is a possibility

<!-- e -->NOVA-EXEC@groups.io<!-- e -->

Contact update list was passed around.

List of who can make changes to calendar editor was passed around for updating
The contact person for the calendar list update sheet was passed around

Check bank account log in. If it doesn't, contact the bank and/or Bob Blair

Trailfest software - We will look into event brite for 2019.

Secretary Report:

Trailfest 2019 donations. If clubs are interested, I know its early, but never to early to start planning. Please contact Justin Golden with club or business donations.

Chairman's report:

Nothing new to report on Craig Redmond case from Assistant District Attorney Matthew Loftus:

It's been a fun 8 yrs as chairman.

In 2011 when Mike Spiller became chairman NOVA was a forum and communication tool for clubs to link up. Since then we've grown and are now able to give back up to \$2200 annually to our clubs for trail work and co-club run expenses. We've also acquired insurance every year since 2014. Insurance in first year was with K&K. K&K event insurance did not cover unregistered rigs(buggies), and the annual policy didn't cover trial rides. In 2015 we switched to National Motorsports because their annual policy covered NOVA trail runs, and their event insurance included unregistered rigs. In 2015 NOVA started a closed group Facebook page, and in 2018 a public page was created so sponsors can see what we are doing. Since 2014 all of our meeting have been combined with a wheeling day, usually on private property. Mike Spiller is a big fan of wheeling after meetings.

Mike looks forward to continuing support of NOVA clubs as the NOVA treasurer.

Old Business

New Business

NOVA Elections for 2019:

NOVA Officer nominations:

Justin Golden Chairman

Tyler Hurlock CoChair

Mike Spiller Treasurer

Steve Mac Secretary

Bob Blair Communications Officer

Who would like to be Secretary? Steve Mac of LIOR

Motion to approve NOVA Officer Slate
1st Andy Miller 2nd Jason Koehler Vote: All

Set NOVA dues for 2019.
Was \$75 per club till 2016, since then it's been \$100 per club for annual dues.
Motion to approve \$100 for annual club dues
1st Steven Mac 2nd Jason Koehler Vote: All

Club dues should be paid before the April NOVA meeting.

Set amount allocated for Co-club event cost reimbursement in 2019.
Previously its been max \$300 per event, \$1200 per year.
Motion to approve \$300 / \$1,200
1st Ben Rock 2nd Andy Miller Vote: All

Set amount allocated for trail maintenance reimbursement in 2019.
Previously its been \$1000 per year, paid at end of year. Must submit receipt to get payment. If receipts total more than \$1000 at years end it gets split between clubs based on percentage of receipt value handed in.
Motion to approve \$1,000
1st Steve Mac 2nd Jason Koehler Vote: All

JT4x4 spent \$570 on food for Dec.1, 2018 Toys for Tots. NOVA has reimbursed \$300 as per the previously voted limit of \$300 per event, \$1200 per year. This year we reimbursed much less than \$1200 and our bank account is healthy.
Motion to approve \$270 to JT4x4 for payment in full for food expenses?
1st Steve Mac 2nd John Mapes Vote: All

Next NOVA meeting/run will be hosted by JT4x4 near Groton CT.
JT4x4 will confirm date and we'll get it onto the calendar, it should be around the end of April.

Choices for June NOVA meeting
Dogpark Highland Mills NY

Sawmill Forest Colebrook CT (for sale so not 100% sure on this)
Mikes Spillers Sandy Hook CT
NORA Ellenville NY

NORA Adventure Club as a new club to NOVA
Motion to Approve: Bob Blair 2nd - Ben Roc Approved: All

Club Reports:

NORA Adventure Club - 25 active members, alumni of NORA. Beginner to intermediate drivers. Range in vehicles.

NYCJC - not present

HV4W- getting calendar together for 2019. John Mapes will be in charge of ZGR. Tom Roach is Trail Coordinator. Secretary - Rob (CJ)

ECOJOCS - New board was voted in this morning. Paul Tanner is now President. Jason is event coordinator. Jennifer is Secretary and JR is Vice- President and Mike Dickenson is membership coordinator.

LIOR - Holiday party at the beginning of January. Holiday party is huge success in January. 12 events on schedule for 2019. Public event (Tar Hollow) is last weekend in June. Thank you to NORA for holding our event

NTC - not present

E4W - Board is changing. Meeting tomorrow has been rescheduled because of storm. People elected Tyler President. Kevin as VP Jeff as Treasurer and Mike as Secretary. No events has been scheduled until first meeting of the year.

JT4X4 - Thank you for the reimbursement for Toys 4 Tots. Event was successful. 258 toys with low attendance. New prospective member showed up with a trunk load of toys to donate. Wheeling is 3rd Saturday of every month. February calendar will be put out.

Toys 4 Tots, church has been selling off property over the years. New flag lots has been marked. Possibly last run was 2018. Possible plan B is in the works. Membership is down a bit, 21 paid members.

May do a stock run and an advanced run. 3 try rule to move runs along.

Chuck is president. Ben is VP, Roger is Secretary, Tom is web master

PJ - not present

NJJA - not present

RITS - not present

CDJW - Mike and Trevor, Keith Weber is VP. 98 paid members. No dues member was 400. Dual approach, social and wheelers.

Both will be on calendar (two groups. One leave Friday, the other Saturday)

Dates for Rausch in July 13

Anthrocite in September 20

Rockaholics - 4 properties from NEA. Keep finding more properties.

5Star Jeep Club - not present

NORA - Gift certificate to NOVA clubs. One is an intro to wheeling and the other is a recovery class. Please keep coupons to NOVA members. Add as sponsor to website as well as NOVA Public Page

Motion to Adjourn- Time:

1) Steve Mac 2) Tyler Hurlock Vote All

NOVA Meeting Minutes April 27, 2019

Location: Gales Ferry CT on private property hosted by JT4x4

Attendees:

Michael Spiller HV4W/NOVA treasurer
Rob Conely NTC president
Steve Mammano NTC
Todd Thome NTC/JT4x4
JR Benudri ECOJOCS
Tyler Hurlock E4W/Rockaholics/NOVA cochair
Nando Prudhomme 5StarJC
Ed Coats JT4x4
Andrew Mirsky NORA Adv Club
Ryan Quarte NYCJC
Charles Hung LIOR
Sean Wilson NYCJC
Chuck Simonds JT4x4
Nick Cianfrano NJJA
Trevor Turrorra CDJW
Fred Lack JT4x4
Mike Calamai CDJW

Last meeting was January 19, 2019 at NORA in Ellenville, NY

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.
1st Mike Spiller 2nd Chuck Simonds Vote: Approved

Treasurers report:

Account Balance was \$6,379.64 at last meeting, now it's: \$ 7,006.44

Dues were received from everyone except Eastern 4 Wheeler and 5Star Jeep Club.
E4W treasurer Jeff Valerie said they would, just not done yet.

\$300 paid to Twin Grove for Lodge rental plus signed contract. We are now paid in full at Twin Grove for Trailfest.

\$270 paid to JT4x4 for full reimbursement of "Toys for Tots 2018" food expenses, as voted at January meeting.

Communications Officer report:

Not present

Chairman's report:

Insurance is up in July. We can re-sign, but only get coverage a few of our

states. New York and New Jersey are no longer covered.

General Contractors insurance isn't an option for our club.

A recommendation by an insurance brokers, find a lawyer in our organization, write up a contact between all Clubs and NOVA stating that ALL vehicles must have general liability automobile insurance.

To clear the air as far as who and what is covered by National Motorsports, I emailed them. They stated:

"Our annual club plan covers the liability exposures of actions and activities of the named insured on the policy, which is of course Northeast Off-Road Vehicle Alliance <NOHVA>. While each of the more local clubs may be a member of the alliance as an individual club, the liability applies only to the activities and actions of NOHVA. What I'm summarizing on this review, if the activity is clearly planned and managed / organized by NOHVA, the policy will respond to NOHVA activities / actions. If the local clubs are participating in the NOHVA meeting, activity or casual trail ride, the liability protection applies, as it pertains to NOHVA exposures. Hope this makes sense, just thought it good to always review."

Simply put, if there is a run in a state that is covered (not NY or NJ), National Motorsports will cover it if it's a NOVA sponsored run.

When posting a NOVA run please follow the format, "NOVA run hosted by _____.

NOVA Board Members for 2019:

Justin Golden Chairman

Tyler Hurlock CoChair

Mike Spiller Treasurer

Steve Mac Secretary

Bob Blair Communications Officer

Old Business

2019 yearly dues were due by this meeting

New Business

Twin Grove is 100% paid in full for our Trailfest Banquet. We lost \$75 last year because we didn't put back chairs that were taken out the closet.

Trailfest Registration typically opens the 3rd week of June.

Justin Golden will call Pine Grove Comfort Inn to block off rooms for Trailfest

We will be contacting our sponsors for trailfest, if your club is interested in sponsorship, please contact one of the board members.

\$500 NOVA contribution for Trailfest raffles if needed

Motion to approve

1) Sean Wilson 2) Todd Thomme Vote: Approved

NOVA co-chair Tyler Hurlock will be leaving post, he's moving to AZ.

Club Reports:

NYCJC

Ryan is NOVA rep

John Croak is Trail coordinator

70 paid members

HV4W

Hosting LIOR at Dogpark 5/11

Hosting LIOR at Cairo 7/8

Mark Snowden is president

Tom Roach is trail coordinator

ECOJOCS

Paul Tanner is president

JR is VP

Jason Koehler is trail coordinator

Rockaholics

2 new properties in the works, donating their use to NEA

LIOR

Increasing social media presence and developing relationship with NORA

Had a group go out to Easter Jeep Safari

NTC

Chris Eldredge is VP

Jay Varney is treasurer

Last weekend in July is TakeOver event at Rausch

30 members

June BBQ at F&F with RITS and E4W

E4W

7 new members

Crazy8s needs trail cut, currently still has snow

Board will be changing as Tyler (pres) is moving to AZ

40 members

JT4X4

23 members

1 run per month

Mel Coats is now the treasurer, Roger Hobbs moved

PJ
No Report

NJJA
Paul is president
143 paid members
Hosting Topless Winery event with ~200 jeeps
Sponsoring Crawling for Cops

RITS
No Report

NORA
31 members
Stock to small mods based club
Camping & Overlanding events
Doing Topless at Hunter Mtn May 16

CDJW
Jay still president, getting new jeep
Keith now VP
106 paid members

Motion to Adjourn- 1) Mike Spiller 2) Tyler Hurlock

NOVA Meeting Minutes June 29, 2019

Location:

Hancock, NY on private property hosted by LIOR

Attendees:

Justin Golden HV4W - NOVA Chairman
Mike Calamari CDJW
Bob Blair LIOR - NOVA Comm Officer
Steven Paul LIOR - NOVA Recording Secretary
Jon Mapes HV4W
Tom Raposa HV4W
Bob Naylor NJJA
Nick Cianfrano NJJA
Jason Koehler ECOJOCS
Mike Dickinson ECOJOCS
Mike Spiller E4W HV4W - NOVA Treasurer
Andrew Mirsky NORA Adv Club
David Vinjamuri NORA Adv Club
Sean Wilson NYCJC

Last meeting was April 27, 2019 at City Hall, private property hosted by JT4x4

Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Jason Koehler 2nd Bob Naylor Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Account Balance now is: \$7,103.24

Handed out hard copy of bank statements & reviewed expenses.

Eastern paid dues about a month ago, 5 Star contacted NOVA about payment.

Communication Officer's Report:

Trailfest registration on Eventbrite - Access via buzzard on NOVA site.

Deleted old email list as newly created email list (<!-- e -->NOVA-EXEC@groups.io<!-- e -->) is working properly.

Chairman's Report:

When posting a NOVA run in the calendar please follow the format "NOVA run hosted by _____."

Upcoming runs:

7/12 - Florida Vacation - Charlemont, MA

7/13 - CDJW - Rausch Creek, PA

7/20-21 - NJJA - Rausch Creek, PA

8/18 - CDJW - Big Hollow - Lake George, NY (beginner/introductory groups)
8/23-25/19 - NOVA Trailfest

- JT4x4 wishes to donate \$200 to Trailfest Raffle Prizes
- NJJA confirmed they will prepare the BBQ at Trailfest
- Called Twin Grove, Manager wasn't in, will call back and set up room block
- We need trail guides for Trailfest. Trail guides will be compensated with raffle tickets
- To increase NOVA meeting participation, I was thinking of doing a 50/50
- Trail clean ups that NOVA can help out on? - Spillers house
- Halloween Jeep/trick or treat event? Thoughts? Ideas?
- Cost of event insurance vs full year coverage (approx. \$1,300)
- T-Shirts

Old Business:

\$500 NOVA Trailfest Donations

New Business:

Do not renew insurance for 2019-2020

Motion to approve

1) Mike Spiller 2) Steve Paul Vote: Approved

All vehicles at NOVA runs must vehicle insurance in order to participate.

*Since NOVA will not renew their insurance, vehicles that partake in NOVA events will need to show proof of vehicle insurance.

Motion to approve

1) Jason Koehler 2) John Mapes Vote: Approved

Continue with Trailfest Trail Guide Ticket Compensation?

Motion to approve

1) Steve Paul 2) Jason Koehler Vote: Approved

Trailfest registration - Link was sent out to be reviewed for changes/modifications. Event will go live June 30th.

New Co-Chair

Co-Chairman Tyler Hurlock is moving out of the area and has resigned. Andrew Mirsky of NORA Adv Club offered to serve as Co-Chairman

Motion to approve

1) Mike Spiller 2) Bob Blair Vote: Approved

Land Use Fee for Tar Hollow - Fees went from \$20 - \$25 per rig land use fee. Steve Paul will be the contact person for Tar Hollow property. If you wish to use, contact him.

NOVA to cover Land Use Fee for today's meeting in the amount of \$300

Motion to approve

1) David Vinjamuri 2) Mike Dickinston Vote: Approved

NOVA Executive Contact list - The contact list will be shown as a footer to each NOVA email to make the information more easily available. If new people are running the club, please contact Bob <!-- e -->webmaster@NOVA4x4.org<!-- e -->

Club Reports:

NYCJC

Topless event about 2 weeks ago. Good turnout. No major problems. 10 year anniversary coming up brought back old logo.

Joe is pledging a winch for Trailfest.

HV4W

Hosted LIOR at Dog Park. Hosted LIOR at Cairo. Rausch run last week.

ECOJOCS

Not a whole lot going on. Paul is president, Bruce is member at large, Mike is membership director. Next weekend is a MaBell run. Donating a Snap-On impact gun for Trailfest

LIOR

Not doing Tar Hollow big event due to insurance. Going to Florida Vacation, Trailfest. Hosting 3rd Zane Grey run at the end of September.

Trailfest donations will be similar to previous years.

NTC

No report

E4W

Regrouping since Tyler moved to Arizona. Jeff Valerie and Kevin are filling in for Tyler.

They have access to Badlands again.

JT4X4

Donating \$200 towards Trailfest 2019. Hosted our last meeting.

PJ

No Report

NJJA

Topless event at Larita Winery had about 350 jeeps. Donating \$4,200 to New Jersey National Guard Family Readiness Council. Donation will be on July 17. Reading, PA - Mostly quads, side by sides. Now they can start offering jeeps.

Will donate a Winch

NORA

May 5th event, about a dozen jeeps.

Topless day on May 18 - 135 jeeps. Mix of newbies and wheelers at Hunter Mountain Expo on July 13 at Hunter Mountain: Offroad driving games, roll to line, obstacle course, nudge the jug, vendors will be there, OK4WD. Short trips up the mountain. Trailfest raffle prize is being worked on

CDJW

Going to Rausch in 2 weeks. Dorcet Caves in Vermont. Anthrocite on September 21. Fundraiser - APF (Animal Protective Foundation) on August 25.

Motion to Adjourn

1) Mike Spiller 2) Jason Koehler Vote: Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes October 19, 2019

Meeting Started 10:15 am

Location

Private Property hosted by HV4W Michael & Sue Spiller

Attendees

Florence Wood - NORA
George Digacinto - LIOR
Mike Dickenson - ECOJOCS
Paul Allen - E4W
Brett Emas - E4W
Jason Harvey - NJJA Historian
Ryan Quarle - NYCJ
Mark Snowden - HV4W President
Ben Roccapriore - JT4X4 VP
Bob Wilson - JT4X4
Michael Spiller - HV4W / NOVA Treasurer
Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA Communication Officer

Meeting

Review of minutes of last meeting not possible
Members approve previous minutes
Sign-In sheet is made available

Last meeting was June 29 in Hancock NY on private property hosted by LIOR

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$12,941.94

Increase from previous balance of \$7,006 made possible by Trailfest event profits. Noted that four years ago the NOVA balance was \$0.00 due to malfeasance. Trailfest profits (approx \$5k) were boosted by very generous raffle donations by member clubs, return of deposit by Twin Grove and lack of available event insurance. Event was protected by Twin Grove and Rausch Creek policies.

Additionally, E4W paid member club dues, but 5Star Jeep Club decided not to follow through with joining NOVA. HV4W & NYCJ expenditures at Dogpark event were reimbursed.

Editor's Note: Scroll down for attachments presented at meeting.

Communication Officer's Report

Completed TrailFest registrations - noted error in design re. shirt sizes (compensated for error manually) , must re-design ticket structure next year. Paid for Domain name "NOVA4x4.org"; renewal.

Arranged for Tamara Ramos Sadel to manage requests to join FB members-only page. She monitors requests, forwards to club liaisons, watches for problems, doing a great job! Now 2 open requests is a lot, used to be 15-20 waiting.

Secretary's Report

Cementing final details with the property owner of Tar Hollow for access for all NOVA clubs starting in January 2020.

Chariman's Report

Upcoming event, NJJA at Rausch Creek

LIOR Hosted HV4W 3rd Annual Zane Grey Memorial Run at Tar Hollow. 60 rigs raised \$3,500 for the Anderson School for Autism. John Mapes of HV4W intends to present check to the charity at a Jeeps social event in the near future.

Trailfest was a huge success. Thank your to everyone who volunteered and helped! Without you and our sponsors this event would not take place! Special thanks to NJJA for catering such a great BBQ dinner!

The calendar was not updated. Clubs, please be sure to let us know when events are going on. The co-club runs are what makes NOVA and we would love to get more people on properties that they may have never been on before. Co-club run reimbursement is available to encourage sharing events.

Old Business

The latest events have seen lean attendance

New Business

2020 NOVA Meeting planning

January - Traditionally hosted by LIOR, newly at NORA, please get back to us with a date.

Editor's Note: January 25, 2020 date set by subsequent discussion.

May / June - Spring meeting hosted by JT4x4 in Groton, CT area, good to host it, but want more Western representative to help with Trailfest planning.

NOVA Officer nominations for 2020

Current slate:

Justin Glden - Chairman

Andrew Mirsky - Co-Chaiman

Mike Spiller - Treasurer

Steve Paul - Secretary

Bob Blair - Communication Officer

The current slate was nominated for 2020, those present accepted (Spiller & Blair).

Club Reports

NYCJC

Founding President Joe is stepping down as are the VP and Trail Coordinator so new faces will be seen.

The annual Turkey Run from Cedar Beach to the food bank is being organized.

HV4W

Might have a change of officers as Tom Rhodes' Police employment mat interfere upon

graduation.

The Sawmill property was divided by sale. The new owner of the smaller section is expected to allow further use, but the larger section is lost.

They are eyeing new properties, including 12 acres in the (garbled) area.

ECOJOCS

Planning Trick or Treat event in West Suffield, a cancer charity event with Wicked in Pink at 508 in Massachusetts,

It may be possible to use the new 508INTL property for club meetings.

The annual Robert Foxx memorial event will be at Rausch Creek April 4th. This charity event will include a raffle, food, and guided trail runs.

LIOR

The Zane Grey event was a success, we worked with HV4W, the raffle donations were great.

Our annual October Harvest Special event in Florida MA was a great success; local public trails and the Badlands provided 3 days of fall foliage trail riding for this family friendly event.

LIOR has 2 events almost every month, but no longer has insurance due to changes in the industry.

NTC

No report

E4W

Toys for Tots is coming up, Sunday (12/8) date planning was a collaboration with JT4x4 (Saturday 12/7).

Kevin is covering for the President who moved due to a job opportunity.

JT4X4

Now has 25 members.

Toys for Tots will be at City Hall, Dec 7th. Figuring out food needs, will borrow NOVA tent.

November 2nd trail swap run with E4W will be at City Hall. note: no facilities.

PJ

No Report

NJJA

AOAA in October, getting more experience with that property.

November ride may be AOAA again.

Insurance does not really cover anything and may be dropped.

Wine & Jeep Thing show 'n shine raised \$4,700 for National Guard over Memorial Day weekend.

New members & kids easy rides held at Rausch Creek on July 20th but not well attended.

10 NJJA Jeeps went to Trailfest and met different groups.

Doggy Bandannas sale raised \$300 and \$700 for Marty's Sanctuary for senior dogs.

RITS

No Report

CDJW

(written report)

Now up to 120 members. We recently participated in the Zane Grey run. I was unable to attend but the folks who did had an awesome time!

Currently our season is starting to wind down with hunting season ramping up here, but we're not ruling out another ride or two!

We've already started to work on some stuff for next year.

NORA

The NORA Adventure Club is up to 37 members. Focus remains stock to lightly modified vehicles.

No changes to the club officers. Recording Secretary and Trail Coordinator positions are up for re-vote in JANuary.

2020 calendar planning is in process.

Members responded positively to our first camping event held in August. The NORA Adventure Club will make this an annual event and may look to hold a camping event 2X per year.

Our club will be adopting a one mile section of Route 209 in the town of Warwarsing. Signs with the Clubs's name will be erected by the town.

Our responsibilities would be to clean up this section of the roadway at least two times per year.

Monthly meet and greets have been established.

Trailfest Financial Breakdown - submitted by Treasurer

<http://nova4x4.org/docs/oct2019minutes/TF2019.png>

NOVA Bank Statement - submitted by Treasurer

<http://nova4x4.org/docs/oct2019minutes/sbdoct2019.png>

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 25, 2020

Start Time: 2:15pm Jan 25, 2020

Location: Northeast Off-Road Adventures, Ellenville, NY

Introductions

Last meeting was Oct 20 in Sandy Hook, CT at Mike Spiller's Property

Thank you Spiller's for hosting NOVA meeting and ride!

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Jason Koehler

2nd. Ben

Vote: All in favor

Treasurers report:

\$11,620.47 in checking account after JT4x4 check is cashed.

In 2019 NOVA reimbursed \$990 for co-club runs, \$110 for trail work (food at ECOJOCS trail cleanup 10/12)

\$300 check sent to JT4x4, Toys for Tots 2019 expenses reimbursement, not yet cashed. JT4x4 handed in receipts for PortaPotty \$200 and \$666.23 for food.

Trailfest deposits placed

Friday 8/21 Pavillion and Kitchen \$210

Sat 8/22 Lodge for banquet \$300

Hess Catering has been reserved, still need to send deposit. They said we are a good

customer, send whatever \$ amount we want.

HV4W for PortaPotty rental at Zane Grey Memorial ride \$272

Mike Spiller for food at trail cutting 10/12 and NOVA 10/19 meeting. \$218.18

Bob Blair for website \$19.56

Communications Officer report:

ISP moved web site to a new server, it did not work after that. I worked 3/4 of a day & fixed most problems, got them to fix last piece, all looks good.

Updated web for Trailfest 2020

Added TF20 to calendar

Should EVB still be listed as primary sponsor on web page?

Banking

We gave access for many club reps to the banking info to keep the balance transparent. When the bank changed their system all was lost.

If you want to restore that access we need to designate a volunteer to be in charge. - Andrew/Justin

Return Joan Blair's NOVA checkbook & handwritten register to the Treasurer.

Club contact for Trail runs - Update list

Secretary Report:

NOVA & Tar Hollow access

- No access with NOVA/Tar Hollow. Will revisit the idea in the spring.

Chairman's report:

Trailfest 2020 - August 21-23 (Rodeo weekend at the campground, make reservations ASAP!)

NJJA offered to BBQ again this year

Deposit was made for Twin Grove Campground and Hess Catering needs to go out

Put the word out for sponsors for Trailfest 2020.

April Meeting April 18 th - JT4X4 Property City Hall - 250+ acres of ledges and rocks

October - TBD

Old Business

New Business

Set 2020 NOVA club dues, keep at \$100/club?

Appropriate funds for 2020.

Last year it was \$1200 for co-club outings, max \$300 per event. \$1000 for trail work

Shall we reimburse JT4x4 for more than \$300? Pay expenses in full for 2019 Toys for Tots? They sent in receipts for PortaPotty \$200, Food \$666.26 and received a check from NOVA for \$300. \$300 is max allocated per event but more can be approved by officers and/or delegates.

NOVA Elections for 2020:

NOVA Officer nominations:

Justin Golden Chairman

Andrew Mirsky Co-Chair

Mike Spiller Treasurer

Steve Paul Secretary

Bob Blair Communications Officer

Motion to approve NOVA Officer Slate

1st Mr. Rock

2nd Jason Koehler

Vote: All in favor

New Club Prospect - BayState Jeepers

125 paid members. Wheel about 30-35 times a year. NEA club.

Active at Jeep events - clean ups and trail runs

Fall Crawl event was a massive turn out - roughly \$23,000 in profit

Looking for more property to wheel and share the experience.

Motion to have BayState Jeepers to join NOVA

1st - Will Creech

2nd - Jacob Mulderig

Vote: All in favor

Set NOVA dues for 2020.

Discussion to continue with \$100 for annual club dues.

Keeping the \$100 per club due
Club dues should be paid before the April NOVA meeting.

Set amount allocated for Co-club event cost reimbursement in 2020.
Discussion. Previously its been max \$300 per event, \$1200 per year. No change.

Set amount allocated for trail maintenance reimbursement in 2020.
Previously its been \$1000 per year, paid at end of year. Must submit receipt to get payment. If receipts total more than \$1000 at years end it gets split between clubs based

on percentage of receipt value handed in.

Motion to approve \$1,000

1 st Mr. Rock

2 nd Will Creech

Vote: All in favor

JT4x4 handed in receipts for PortaPotty \$200

Motion to approve \$200 for JT 4x4 reimbursement for porter potty

1st Jason Koehler

2nd Andy Miller

Vote: All in favor

Choices for June NOVA meeting

Tar Hollow - June 20th

Club Reports:

NORA Adventure Club

Wilderness first aid Thursday and Friday April 9-10 th .

\$275 per person. Great way for anybody at any level to learn this skill.

NYCJC

No report

HV4W

New president, - Tam

new trail coordinator - Tom Raposa

new treasurer - Kevin

secretary remains

ECOJOCS

- Eastern Off-Road Jeeps of Connecticut

VP - Will Creech

Jason - Events Coordinator

Foxy's Ride - Rausch Creek April 4 th

Looking for sponsors (let Jason or Will know)

Some people stay at Twin Grove

All money goes to charity

LIOR

Re-elected same board

New NOVA delegates -

Schedule is set - 29 trail days set for 2020

Tar Hollow event is hopefully going to happen. Waiting for April (Possible dates July 25 th)

NTC

No report

E4W

Kevin - President

Mr. Rock - VP

Jeff - Treasurer

Membership secretary roll was established

Lost their website - 10-12 year period for domain name which expired. Bid up to \$12 for domain name. Own both .org and .com

Voted to disband the forum - Use of only Facebook

Posting 6 weeks out for property use - Prepaid to keep land usage open

JT4X4

Chuck as President

Treasurer and Secretary

Appreciate the extra funds for the Toys for Tots run. Appreciate the event.

Land owners were happy with the event. Ran smoothly and safely.

PJ

No report

NJJA

No change in officer positions

First half the year events are on NOVA calendar

Events take place around upper PA

Big Event - Winery event with Food trucks - 350 Jeeps (May 23 rd)

Pine Ride - Run was open to the public - over 120 Jeeps. Good for beginner ride.

RITS

No report

CDJW

New VP - Mike

Board stayed the same

120 paid members

Applied with FCC for Radio channel - 5 frequencies. Own frequencies for 5 years. Individuals do not need license if club has it.

Rockaholics

No report

NORA Adventure Club
Lisa O'Riely - Trail coor.
Tori Saffioti - Recording Secrtrary
40 paid members - 60% growth year after year
Events are in place through December

Motion to Adjourn
Time: 3:24
1) Jason Koehler
2) Andy Miller
Vote: All in favor

Attendees

Ryan Veitch CDJW
Mike Calamini CDJW
Nick Cianfrono NJJA
Bob Naylor NJJA
Jason Koehler ECOJOCA
Tony Consaga NORA
Michael Smith LIOR
Dave Denton LIOR
Tam Vu HV4W
Will Creech ECOJOCS
Tyler Dauth LIOR
Derek Rogers CDJW
John Acconi LIOR
Mark St. Germain Baystate
Jake Mulderig LIOR
Ed Coates JT4X4
Andrew Mirsky NORA / NOVA
Michale Crawley LIOR
Ben Rocapriore JT4X4 + E4W
Justin Golden HV4W / NOVA
Steve Mack LIOR / NOVA
Bob Blair LIOR / NOVA

NOVA Meeting Minutes April 18, 2020

See http://www.nova4x4.org/docs/apr2020minutes/NOVA_zoom_mtg_04182020.mp4

NOVA Meeting Minutes June 27, 2020

Start Time: 10:10am June 27, 2020

Location: Tar Hollow (private property), Hancock, NY

Attendees:

Justin Golden NOVA / LIOR

Michael Smith LIOR

Bob Blair NOVA / LIOR

Nick Cianfrano NJJA

Mila Mayer NORA

Lisa Rielly NORA

Dave Mapes ECOJOCS

Steve Mack NOVA / LIOR

Ryan Quarte NYCJC

Tom Raposa HV4W

Mark Snowden HV4W

Mike Spiller NOVA / LIOR

Introductions

Last meeting was April 18 on Zoom. Thank you for coming

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Mike Spiller 2nd. Steve mac Vote: Motion carries

Treasurers report:

Deposited check from capital district

\$12,617.00 currently

Eastern paid in May, refunded due to wrong address, but will repay.

Communications Officer report:

Nothing major. Kept up with simple requests

Secretary Report:

Just happy to be here.

Chairman's report:

I think it is in the best interest of our members health to reconfigure trailfest for this year. If we can, we will have an open run at Rausch the same weekend in August.

If things open up, we will try and do a silent auction as well. That will be determined later in the summer. Contact Nick from NJJA if we decide to BBQ.

Old Business
no report

New Business

Email out (to Steve) clubs a list of members wanting to do trailfest. Get a list of members and trail guides.

NOVA to pay for NOVA delegates admission to Tar Hollow at the amount \$330 for the meeting today.

1st Mike Spiller 2nd. Steve Mac Vote: Motion Carries

We should apply to get back all money from Pavilion and camp ground for trailfest 2020.

1st Bob Blair 2nd. Tom Raposa Vote: Motion carries

Club Reports:

NORA Adventure Club

Not much going on, did a Rausch Creek trip 2 weeks ago. At Tar Hollow today. August 8- 9 is club camp out at NORA.

NYCJC

Top list event in May, will be pushed back to October. Have Harris coming up July 19th. A bunch will be going to trailfest 2020.

HV4W

Local properties, one in New Paltz. Is interested in other clubs going. Contact Tom Raposa. Badlands is on August 4th and if people are interested to contact Tom.

ECOJOCS

Eastern Off-Road Jeeps of Connecticut - Pretty quiet, events and meetings cancelled last couple of months. Run last weekend had a decent turn out.

LIOR

Today is first run since Covid. Had our first post-Covid meeting on Zoom last month. Active calendar, 2 runs in July, August is the club comp and Trailfest. Sept. will be Field and Forest, and possibly Tar Hollow for Zane.

NTC

no report

E4W

Florida Vacation will not be an event to sign up for, a club weekend but not an open event. First event was last weekend at Stone Garden on Father's Day weekend.

JT4X4

no report

PJ

Submitted via email: PJ unable to attend but stands with NOVA

NJJA

May have to cancel the winery event. May 30 - went to Harris mountain. Doing day runs to AOAA and Rausch. A bunch went to Big Dogs.

July 31 - Crawling for Cops

CDJW

no report

Rockaholics

no report

Motion to Adjourn Time: 10:45am

1) Steve Mac 2) Mike Spiller Vote: Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 23, 2021

Start time: 2:00 pm January 23, 2021

Location: NORA Adventure Park Ellenville, NY

Attendees:

Bob Naylor NJJA

Tony Consaga NORA

Michael Calamari CDJW

Kevin Gennodie HV4W

Mike Dickinson ECOJOCS

Charayu Campbell ECOJOCS

Jon Mapes HV4W

Steve Mack LIOR / NOVA

Nick Cianfrano NJJA

Stephen Kibeneckys NJJA / HV4W

Justin Golden LIOR / NOVA

Bob Blair LIOR / NOVA

Lisa O'Reilly NORA

Tom Slattery LIOR

Introductions

Last meeting was Virtual - Zoom - Thank you Zoom!

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Steve Mack 2nd. Mike Calamari Vote: Approved

Treasurers report:

Current balance \$11,962.28

None of the clubs asked for toys for tots reimbursements, which during non-corona times is usually \$300-\$500

Communications Officer report:

Up to date.

Please update club info when necessary

Secretary's report:

no report

Chairman's report:

Thank you to our new Co-Chair, Kevin Gennodie and Tom Slattery our new Secretary!
Planning on hosting trailfest this year. Hopefully with a larger capacity but only time will tell.

It is early, but keeping an eye out for sponsors for trailfest would be great!

Club dues are due before the June meeting

Old Business:

-none-

New Business:

Renew Funding for 2021

Motion to keep Co-Club reimbursement at prior level of \$1200 for co-club outings, max \$300 per event.

1st Steve Paul 2nd Nick Cianfrano Vote: Approved

Motion to keep annual club dues at \$100.

1st Steve Paul 2nd Mike Calamari Vote: Approved

Motion to approve NOVA Officer Slate.

Chairperson Justin Golden

Vice Chairperson Kevin Gennodie

Secretary Tom Slattery

Treasurer Michael Spiller

Communications Officer Bob Blair

1st Jon Mapes 2nd Mike Calamari Vote: Approved

Club Reports:

NYCJC

no report

HV4W

Nothing new. Cancelled holiday party due to COVID. May move it to May 2021 with an outdoor BBQ.

ECOJOCS

Mike is the new President. Zoom meetings since COVID. Foxy's Ride is April 24th @ Rausch Creek.

LIOR

Did a food drive through BOCES and a Sock Drive for Veterans (300 pairs)

Still wheeling.

Planning Trail Hero, Utah for October

NTC

no report

E4W
no report

JT4X4
no report

PJ
via email: Patriot still stands with NOVA

NJJA
Get rides every month. Zoom meetings. New board. No charity events this year.
84 members.

BayState
no report

CDJW
New board, 114 members. Sending a "Meet the board" letter to members. In the
process of Switching from CB to ham radio.
They currently own 4 channels and are willing to share with NOVA.

Rockaholics
no report

NORA
Doubled in size over 2020. 68 members. Officer slate remains the same. First time
jeepers must take safety course.
Changing logo for inclusion (currently just a jeep). Finalizing 2021 calendar.

Motion to Adjourn Time: 2:38 pm
1st Steve Mack 2nd Mike Calamari Vote: Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes May 22, 2021

Start time: 10:00 AM Saturday May 22, 2021

Location: LIOR hosted at Tar Hollow, Hancock, NY

Attendees:

Justin Golden - HV4W / LIOR NOVA Chairman
Bob Blair - LIOR NOVA Communications Officer
Joan Blair - LIOR Delegate
Amanda Mulderig - LIOR Delegate
Tom Slattery - LIOR NOVA Recording Secretary

Introductions:

Review minutes of the last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.
1st Justin Golden 2nd Tom Slattery Vote: Approved

Treasurer's report:

Bank account is \$12,434.48

The following clubs have paid for 2021:

NJJA
CDJW
NTC
JT4x4
PJ
LIOR
ECOJOCS
E4W
NYCJC
Rockaholics
Baystate
NORA
HV4W

2021 NOVA dues is \$100 and can be processed via:

<!-- e -->novapaypal@nova4x4.org<!-- e -->

or by check made out to NOVA and mailed to:

Mike Spiller
2 Pequot Path
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

LIOR submitted a reimbursement claim totaling \$890.85 for 3 events: June 2020 NOVA meeting, Zane Grey Memorial run Sept 2020, NOVA meeting Jan 2021. NOVA has a limit of \$300 per event, and \$300 had already been reimbursed for the June 2020 NOVA meeting land use fees. Therefore a check for \$600 was sent for the 2

previously unreimbursed events.

The pavilion #3 and kitchen have been reserved for Trailfest 2021 on Friday and Saturday. Hess catering has been booked to provide the Saturday dinner outside in the Pavilion. They will need four tables 8' long for setting out the food. If we cannot provide, they will find some and bring. I suggest they bring tables, and we bring tables for the raffle prizes and ticket sales.

Michael Spiller
NOVA Treasurer

Communications Officer's report:

Up to date with any information previously provided

If any club has updates, especially to their Officer's lists, please send those over ASAP

Eventbrite will be used again this year for Trailfest. Bob will set this up and let everyone know when it's completed.

Secretary's report:

1st report, just glad to be of service to NOVA

Chairman's report:

2021 Club dues were due by today. Appears all Clubs are paid in full for 2021 For Trailfest, NJJA will be hosting the BBQ on Friday, Hess catering will be handling dinner Saturday evening, both nights will be in the Pavilion. We may need some extra folding tables, if you have any you can bring, please let Justin or Mike know.

Justin will be soliciting sponsors for donations. If anyone has additional sponsor recommendations please let him know. The shirt colors for this year's Trailfest will be Dark Grey.

NOVA is exploring radio and licensing for all NOVA clubs. This will be part of a broader FRS/GMRS and FCC Licensing technology review.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Vote for LIOR \$290 reimbursement tabled pending broader club participation at future meeting.

Considering future NOVA meeting attendance 50/50 and/or Raffles

Club Reports:

LIOR

Several new members have joined over the past couple of months

HV4W - Submitted via email

HV4W will not be able to attend. We are hosting our season start up / holiday party barbecue!!!

Tam Vu has stepped down as President. Kevin Gennodie has taken over the position. Jarret Jacob has stepped up to be the treasurer.

Trail rides scheduled heavily for the months ahead . Please contact our Trail coordinator Tom Raposa for any joint ride potential. Joint ride with Patriot JEEPERS at the Sawmill property in CT. 23 vehicles attend. Awesome day with no damages.

Just had the largest club meeting attendance. 40 plus with 5 new members. Looking forward to growing membership this year. Currently working on two new pieces of property to expand our trail riding selection. One in the Hudson Valley region and another in CT not far from the sawmill. Both are offering great potential.

Started the discussion of the Memorial Zane Grey ride . Will keep everyone updated on the date and place.

Patriot Jeepers - Submitted via email

Hi, I just wanted to let you know we can not make the May 22 NOVA meeting. It's my Birthday and I'll be up in Bridgewater, VT on a prerun.

Patriot Jeepers has a reworked Board of Directors. I'm back as President, Mike Luzzo is VP, I'm Acting Treasurer & Secretary. Eric Anderson is no longer on our board. Marc Herbert and Dave Dicristoforo remain on the BOD.

This May is very busy for us. We'll be with Hudson Valley on the 15th. Patriot now has land that we can use "the farm in Becket, MA". Patriot is working with the new landowner and has been clearing out the old trails. We have signs and plan to install them May 29. Also The Farm

is 25 acres but the landowner is looking to add another possible 25 acres. At the moment Patriot has the only access, but we will talk to them about letting nova clubs use it as well. Maybe down the road we can host a NOVA meeting or trail ride at the farm. We will keep you posted.

Rich Banfield, President, Patriot Jeepers, Inc

No reports from:

NYCJC

ECOJOCS

NTC

E4W

JT4X4

NJJA

Bay State

CDJW

Rockaholics

NORA

Motion to Adjourn Time: 10:30

1st Tom Slattery 2nd Justin Golden Vote: Approved

NOVA Meeting Minutes October 10, 2021

Meeting Location: M. Spiller Personal Property - THANK YOU MIKE FOR HOSTING US!!!

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 AM

Hand Out sign in sheets

Introductions

Last Meeting was at Tar Hallow in May - Thanks Long Island Off Road

Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve May minutes as read:

1st: Jason Koehler - ECOJOCs 2nd: Ben Roccapriore AKA Rock - E4W/JT4X4

Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: \$14,455

Open Check for \$1020, additional \$300 for Zane Grey, \$197 for Web and \$19.99 for Domain and \$617 to Justin for Trailfest Expenses to be cleared and/or deducted in coming weeks.

Additional \$290 for LIOR prior year expenses motioned and approved - See Old Business

***Additional Trailfest Finance update from Mike received on Monday 10/18/21

Thank you to all for making Trailfest 2021 happen. The raffle was fantastic this year, our best one yet.

TRAILFEST 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Registration	\$8029
Pavilion Rental	-\$138
Caterer	-\$5508
TShirts	-\$1021
NOVA expenses	-\$620
Sum	\$742

Raffle	\$4460
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TOTAL	\$5202
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Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA

Expecting well over \$4k from Trailfest! (** See Trailfest finals in Treasure's report above - Updated 10/18/21)

Everyone kicked in and contributed to making the event one of the best and most successful NOVA events to date. Trail guides for the event worked out well.

Web Related Report

For next year, we will clarify on the event home page that a single Driver shirt is included in the registration fee to eliminate any future confusion.

Set-up Eventbrite Club Account

Set-up Computer Safety Protocols

Completed Trailfest 21 Sponsor List (EVB no longer primary sponsor)

Currently it is a challenge to see calendars across all clubs
Bob proposed that all clubs review their own calendar functionality and if any club feels they have something with increased tech and security levels (Read/Write/Admin), that could be used across all NOVA clubs for future single view consideration, that they bring that recommendation to that next Quarterly meeting.

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA)

For Trailfest, we had a great volunteer and set-up process for the Trail guides. This was my first time involved but I found everyone extremely accommodating and while some groups did host their own members, we had ~ 10 open groups with cross club involvement with 6 - 8 vehicles in each group. Raised review of pending open item from May meeting - See Old Business

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report: (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA & Kevin Gennodie Co-Chair - HV4W / NOVA)

Trailfest was a massive success! Food was ok. We will do research for new food options for Friday night. Sponsors and clubs were extremely generous with their donations this year - Thank you All!!

Kevin and I discussed next steps for NOVA. We are investigation the idea of buying property. SEE new business.

Also discussed the idea of another signature NOVA event. AKA Trailfest North or NOVA Spring Fling. SEE new business.

Old Business:

There was an open item from the May meeting to discuss and review a \$290 reimbursement to LIOR for a prior year's late request. The item was reviewed after which Rock Motioned NOVA reimburse the expense, Jason seconded the Motion and it was Approved by all attendees. Mike Spiller said he would reach out to George, and begin the reimbursement process.

New Business

Open Nominations for Board -

NOVA is considering ways to improve club services and participations. Some of the ideas identified were:

Mike S. - Increase Annual re-imburement rate per club to \$1,200. This was discussed and pending review of the options for new property access was tabled and may be reviewed at future meetings

Kevin and Justin are reviewing the Options for an additional NOVA event - They will provide an update at our next quarterly meeting. Under consideration is Spring Fling @ AOAA

Justin will pen letter to all clubs to solicit any leads they may have for off season hunting club wheeling lease access arrangement. This was a proposed alternative to a costly property purchase option.

There was a recommendation to provide a cash raffle incentive to increase Quarterly NOVA Meeting participation. The raffle would provide \$100 per meeting to a single in attendance winner at each of our next 4 meetings for a total of \$400 from the NOVA account. Participants would be limited to 2 Delegates from each club in

addition to all NOVA Officers. The Motion was made by Jason, Seconded by Mike S and Approved by the other attendees. The raffle will go in effect at our next meeting in January.

Club Reports

NYCJC - Not in Attendance

HV4W - Held Zane Grey ride, good attendance. One of Zane's children was in attendance wheeling Dad's Jeep!!! - The club is connecting with a local Ambulance core to support a Winter Coat Drive

ECOJOCs - Recently completed Carnege Hill - 3 Rigs A recent planned trip to OFR was cancelled due to a recent gate issue possibly caused by some previous riders causing damage. Saw Mill run is coming up! 11/13 is planned for "Bob-Reckah" (Written phonetically, no clue what the real property name is) - Kevin is going, he will see if he can have a few extra wheelers attend to assist with sawing and trail grooming. Jason mentioned the club is looking to start 1:1 class for new members!

LIOR - Exceeded 100 members - 1 - 2 runs monthly. We had our annual club BBQ in August, another great success. Thank you to our Host and President Jake and of course Amanda and family!! For this year's winter community activity, we are collecting travel size soaps, shampoos, conditioners and other personal care items to be donated to the Northport V.A..

NTC - Not in attendance

E4W - Due to the recent passing of the clubs President, Rock has been appointed Acting President. Rock is working to increase club transparency for all members. Currently there are monthly meetings for board members and Bi-monthly member meetings. The club is in the process of redefining themselves. Next meeting is Wed 10/13 - they may have Toys for Tots again this year. Good Luck to the club's leadership and members.

JT4X4 - Currently 24 paid members. The club will be hosting Toys for Tots at City Hall on 12/4. They are anticipating openings for 20 NOVA Club Members and 20 NEA Club Members. Event registration will be posted on or about 11/1.. Last year's event brought in 248 toys, they are shooting to break a goal of 300 this year! This is a great event, support your clubs attendees by loading them up with toys! We can do this!!!!

PJ - Not in attendance

NJJA - Not in attendance

Bay State - Not in attendance

CDJW - Not in attendance

Rockaholics - Not in attendance

NORA - Not in attendance

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Jason 2nd: Kevin

Time: 11:53 AM

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 22, 2022

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Start Time: 09:00

Attendance via Zoom:

Justin Golden HV4W NOVA

Kevin Gennodie HV4W NOVA

Tom Slattery LIOR NOVA

Mike Dickinson ECO

Will Creech ECO

Tony Consaga NORA

Steve Ryder

Ben Roccapriore E4W JT4X4

Mike Calamari CDJW

Rich Banfield PJ

Last Meeting in Oct 2021 was at Mike Spiller's property. Mike thanks again for hosting us and sharing your little piece of Heaven!

Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve October minutes as read:

1st : Kevin Gennodie 2nd : Tom Slattery

Vote: APPROVED

Treasurer's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: \$16,357.31

We have 16,357.31 in the checking account.

The bank made an error and took 400 for a 300 check, so after fixing that we should have \$16,457.31.

Since the last meeting we've:

Deposited the Trailfest Raffle cash

Reimbursed Bob Blair for website and domain costs - \$217.63

Reimbursed JT4x4 for 2020 Toys for Tots - \$100

Reimbursed JT4x4 for 2021 Toys for Tots - \$300

JT4x4 submitted two receipts for 2021 totaling \$685. NOVA reimbursed \$300 because that is our maximum per event.

At the 2021 Toys for Tots run I mentioned to Chuck from JT4x4 that NOVA had not received any receipts from JT for the 2020 Toys for Tots. That was a scaled down Corona affected event, but still had some costs. Chuck and I looked over our records and confirmed that nothing had been submitted. JT then submitted for the porta potty costs totaling \$100.

Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA) by email

Removed EVB from the website in October as we have lost contact with them.

All is up to date as far as I have been notified. All clubs, please send me your

officer/contact changes for 2022. I.E. who to add/remove from the email list & changes to your contacts as shown below all NOVA-EXEC emails.

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA)

Working with NORA to secure alternate date for a run to replace the cancellation for this month's meeting due to the weather and trail conditions. More to come on this!

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report:

(Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA & Kevin Gennodie Co-Chair -HV4W / NOVA)

Justin and Kevin are moving forward with the Spring Fling. They are currently working out the details and will share them with the NOVA-Exec team ASAP. Currently the plan is running the event the weekend of April 2nd out of A.O.A.A.

www.aoaatrails.com They have reached out to a caterer and are awaiting selection and pricing options. They are also looking to obtain raffle prizes to support the event. Not to the extent of Trailfest but something to pique participant interest.

Old Business:

Justin and Kevin continue to investigate alternative wheeling properties that can be used by the NOVA clubs.

New Business:

NOVA is continuing to seek options on how to handle existing club participation as well as solicit new club additions. Several new potential clubs have been identified across PA, NY and CT. The respective NOVA clubs members that have relationships with those clubs will reach out to share the NOVA club membership process and gauge interest.

Need to finalize Trail-fest 2022 dates. Dates to be finalized shortly. Currently under consideration are the weekends of August 21 st or August 27.

A motion was raised by Rich Banfield to nominate the existing NOVA Executive Board for 2022. The motion was seconded by Mike Dickinson. The motion was put to vote and accepted unanimously by all club officers and representatives in attendance.

The 2022 NOVA Officers:

Chairman - Justin Golden LIOR

Co-Chair - Kevin Gennodie HV4W

Treasurer - Mike Spiller - HV4W

Communications Officer - Bob Blair - LIOR

Recording Secretary - Tom Slattery - LIOR

2022 club dues amount was reviewed. A motion was raised by Mike Dickinson to keep the dues at the current 2021 rate. The motion was seconded by Tony Consaga. The motion was put to vote and accepted unanimously by all club officers and

representatives in attendance.

There was a conversation raised about individual club reimbursements, as there was a slight shortfall in reimbursement this year to JT4x4 for the Toys to Tots run, as this was a multi-club supported event, Tom Slattery raised a motion to reimburse JT4x4 for the \$385 shortfall. The motion was seconded by Justin Golden. The motion was put to vote and accepted unanimously by all club officers and representatives in attendance. Mike Spiller confirmed shortly after the meeting that the reimbursement was processed.

This meeting was the first attendance raffle for all participating club members. The \$100 prize was won by Tom Slattery.

Club Reports

HV4W

Kevin reported the same board remains in effect for 2022. They are in the process of finalizing their 2022 ride calendar and will post a copy of those runs onto the new shared NOVA calendar for joint club participation.

ECOJOCs

Mike reported they have a new club officer which was shared with Bob B for the Officer's list. Their calendar is currently under development. Their Foxy Ride is scheduled for 4/30 in

Rausch Creek (<https://www.rc4x4.org/>)

LIOR

Tom - LIOR did their annual support drop to the Veteran's Association - This year was single use toiletries and other personal supplies. Our Holiday event and awards ceremony was last weekend 1/15/22. It was another great turn-out. The club hosted over 40 runs in 2021 and the calendar is under development for this year. Club interest and registration continues to increase.

E4W

Roc - The club continues to host monthly board and bi-monthly member meetings and is working on a 2022 schedule

JT4X4

Roc - The Toys for Tots was a great success this year. They blew away last year's collected toy count of 248 and exceeded their goal of 300. Thanks were shared with all clubs for their participation and support.

PJ

Rich Banfield

Patriot Jeepers, Inc supports NOVA even if you don't see our members at the NOVA

meetings.

Patriot Jeepers would like to throw this out to NOVA. We would like to host a meeting at The Farm in Becket, MA. For the last 9 months we have been cutting trails Green, Blue and Black on 50 acres we have permission to 4wheel on. Call me 508-340-1488 day of meeting to talk about possible dates.

Patriot Jeepers will host our Jeep Fest on May 14th at the Farm in Becket, MA and there may be a few spots open for NOVA members.

Contact Rich Banfield <!-- e -->PatriotJeepers@gmail.com<!-- e --> or contact me on messenger

CDJW

The club currently has 70 members and has elected new Board members. They are currently working on their 2022 run calendar and may tentatively be able to host our next quarterly.

April meeting in a campground north of Lake George. They are going to see if they can make that work and get back to Justin and Kevin.

NORA

Tony C - The Club continues to see significant growth. We saw another year of 50%+ growth and currently sit at over 100 members.

We recently elected a new Trail Coordinator; Jeff Harper. Jeff works at The 4x4 Place in New Jersey. All other Officers remain the same. This change has been passed along to Bob.

Jeff, our new Trail Coordinator, is working on our 2022 calendar.

We are close to releasing our new Club website.

Clubs not in attendance:

NYCJC

NTC

NJJA

Bay State

Rockaholics

Motion to adjourn:

1st : Justin Golden 2nd : Kevin Gennodie

Time: 09:40

Nova Meeting Minutes May 7, 2022

Meeting Location: Zoom

Meeting Start Time: 9:00

Attendees via Zoom

Justin Golden HV4W NOVA Chairman

Ken Gennodie HV4W NOVA Co-Chairman

Joe Cosentino LIOR stand-in NOVA Recording Secretary

Michael Spiller HV4W NOVA Treasurer

Bob Blair LIOR NOVA Communication Officer

Ken Pannone NJJA

Chris Amadon CDJW

Bob Fischer NJJA

Mike Dickinson ECOJOCS

Introductions - Justin Golden

Last Meeting in January 2022 was held via Zoom due to weather and trail conditions at the originally scheduled NORA Property

Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve October minutes Previously shared via e-mail :

1st: Ken 2nd: Bob Blair

Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: (\$16,968.93) We are expecting dues from: Hudson Valley, Capital District and NYC. NJJA may be sending dues. Rhode Island Trail Slayers not likely.

We wrote a check to JT4x4 for \$385 for reimbursement for Toys for Tots. This is on top of \$300, first check.

Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA)

Did the software for trailfest.

Af ew clubs only have single contact, or outdated. Bob got 6 new email members.

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA via email)

Trailfest 2022 has been confirmed for August 19th thru the 21st at AOAA (<!-- m --><a class="postlink" href="https://www.aoaatrails.com/"

onclick="window.open(this.href);return false;">https://www.aoaatrails.com/<!-- m -->). 26 Electric Campsites have been secured at Trailhead Campground (<!-- m -->

<a class="postlink" href="http://www.trailheadcampground.com/" onclick="window.open(this.href);return

false;"><http://www.trailheadcampground.com/><!-- m -->). We have been provided a dedicated web-link for reserving these sites which will provide us exclusive access to our reserved sites. The link will be fully functional 90 days prior to the scheduled event date of 8/19 which will be ~ 5/21.

We have asked all NOVA Execs to share the campground and other local hotel information (Hotel Info is available on the AOAA webpage) with their respective members and collect e-mail addresses from their members that plan to stay at Trailhead so I can send them the link once it is functional. In parallel I will CC the e-mail to the NOVA-Exec so they have it for any additional members that may choose to stay at the campground. The link will default to an arrival date of Friday 8/19 with a scheduled check out of Sunday 8/21. If anyone needs additional dates they will need to book using Trailhead's normal reservation link - please note any sites booked through the normal process will not be within our block, but rather some of the other available sites within the campground. I would ask that all clubs provide their lists to me by 5/15 so I have it a few days before the link goes live so I can format and prepare the e-mail.

Chairman's Report: (Justin Golden - LIOR / NOVA)

Need to finalize catering/BBQ plans and pricing for Trailfest and send out formal Communication.

Co-Chairman's Report (Kevin Gennodie - HV4W / NOVA)

Hudson valley securing 130 acres to wheel, 3 parcels, 20 vehicles and trailer parking will be available at this property. They are currently going through waivers and formalities. Great for newer, more stock vehicles. Green to blue trails with a couple black obstacles. Once settled we can share with Nova. The location is roughly close to the New Paltz exit. Two plots at 40 acres and another at 20 acres.

New Business:

T-shirt color for Trailfest will be dark grey / grey family. The caterer: AOAA sent a list, the one place the food seemed ok, cost was \$25 per person. The BBQ place does a nice spread, to feed 255 people over both nights it will be about \$7000, which is around \$25 pp. Last year was nearly \$7000. BBQ place reviews seem to be outstanding, online and Facebook, etc. Justin spoke to them and the owner offered to have a food tasting - Benton PA. They will bring smoker Friday night and smoke all day Saturday. \$7000 is for Friday and Saturday. Smokehouse BBQ and Catering LLC. We are still continuing to contact sponsors. Still need to discuss a price point with Bob. T-shirts will be taken care of by Bill Schreiber of NYC. Bob needs pricing for individual shirts, and availability of sizes, and price for tickets. Justin will text Bill to see if he wants to do shirts. Editor's Note: Bill Schrieber & Bob Blair met 5/9/22, Bill will obtain needed information from vendor.

NOVA's Trailfest raffle prize, increasing it to buy additional items, from \$500 to \$1000.

Motion by Mike Spiller 2nd: Bob Blair seconds.

Vote: APPROVED

Club Reports

HV4W

BBQ coming up May 22nd, probably will be record attendance, 2nd annual, 100 vehicles, rti ramp and balance boards made out of utility poles. Games and fun for the day, cornhole, frisbee. Will be held at a park. Working on parcels of land.

ECOJOCs

Trail rides coming up, Ma Bell, just finished Rausch ride. Gaining new members and teaching "how to's".

LIOR

Full calendar this year, most months multiple events, pretty busy. Going to try a new type of event, overland and wheeling mixed. Annual Willie V campout at new place - BHM

E4W

They had a big reorganization, Roc from JT4x4 is now president. They are starting up again from scratch. Meet and greet next weekend, Sunday. Hoping to pull off Florida Vacation this year.

PJ

We have always been struggling with land, but now we are hosting first ever jeep weekend, campout weekend and trail ride on their own new property. First time ever.

CDJW

First meeting with NOVA, they are excited to be here, there has been a board member change, Mike Calamari no longer president. Andrew Holland is the new president, and Jason Andersen, is VP. Will get email addresses to Bob. Steve Rider is the offroad leader. 75 members, about 30 active, they just did spring wheeling at AOAA. More social events coming up in the future. Go topless event for ice cream. A few will be joining up with Patriot Jeeps for a run.

NJJA

Currently acting president, NJJA running 2 rides per month, members going to AOAA. Seems to be the place of choice for rock crawling. They do the Pine Barren rides monthly. Million acres of state park to ride on, but it is mostly sand and mud puddles. Hoping to learn from other clubs. 100 members, but only 30 are active.

Clubs not in attendance:

NTC, JT4X4, NORA, NYCJC, NTC, Bay State, Rockaholics

Motion to adjourn:

Zoom ends the meeting at 40 minutes.

Time: 9:37

NOVA Meeting Minutes Saturday November 12, 2022

Meeting Location: The Farm in Beckett Mass - Hosted by Patriot
Meeting Start Time: 10:15 AM

Attendees:

Tom Slattery, LIOR - NOVA Secretary
Kevin Gennodie, HV4W - NOVA Co-Chair
Bob Blair, LIOR - NOVA Communications
Mike Dickinson - Ecojocs
Dave Mapes - Ecojocs
Steve Ryder - Capital District
Chris Amadon - Capital District
Mike Spiller - E4W = NOVA Treasurer
Justin Golden - LIOR - NOVA Chair
Duane Hein - JF Offroad -VP
Mike Transue - JF Offroad - President
Rich Banfield - Patriot - President
David P Cristoforo - Patriot - Director
Mike Luzzo - Patriot

Introductions

Justin Golden welcomed the group to The Farm, thanked our host club Patriot and the property owners Gerry and Lisa. Additionally, Justin welcomed a couple of members from JF Offroad who are attending as they have expressed interest in joining NOVA.

Review minutes of last meeting

Last Meeting in May 7, 2022 was held via Zoom

Motion to approve May 7, 2022 as previously shared via e-mail

1st: Mike Spiller 2nd: Mike Dickinson

Motion Approved

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: \$18,535.45

Trailfest was well received this year and NOVA did turn a profit. The total breakdown for TF2022 was:

Income: \$10,984

Expenses: \$9,397.48

Net Profit: \$1,586.52

As previously noted, the general intent of Trailfest is to foster relationships between our partner clubs and to provide all our members a fun and safe wheeling experience, it's not all about the money.

The only other notable expense this quarter was a modest \$20 Web hosting fee submitted by our Comms Officer, Bob Blair.

HV4W has open Co-club expense from recent Zane Grey run - See new business for related motion.

Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA)

All club contact lists have been updated with the previously provided information. If there are any new revisions due to member club officer changes or the like, please share those with Bob directly and he will update the lists accordingly.

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA)

Trailfest was a success and the feedback provided was mostly positive. The new venue at AOAA was well received and the combination of camping and lodging options provided members several choices and everyone liked the food from the new caterer. The food at this year's event was much better than last year!

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report: (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA & Kevin Gennodie Co-Chair - HV4W / NOVA)

Discussed feedback on Trailfest and general costs. There will be a motion raised at a future meeting to consider a modest registration increase to offset increasing costs. The club is thinking about hosting an additional run at AOAA to better familiarize ourselves with the property and trail system. Justin has been in talks with a friend about a potential wheeling property in Digmans Ferry, near Matamoras. Justin has also penned a draft letter to send to property owners interested in sharing their property. Kevin has asked the clubs to expand our networking opportunities and post all runs that can support additional club involvement. He is also looking to engage some local real estate brokers/agents and hunting club property owners to see if they have or know of any property for wheeling use.

Old Business:

None carried over from May meeting

New Business:

Mike and Duane from JF Offroad, a long-established club, are in attendance and are interested in joining NOVA. They provided an overview of their club which has ~ 80 members and has been up for ~ 20 years. They are a part of the NEA and they were the original owners of Brookridge before they sold it to the NEA. They are also part of the Treadlightly initiative. Based on their interest, Kevin Gennodie made a motion to accept them for membership into NOVA, Rich Banfield seconded the motion and it was approved by all represented clubs.

There was a dual motion raised by Justin to increase the Co-Club Reimbursement amount from \$300 to \$500, with HV4W's current Zane Grey run expense of \$477 being included. The annual total NOVA reimbursements for Co-Club and Land Maintenance expenses will be increased to a max of \$2000. The motion was seconded by Mike Spiller and approved by all clubs in attendance. HV4W reimbursement check was

issued at the close of the meeting.

There was a LIOR request to partner with NORA again for the annual snow run and NOVA quarterly meeting for this coming January 2023 meeting. Tom Slattery will work with Tony from NORA to see what dates may be available and to coordinate with Scott from NORA at their Ellenville training facility.

Discussions related to the planning for Trailfest 2023 were raised. Justin will reach out to the caterer and see if he can negotiate a better rate and/or keep the costs at the same rate from last year. The Management from AOAA has advised NOVA that after the successful and well managed TF2022 event, they would allow for responsible alcohol consumption at their pavillion for future events. There was a motion raised by Justin to hold the Trailfest 2023 event back in AOAA for the weekend of August 17th thru the 20th. Tom Slattery seconded the motion and it was approved by all represented clubs.

Rich Banfield from Patriots introduced The Farm property owners Gerry and Lisa to the NOVA club and welcomed them to the Jeep community. The property is ~ 45 acres and Patriot is in the process of cutting and grooming multiple trails within the property. Rich and the landowners hosted LIOR's run a couple weeks earlier and there were ~ 12 vehicles wheeling the property between LIOR and Patriot members. The day was a blast!! The property has a number of technical trails as well as several cool obstacles. The property is being updated nearly weekly and Patriot has created a draft map of the existing trail system. The map is a work in progress!

Justin opened a conversation about 2023 NOVA Officer positions. There was a general ask if anyone was interested in putting in for one of the existing positions. There was no interest so he made a motion to carry over the current officers into 2023. The motion was seconded by Kevin and approved by all. A formal motion for 2023 officer appointments and approval will be held at the 1st 2023 Quarterly meeting in January.

At the close of the meeting - there was a \$100 attendance lottery as approved at the Jan 2022 meeting and the winner for the this quarters' Nov meeting was Mike Dickinson from Ecojocs! Congrats Mike!

Club Reports:

Patriot

Patriot continues it's networking with other clubs and is coordinating a run with a Bronco club for December 3rd, 2022. In addition they continue to groom and clear trails at The Farm.

Ecojocs

The club continues to grow and expand membership. Board positions are being filled and they have been scheduling multipl runs and social events as posted on their site. Foxy's Ride at Rausch Creek has been confirmed and it will be held April 29, 2023.

Capital District

CD will be holding their formal Board Elections over the next couple of months, President is Jay Anderson and VP is Andrew Holland. They have been scheduling a number of run and social events. their season opener is planned for Meadowee in Randall NY. They help a Win rock event this past year and they are considering a Canada run for the future.

E4W

This has been a recovery year for E4W. Roc is their current President. They had a private club campout in southern NH which went over well. They are trying to bring back Florida Vacation and they had a run planned at Crazy 8s for November 19th.

HV4W

HV4W hosted their annual Zane Grey run at Badlands this past Oct on the 1st and 2nd. The event was well attended and they raised \$2,600 for the Zane family. As per the family's request, all donations were forwarded to the Saint Jude's foundation. In addition to onsite camping, the club found several nice Air BnB's in the area and they all enjoyed themselves. The HV4W board is changing - final info will be forwarded to Bob when complete. Known today however is Joe Rizzo will be their new Trail Coordinator. Good Luck Joe!

LIOR

Working with NORA to coordinate a Snow run for Jan 2023. LIOR had 42 trail event days this year and supported several Co-Club runs. In addition, we had several social events which included a Camp, Crawl Crusie, our upcoming Holiday party and a couple community support events for our Pet friends (Doorless for Dogs) and our proud Vets with our Northport VA Veteran's Donation Drive. The club's relationship with Tar Hollow is still a work in progress and we are hopeful it continues for the near future.

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Mike Spiller 2nd: Justin Golden

Motion approved Time: 11:20 Nov 12, 2022

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 21, 2023

Meeting Location: NORA Training Center - Ellenville NY

Meeting Start Time: 12:45 PM

Attendees:

Justin Golden - LIOR

Kevin Gennodie - HV4W

Dave Mapes - ECO

Chris Pascarella - NORA

Steve Ryder - CD

Tyler Dauth - LIOR

Mike Dickinson - ECO

Tony Consaga - NORA

Steve M. - NORA

Sal Neri - NORA

Tom Slattery - LIOR

(There were several other wheeling/BBQ event attendees also in attendance)

Introductions

Last Meeting on November 12, 2022 was at The Farm in Beckett Mass

Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve November 12, 2022 minutes as shared via e-mail :

1st: Sal Neri 2nd: Kevin Gennodie

Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA, Submitted via e-mail

We currently have \$17208.45 in the bank.

\$850 was reimbursed to E4W for gravel they purchased and put on the driveway to Crazy8's.

They mentioned that next year they will be doing another load of gravel for the upper part of the driveway.

\$477 was reimbursed to H4W for the Zane Grey 2022 run porta potty rental.

\$20 was reimbursed to Bob Blair for NOVA domain name.

I was lucky enough to attend both Toys4Tots rides this December. Both clubs hosted fantastic events, with JT4x4 borrowing the NOVA 10x20 canopy to get thru the weather that day.

The canopy is available to any NOVA club that can use it.

JT4x4 will be sending in receipts from the Toys4Tots for reimbursement, I should have them Friday 1/20.

Communications Officer's Report: Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA

Web-Related report provided by T. Slattery in Bob's Absence:

All club rosters are current as per last November 2022 meeting, if there are any changes to club Officers please provide the updated info to Bob so that he can

update the distribution lists accordingly.

Secretary's Report: Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA

Initiated Contact with Trailhead Campground management (Campground adjacent to AOAA event site) to secure a block of campsites for Trailfest 2023. Expectation is same as last year, we will secure a block of sites that will have a specific reservation link only provided to NOVA affiliated club members for booking. Will provide update at next meeting.

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report: Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA & Kevin Gennodie Co-Chair - HV4W / NOVA

Justin and Kevin have been receiving responses to their property outreach efforts in search of additional wheeling sites. One of the respondents was from Tar Hollow in Hancock NY. There is a good chance that property will be offering wheeling to NOVA and our affiliated Clubs. More to come on that site and others.

Justin reached out to the caterer used for Trailfest 2022, from which the attendee feedback has been extremely positive. Initial pricing is close to last year's with only nominal increases, which will be relevant to attendee counts. Justin raised a Motion to secure the date with the vendor, was seconded by Kevin Gennodie. General vote by all was accepted with no Nays.

Old Business:

At last meeting in November, Annual NOVA Board positions were discussed for change. There were no proposed changes to the current board and a Motion was made to have a formal vote for 2023 at the January Meeting - See Note in New Business

New Business

Motion was raised by Mike Dickinson of ECO to carry over the unchallenged current NOVA Executive Board for 2023. The motion was seconded by Steve Ryder from CD, was put to general vote and accepted by all in attendance with no Nays. The Nova Exec Board below was reconfirmed for 2023:

Justin Golden - Chairman
Kevin Gennodie - Co-Chair
Mike Spiller - Treasurer
Bob Blair - Communications Officer
Tom Slattery - Recording Secretary

Club Reports

HV4W

There has been a change in Coordinators, Joe Rizzo is now assumed that role. The 2023 calendar has been created and loaded and the annual Zane Grey run has been scheduled for Oct 2nd and 3rd at Badlands

ECOJOCs

Mike Dickinson remains President. The club will be celebrating their 10th Anniversary and has offered to host the next NOVA Quarterly meeting as part of that weekend's event at Beaver Dam. Party on 6/10 and meeting tentatively 6/11

LIOR

We hosted our annual Holiday party and we were thrilled to extend an invite out to a couple of our NOVA club partners and have them celebrate with us. No changes to the current LIOR Officer's list and we will be having another jam-packed wheeling trip calendar for 2023

CDJW

2023 Exec Board is Jay Anderson - Pres., Holland - VP and Eric Gould Treasurer. CD's opener event is planned for Medowee ~ April 15th and they already have monthly calendar events planned through November

NORA

Current Officer list remains the same, they have their next club meeting scheduled for Feb 4th, at that time the club will open for potential new 2023 officer nominations/selections. Their 2023 event calendar should be complete in the next few weeks.

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Justin Golden 2nd: Tom Slattery, Motion carried

Time: 13:25

NOVA Meeting Minutes June 11, 2023

Meeting Location: Hybrid Online & Beaver Dam trail

Meeting Start Time: 10:00

Attendees

Justin Golden - LIOR
Bob Blair - LIOR
Tyler Dauth - LIOR
Steve Ryder - CDJW
Mike Dickinson - ECO
Steve Koby - HV4W
Michael Ventorino - HV4W
Tom Slattery - LIOR
Will Caleca

Introductions

Last Meeting in January 21, 2023 was at NORA
Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve January 21, 2023 as read (Or Previously shared via e-mail)

1st: Tyler 2nd: Roc

Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA via email)

Attached is our banking statement and paypal activity. The paypal is interesting because it shows that 3 clubs accidentally sent us their NEA dues.

We currently have \$17,228.50

The following clubs have paid for 2023 (listed in order of payment received):

ECOJOCS

Eastern 4 Wheelers

Patriot Jeepers

Long Island Off Road

Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers

Northeast Toyota Crawlers

NYCJC

Rockaholics

Baystate Jeepers

JT4x4

CDJW

Now that dues have been received we can continue with supporting trail maintenance and co-club events. I'm proud that we were able to give back \$ to many clubs last year to support events and trail maintenance. See the treasurer's report for description of payments and amount. In addition to the JT4x4 Toys for Tots reimbursement, the NOVA 10x20 canopy was used for the event. The canopy is available for any member clubs and currently stored at Mike Spiller's house. For 2023 E4W will most likely need another \$850 for additional gravel on Crazy 8's

driveway. LIOR submitted a receipt for \$300 (to NORA) as part of the Jan snow run receipts. It was unclear what this was for, so we reimbursed \$241.37 for the event's food. Spoke with George the LIOR treasurer about this and suggested we wait till end of fiscal year to see how much is left and then vote on the additional \$300. More information on what the \$300 was for is needed.

Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA)

All Lists have been updated as per most recent communications. Any new changes please e-mail Bob directly

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR / NOVA)

Trailfest link for camping reservations at Trail Head Campground has been shared with NOVA several times. The Dates default to Friday August 18th thru Sunday August 20th but they can be updated to reflect an earlier check-in or later departure date if preferred. As mentioned in each previous e-mail, this block will be secured for us until ~ 40 days before Event Date, after which they remaining sites will be made available to the general public.

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report: (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA)

There were 11 vehicles in attendance at Tar Hollow for the trail clearing event. 10 trails were cleared and trail marking ideas are being explored. Recommendation to speak to Rich Banfield for recommendations as they have just recently marked the Farm.

7/17 - 7/18 will be the Art Memorial run in Tar Hollow

8/18 - 8/20 is Trailfest at AOAA - Justin received word from the AOAA property manager that although he had initially stated alcohol consumption (within reason) would be permitted for this year's event, there is an issue (Assuming it maybe with the local municipality) and as such, similar to last year, no alcohol will be permitted at the pavilion. Justin is going to reach out to the Trailhead Campground management (Eric Starzel) and see if there is an option to use their pavilion instead. Worst case we will manage ourselves in the AOAA Pavilion as we did last year without issue.

9/30 - 10/1 - Zane Grey co sponsored by HV and NOVA

E-mails for all events will be sent in advance a reminders to the NOVA Exec e-mail address

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Trailfest pricing will be increased this year by \$5.00 for all price points. New Pricing will be \$80 for Driver, \$45 for Passenger and \$20 for Children ages 5-13. The shirt color for the event will be Forest Green. We apparently have not had that before, or at least in anyone's recent memory. Justin will solicit some vendor pricing and share back with the details.

Club Reports

HV4W

Mike V - HV just celebrated their anniversary with a BBQ. New Trail Coordinator and officers being confirmed. Will advise Bob with updated list when completed and finalized. They have a joint rid scheduled in Tar Hollow with LIOR and have a good schedule lined up for 2023!

ECOJOCs

Mike D - ECO is celebrating their 10th anniversary this weekend, hence their sponsoring today's Quarterly meeting. Congrats to ECO and all of their members!! They have their schedule planned and they are hosting a Car/Jeep Show on Nov 4th for at the Vets Hospital. More info to be shared as we get closer to the event!

LIOR

LIOR has another packed schedule for 2023 with several months having 2 to 3 events posted. This is LIOR's 30th anniversary and we will be celebrating it at our annual BBQ. We also have several community events planned to support our Vets and our Pets like we do annually! Our staple Fall event will be in Oct as usual, but this year for day 3, we are changing it up a bit and instead of a typical wheeling day, we will be going Go-Carting! Please keep all personal belongs in the cart and mind your hands!!!

E4W

Roc spoke to several ongoing updates to Eastern/JT4x4 - specifically he wanted to clarify there is no Legacy Member class, all members are general members. New officers have been installed, list to be provided to Bob for NOVA Exec updates. The bank account info is being updated to reflect same. The meeting format is being updated from the older Board Member only format to an all member format. Currently there are ~ 25 members. There are several runs planned, starting Father's day at Stone Gardens, then Crazy 8s, Florida Vacation (Looking to bring back the older style event with campout). Suggest there is an Arlington Run, then Fall Crawl, Mabell, 2nd Crazy 8 run then back to Stone Gardens for their annual Toy run!

JT4X4

See notes in E4W

CDJW

Steve shared another robust club run schedule, starting with Jericho NH run in late July, 8/5 Badlands (Class 4 Roads), 8/10 Overland Gypsy Tour (Brewery and other site stops), 8/17 Field and Forest (Comp ad wheeling Extravaganza!), 9/21 Rausch Creek and 10/5 a Pilgrimage Event

Cubs not in attendance:

Bay State

NORA

NYCJC

NTC

NJJA

PJ

Rockaholics

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Tom Slattery 2nd: Tyler Dauth

Approved by all

Time: 10:58

NOVA Meeting Minutes September 30, 2023

Meeting Location: Tar Hollow, Hancock, NY

Meeting Start Time: 9:12

Attendees:

Dave Mapes - Eco Jocs
Kevin Gennodie - HV4W/NOVA
Bob Blair - LIOR/NOVA
Paul Ross - North Jersey Jeep Club
Justin Golden - LIOR/NOVA
Sal Neri - NORA
Steve Ryder - CDJW
Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA

Introductions

Last Meeting June 11th, 2023 was hybrid online with attendees at Beaver Dam trail.
Review minutes of last meeting.
Motion to approve June 11th, 2023 as read (Or Previously shared via e-mail) :
1st: Steve Ryder 2nd: Kevin Gennodie
Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: \$17,313.38

From Mike's pre-submitted notes:

Silent Auction at Trailfest went very well! - Raised \$2,412

Tiered Sponsorship (Gold/Silver)

Profits from Trailfest will support Tar Hollow land and trail marking improvements

Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA)

Web-Related Report

Asked Club reps to ensure e-mail lists are reviewed and confirmed correct

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR / NOVA)

Recommended finalizing 2024 Trail fest Dates so the clubs can book accordingly.

Recommended considering future Social Media Position and Possibly a New Communications Officer Role. These will be raised at the next meeting for consideration.

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report: (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA & Kevin Gennodie Co-Chair - HV4W / NOVA)

Justin and Kevin are going to speak to the Tar Hollow property owners about having a NOVA Porta-Potti put on location for NOVA event use. Will be raised at next meeting for additional discussion.

NOVA is planning a Spring Kick-off event for Trail cutting and marking in Tar Hollow - More to come on dates and plans but targeting April 2024.

Considering improving Member Club use of Google Calendar by providing a club incentive for use of the NOVA calendar. Example incentive being discussed were

Trail fest Tickets for the top X number of Clubs.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Dates were proposed for 2024 Trail Fest Event. Date Options were Aug 15th to the 18th or Aug 22nd to Aug 24th. Tom Slattery made a motion for Aug 15th to the 18th, Justin seconded the motion. It was put to a general vote and motion passed. Trailfest 2024 will be at AOAA again on Aug 15th 2024 thru Aug 18th 2024. Unlike previous years however, all hotel and/or campsite bookings will be individually secured. NOVA will not be securing blocks of sites or rooms as most attendees booked directly as they wanted specific sites and/or rooms.

Club Reports

HV4W

Kevin Genodie - Club Nominations for Officers are currently open. They have a few runs remaining for the 2023 season and they are planning their toy drive for Nov 2023.

ECOJOCs

Dave Mapes - Nov 4th will be the clubs 2nd Annual Jeep Show at the Vet's Center. They are working on their 2024 Event calendar and expect to have it finalized in Feb.

LIOR

Bob Blair & Tom Slattery - Club had an extensive run calendar this year, several events including our annual Fall Harvest run still pending for the 2023 season. Our Annual Holiday party is expected to be in Jan 2024 and we will work to finalize our 2024 event Calendar in the 1st quarter of 2024.

CDJW

Steve Ryder - 76 Active members, 1 remaining event for the 2023 season and they are planning for 1 to 2 events per month for the 2024 wheeling season. They anticipate their calendar should be finalized in the Jan/Feb 2024 timeline.

NORA

Sal Neri. 126 members. NORA has a New Event Coordinator. Their Camp/Wheel event has been expanded to 2 days and they are in the process of finalizing their annual holiday party plans

North Jersey Jeep Club

Paul Ross - The club has ~ 50 Active members. New Officers identified. Corner Stone ride planned in Gore Virginia - (Same site as Big Dog Offroad). A couple of Private Property rides coming up for close of 2023 season.

Clubs not in attendance:

E4W

JT4X4

PJ

NYCJC

NTC

NJJA

Bay State

Rockaholics

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Steve Ryder 2nd: Kevin Gennodie Approved by all!

Time: 10:14

NOVA Meeting Minutes January 20, 2024

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Meeting Start Time: 9:04

Attendees

Patrick Boland - Additional attendee from represented club
Thomas Longworth - North East Jeep (New Potential Club)
Chuck Simonds - JT4X4
Paul Ross - North Jersey Jeep Club
Justin Golden - LIOR/NOVA
Bob Blair - LIOR/NOVA
Tyler Dauth - LIOR/NOVA
John Provencher - Additional attendee from represented club
Steve Ryder - CDJW
Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA
Dave Wilson - NORA
Kevin Gennodie - HV4W

Introductions

Last Meeting in September on Sept 30th was at Tar Hollow
Review minutes of last meeting.
Motion to approve Sept 30th 2023 as read (Or Previously shared via e-mail :
1st: Kevin Gennodie 2nd: Bob Blair
Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: \$16,480.37 (This balance reflects the \$500 pending reimbursement to JT4X4 for their 2023 Toy Drive). Justin procured new NOVA banners for the club. He will share them at the next in person meeting. The club continues to seek out new property purchase/lease opportunities

Communications Officer's report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA)

Replaced old calendar system with Google Calendar started by Justin. Bob expressed misgivings because GC has all subscriptions in one list while we have 1500+ members.

The inclusion of this teleconference took some work as did the in-person event which it replaced.

Rich Banfield of Patriot reached out for potential NOVA sponsorship at an upcoming event planned in May at the Farm. Justin and Kevin will get more info about the event prior to making any sponsorship decisions but Bob recommended someone speak to Rich about the NOVA affiliated club reimbursement process as that maybe an alternative or addition to sponsorship.

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Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA)

No new items to report. Tom just advised the club that as a result of his planned retirement and relocation in the next year or so, that while he will maintain his Secretary role through the current term (Unless someone wants it sooner), when the next Officer nominations/selection process is begun, he will not be available for continued appointment in the position.

Chairman / Co-Chair's Report: (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA & Kevin Gennodie Co-Chair - HV4W / NOVA)

Justin received notification from the state of Connecticut, that effective Jan 1st that our CT NOVA Incorporation license was forfeited as we inadvertently missed the filing deadline. Chuck Simonds of JT4X4 added that CT just began sending out letters last year and is now actively enforcing the annual renewal process. Pat Boland mentioned if Justin needs any assistance, to reach out to him. Justin and Kevin will address this issue, along with reviewing insurance options and respond to the NOVA Exec within the next week or two with our plan to secure all the appropriate licensing and/or insurance. This will include reviewing the potential need of a Gaming License in PA (Or elsewhere) for our annual Trailfest raffles.

Justin continued to advise that he has not heard back from the Tar Hollow property owner(s) from his last few contact attempts. Not sure if they have had a change in heart with the NOVA relationship, if they're considering selling the property or dealing with some other issues. He will continue to attempt to make contact and advise the Exec as to any updates. A recommendation was made to speak to Steve Mac from LIOR to see if he has any info related to the current situation at the property.

Kevin spoke to some potential property access with a Boy Scout property as well as some land, camping and trail improvements taking place at the old Bethel Woods site which he is looking into.

Old Business:

Secretary - Social Media Coordinator position to support Bob's Communications Officer role. This item was tabled until the License and Insurance issue has been addressed. Will revisit during our next Quarterly meeting.

Chairmen - Porta Potti and Trail cutting plans for Tar Hollow - This item is on hold until Justin determines property owner's intentions.

New Business:

NOVA Exec will immediately address the Incorporation and Insurance items. Kevin Gennodie made a motion to keep annual NOVA club dues at \$100. Chuck Simonds seconded the motion and it was Approved by all in attendance. Dues will be due on May 1st, 2024. All Affiliated club officers will be advised of same.

Justin Golden made a motion to approve North East Jeep club's admission into NOVA, Steve Ryder seconded the motion, it was put to a general vote and all in attendance approved the motion. Welcome to NOVA, Tom Longworth and the other members of North East Jeep club.

Club Reports

HV4W

Kevin Gennodie - HV's 2024 Calendar is complete and loaded. Several wheeling and social events planned. HV is working with several partner clubs to support joint events to increase attendance and foster better club and landowner relations. Kevin is working with several landowners to secure additional event dates. HV just recently had their annual Holiday party, and it was well attended and enjoyed.

HV incorporated a new Jeep Bingo game which included pics of the club members rigs and raised some money for the club and the game winners! The game was the inspiration of Kevin's Wife! Love the creativity!!!!

LIOR

Tyler Dauth - LIOR had 91 active members for 2023. 2024 renewals are ongoing, and we expect the number to remain close to the 2023 count. LIOR's annual holiday party is scheduled for next Saturday, 1/27/24. The club had a packed event calendar for the 2023 season and is working to finalize and publish our 2024 calendar. The LIOR Exec board remained the same and all incumbent officers were re-elected for their roles in 2024.

JT4X4

Chuck Simonds - JT held their annual Toy run on December 3rd. It was an outstanding showing, and the club had their highest toy drive count ever of 625 Toys. Chuck thanked the support of NOVA, NEA and all the affiliated club members that joined and supported the event. Congrats to JT4X4 for another outstanding event! KUDOS!!!

This summer JT is planning another event at their City Hall property, and they are considering adding an overnight and camping option. More to come on the event! Kevin noted that the club reimbursement to JT4X4 was approved and mailed and noted in Mike Spiller's account screen shot forwarded to the NOVA Exec on 1/19/24.

CDJW

Steve Ryder - The club has 75 active members. They held their Officer Election this past December, all incumbent officers retained their roles. CDJW recently expanded their membership offering to vehicle owners of non-jeeps. They have their annual summer PA trip to PA planned for June and they have a second staple trip in the works for Dec. The club's calendar is posted on their website at <http://www.CDJW.org> I encourage anyone interested in viewing

their site to take a look. Very impressive content and layout!!!

CDJW is a HAM Radio club - they own 4 or 5 frequencies and hold training and certification classes. If any NOVA affiliated clubs are interested in learning more, please reach out to Steve Ryder and he will help you with any info needed.

** Bob Blair asked that all clubs include their calendars on the NOVA site when possible.

NORA

Dave Wilson dropped or lost connection to the meeting before the club read-outs. If available, please forward the NORA update and we will include it in an amended meeting minutes release.

North East Jeep

Tom Longworth - (Newly admitted club). NEJ has ~60 Active members. They host meet and greet, social or wheeling events monthly. They host an annual summer camping/wheeling event, an annual Toy Drive at Cabella's and an annual Holiday gathering. NEJ is big on skills sharing amongst their members and regularly host skills training/sharing events. They recently held a hands-on welding class which was well received!

North Jersey Jeep Club

Paul Ross - NJJC held 13 events last year. 10 Wheeling events, AirShow, Memorial Day Parade and a Holiday Party. They are in the process of building their 2024 Event

Calendar and noted they are adding an event in West Virginia at the Good Evening Ranch. Paul also mentioned he did speak with a local property owner about wheeling access as mentioned at the last meeting, but the owner was not receptive to the request.

Clubs not in attendance:

ECOJOCs -
E4W -
PJ -
NYCJC -
NTC -
NJJA -
Bay State -
Rockaholics

Motion to adjourn:

1 st : Justin Golden 2 nd : Kevin Gennodie
Time: 10:07

NOVA Meeting Minutes May 19, 2024

Meeting Location: The Farm

Meeting Start Time: 9:17

Attendees

Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA
Josh Sedgwick - North East Jeep
Terry Sedgwick - North East Jeep
Steve Ryder - CDJW
Rich Banfield - Patriot Jeepers
Tom Barto - JF Offroad
Mike Transue - JF Offroad
Mike Dickinson - ECOJOCS
Justin Golden - HV4W / LIOR / NOVA
Jay Eckert - LIOR
Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA

Introductions

Last Meeting on January 20, 2024 was held via Teleconference

Review minutes of last meeting.

Motion to approve January 20 minutes as read previously shared via e-mail :

1st: Bob Blair

2nd: Jay Eckert

Vote: APPROVED

Treasure's Report: (Mike Spiller - HV4W / NOVA)

Current Acct balance: \$17,191

Paid Dues: Rockahaloics, Ecojocks, E4W, LIOR, Bay State, NJJC, NYCJC, Northeast Jeep Organization, Patriot, CDJW, JF Offroad, NTC

Not Paid: HV4x4, JT4x4, NORA, NJJC

Sept NJ Jeep club paid \$50 last year, no payment yet this year.

NYCJ will also pay this year, still want to be part of NOVA.

Paypal is taking taxes and shouldn't be. Need to file non-profit paperwork with PayPal to prevent this in the future.

Best way to get event awareness out, FB page and NOVA calendar. Send receipts for reimbursement if 2 or more clubs participate in a run.

4 more clubs coming in, so +\$400 coming.

Communications Officer's Report: (Bob Blair - LIOR / NOVA)

Contact list goes in the email footer so people can find your name and number.

Who gets the email, listed by club, please update for Bob as needed (bob sent both sheets around from delegates to update)

Officers can add events to shared google calendar. Please don't accidentally delete another event. If an event is cancelled, do not delete, just change the title of

the event to "CANCELED: {original event name}" so people can see a record.
Bob can show everyone how to use the calendar, just ask.
NE 4x4 events page, reach out to Rich if you'd like to post an open event. Would like one stop shop for all events. Doesn't cost a dime, doing it out of the kindness of his heart.

Secretary's Report: (Tom Slattery - LIOR/NOVA) - relayed by Jay Eckert LIOR
Trailfest 2024 will be Aug 15 - 18 at AOAA. Will not be reserving a block of sites at Trailhead campground. Every man for themselves. The block hasn't been needed in the past.

Chairman's Report: & Old Business Report: (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA)
509A2 Inc status with CT expired. Justin re-submitted to CT with PO Box and CT-27 for NYS non-profit.

Fake letters saying that we owed money to NYS were received. Confirmed with NYS that no money is owed. Justin filed Fed taxes, super-simple, took 5 minutes. Tax season now ending Dec 31-Justin made it up. No taxes owed because we a non-for-profit.

Justin has all inc official forms for anyone interested in reviewing.

Paid \$90 for PO Box, receipt sent to treasurer

New Business (Justin Golden Chair - LIOR / NOVA)

Food prices went up for Trailfest catering. Who's surprised? You shouldn't be; Smoke House BBQ went up \$500, just under \$40 pp per night. Still a good deal.

Justin has the menu. No need to sign a contract or send a deposit because we're in good standing over the past few years.

With proceeds from Trailfest, paid for all Tar Hollow and then some last year, broke even for the year. Should have more participation this year and will turn a profit.

Justin to add another person as an additional point of contact for taxes and inc.

Will look into services that receive, open, scan and digitally deliver mail in the future so we don't have to go to PO Box to pick mail up.

Still no word from Tar Hollow. Justin's been texting calling, etc-no response all winter/spring

Motion to make a donation for Wheeling for Warriors: Motion for min \$300 max \$500. Maybe chainsaws again? We gave NEA \$500 last year.

1st: Mike

2nd: Rich

Vote: APPROVED

Moving NOVA bank account to a "more national chain"? Would like 2 people to have access to bank account. Currently we only have 1. Bank made it too difficult to add a second person. Justin will look into other options. Maybe MBT? Bob cautions to watch out for fees. Bob to destroy old checkbook in blaze of glory.

In the market for a new secretary because Tom's moving. Bonus-you get to talk to

Justin while he's yelling at his son. Bob would like to hand off comm's rep to "someone in this century". MaiTai Jay is off in the corner, twiddling his thumbs, whistling, and avoiding eye contact with rest of NOVA delegates.

Motion for \$1,000 for Trailfest Donations this year?

Tiered system worked well to get more donations, companies donated more to get higher on the shirts

1st: Mike

2nd: Steve

Vote: APPROVED

Club Reports

ECOJOCs

Mike - next week 25 vets from Rocky Hill Vets hospital riding in the parade. Summer party June 7th-9th at Beaver Damn in Colebrook CT. (not the old Beaver Damn, 20 minutes away). \$20 for food, \$20 to wheel. Primitive camping. Not open to the public, just NOVA. Moose Valley, Trailfest, and more planned. Food Drives, pet drives, axe throwing. Busy pretty much every weekend.

PJ

Rich Banfield - big event at the farm yesterday. Thank you for hosting the meeting. 40-50 members. Year 14. The Farm isn't a park, but we're here every once and a while. NOVA will reimburse \$100 for today's wheelers. Justin will Venmo to Rich.

CDJW

Steve Ryder - 80 members. Big changes. All breeds, Toyotas, Fords. June 6 AOAA. Will add to calendar ASAP. New issue: need an insurance company for event insurance. Justin says "good luck" it's hard to get that. NEA supplies it? Even in NY? Need to submit it in order to get the event insurance. If you submit late, you pay more. Justin to look further into it. Mike suggests NOVA and NEA to work together? Start with Mark?

North East Jeep

Terry Sedgwick - Busy year. Event coming up in North Adams Mass, another coming up Columbus Day Weekend. Badlands shut down and so is butcher block

JF Offroad

Mike Transue - Tom Barto is the new delegate. New club email system so one point of contact. Tom will also be rep for NEA. Issue at OFR, trail cams watching OFR. NEA purchased them and gave them to OFR to watch for illegal dumping and for crossing over to state land. One of the members got a still photo of a guest who drove through the gate on 2-6 street. He was airing down. He was "trespassing". Was the first club to be on the trail since the cameras went live. Everyone agreed he wasn't trespassing and was not dumping. Hopfully this issue has been resolved. NEA has stepped away from any ownership of the cameras. Members need to know that the cameras are live and that there is "some guy" who is watching them. How does he know who's in a club and who's not? Sherriff of North Adams is a Jeeper, there is a

woman who owns property on both sides of the trail. Risk that once she passes away, the state may acquire the land and shut down the right of way (the trail). There is a disclosure on the trail info site to state that there are cameras in use. Also cameras at MaBell.

New property for quads and dirt bikes. Moose Valley riders. Developing 500 acres. Grandville Mass. Listed as available for NEA. Could be listed for NOVA. Mike to send the owner's contact info to Justin. Campground on the street. Blue and Greens have a map and signage. Have permissions from the town to use it for wheeling. \$20-25/day. 12 acres of land for parking. Nothing over 40" tires. No buggies. Must be registered and insured. Can trailer there, but no buggies. Mass OHV sticker is recommended. Can mail it in the first time. Looking to offer entry-level trails. No water, no bathrooms, no electricity.

Motion to adjourn:

1st: Mike

2nd: Bob

Vote: APPROVED

Time: 10:29 am

NOVA Meeting Minutes November 10, 2024

Meeting Location: Sussex, NJ

Prelude:

Introductions

Thank you to PatriotJeepers for hosting our last quarterly meeting on May 19th.

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Mike Spiller 2nd Bill Vote: approved

Treasurer's Report:

\$20,561 current bank account

\$4,235 - Food from trailfest

\$230 - domain (website hosting 3 years expense for 1 year, domain name 1 year)

Communications Officer's Report:

Website is up to date. Forum is up but old technology.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Chairman's Report:

Trailfest recap: Dinner was amazing, trails were amazing, weather held out. Donated leftovers to local Salvation Army. Looking to continue for 2025. Dinner was "late" on Friday. Gave us amazing discount as apology.

Bags were a huge hit, looking for ideas for 2025.

Tar Hollow is back! Dates for 2025 are post. March 29 and April 12.

Dates for 2025 Meetings:

Feb 1 - RPM GoCart - Get together/enjoy each others company?

April 12 - Tar Hollow

August Thursday night - Trailfest

Fall - TBD

Old Business

Bank account access? - Look into having each club gain login access

New Business

Motion to approve

Reimburse HV4W for Porta - Potty \$240 - Zane Grey

1) Mike Spiller 2) Paul Ross Vote approved

Motion to approve

Donate \$100 to Mike (location landowner) plus pay for all that attended meeting total of \$360

1) Bill Klatt 2) Steve Ryder Vote approved

NOVA Officer nominations for 2025

Currently:

Justin Golden Chairman

Kevin Gennodie Co-Chairman

Mike Spiller Treasurer

Mike Dickinson Secretary

Bob Blair Communications Officer

Club Reports:

CDJW

Steve - 80 members - board elections - changes coming. Steve will remain as NOVA delegate.

HV4W

Larger event - Memorial Run for Zane with JT4x4 - Set up event the weekend prior. Added a scavenger hunt for a little extra fun. 50 vehicles between 2 days - \$3,500 to St. Junes. Anthony Russo is secretary now. 2025 calendar is planning.

LIOR

Bob - No schedule yet but planning entry level events for 2025. Holiday Party in January.

NORA Adventure Club

120 members - event coordinator position - non off-road events. New members stock/slightly modified. Holiday event in early Dec.

NJJC

68 members - Pres Jim Perry VP - Bill Klatt

Windrock, TN event

Big Dogs event - great time - guide supplied.

PJ

At the Farm this weekend

NEJ

Terry Sedgwick - NEJeep is having their Annual Meeting next weekend which will include election of officers. We stagger our BOD positions so half of our board is up for election.

On December 7th we will be holding our annual Toys for Tots toy drive at Cabela's in East Hartford CT. If anyone is in the CT area we would love to see you there.

Thanks to Patriot Jeeps for inviting us up to the Farm yesterday.

Over the winter we are trying a \$1500 Challenge with our members. The goal is to

build a trail Jeep for under \$1500. It has to be open - open and 31 inch max tires. Over the years we have build bigger and more capable Jeeps. We hope this will get some more Jeeps to wheel like we (or at least me) did years ago. Hopefully, it will also force us to find more Easy terrain for new people coming into our club. We think it will be a lot of fun with all the Jeeps having the same capability. I'll keep you updated how it goes. I'm sure there will be a few builds. Some guys are already talking about team efforts to keep the costs even lower.

Motion to Adjourn

1) Steve Ryder 2) Bill Klatt Vote approved

Meeting Concluded 10:10 am

NOVA Meeting Minutes May 12, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Start 7:10pm

Introductions

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st Kevin G 2nd. Paul Roll Vote: Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Logins are being created for each club. This will allow for everyone to view only our NOVA bank account.

We currently have \$19,696.11 in the account and recently a check for \$600 went out to JT4x4 for their toys for tots run.

Currently only HV4W, ECOJOCS and NJJC owe dues for 2025.

Communications Officer Report:

Up to date. Email list have been updated. ECOJOCS email and contact list has been updated.

Change Tom S to Mike Dickinson for secretary.

If clubs have changed officers please contact Bob.

Secretary's Report:

No report

Chairman's Report:

Tar Hollow news - Delegates were sent a google form. Please complete with requested dates for use of the Tar Hollow property. Once the form is closed, we will set up a calendar for all clubs to have access to the property. We hope to get there a few times this season.

Liberty Hollow Farms - We went back in April and are hoping to continue the relationship with NJJC and the landowner. The property offers a variety of trail options and new trails are always being cut in.

Taxes were filed for 2024. NYS taxes are being worked on and will be submitted once we hear back.

Trailfest food, raffle prizes and trail guides are currently being worked on. If you club is interested in making a donation, please reach out!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

\$1,000 for Trailfest raffle prizes

1st Sean Wilson 2nd Mike Dickinson Vote: Approved

Tar Hollow & Liberty Hollow Farms porta-potty reimburse
1st Kevin G 2nd. Paul Ross Vote: Approved

Next NOVA Meeting - June 23 - Provide all updates for Trailfest

Club Reports:

NORA Adventure Club
No report

NYCJC
No report

HV4W
Yearly bbq event this Saturday. Rides on a regular basis. Weather has been an issue. Attendance is always an issue.
Club magnets to recruit new members.

ECOJOCS
A bunch of rides recently, attendance is low but weather isn't helping. New board members.

LIOR
Events at least 1 per month. No new members but will perform a safety meeting to help recruitment.

NTC
No report

E4W
No report

JT4X4
No report

PJ
No report

CDJW
No report

NJJC
52 members - Annual club ride at AOAA - this weekend.
Big dogs - October

JF Offroad

Usually do 2 trips per month. Difficult to get attendance. Moose Valley Ranch open run - 30 people attended. Prepping for big run in August.

Motion to Adjourn

Time: 7:50pm

1) Paul Ross 2)Bob Blair Vote: Approved

Next meeting will be June 23rd at 7pm virtually.

Attendance:

Justin Golden

Kevin Gennodie

Bob Blair

Mike Dickinson

Tom Bardo

Paul Ross

Sean Wilson

NOVA Meeting Minutes June 23, 2025

Virtual Meeting

Start 7:12pm

Introductions

Review minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve minutes as read.

1st. Sean Wilson 2nd. Kevin Gennodie Vote: Approved

Treasurer's report:

Mike S. and Justin are working on creating access for each club. This will allow for everyone to view only our NOVA bank account.

We currently have \$19,318.98

Reimbursement to ECOJOCS for party \$532.40

1st. Bob Blair 2nd. Steve Ryder Vote: Approved

\$324.00 for Porta Potty at Tar Hollow (May and June)

Up to \$300 spend for new updated NOVA Banner

1st. Kevin Gennodie 2nd. Bob Blair. Vote: Approved

Communications Officer's report:

Email & contact lists have been updated. Please let Bob know if any changes need to be made.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes have been updated and Bob has sent them out.

Chairman's report:

Tar Hollow news - 6/22/25 Ride- Rain Rain, Everyone had fun, 6+Rigs Steve Ryder, Ryan Veitch reported

Upcoming Dates : July 19/20 - NOVA

Aug. 24 -NOVA (Possibly)

Aug. 30/31- NORA

Additional weekends can be made available. Please inquire with and questions.

Liberty Hollow Farms - New Ride Dates are being worked on. Please inquire if your club would like to setup a ride.

TRAILFEST:

Registration is OPEN!!!!!!

Please visit NOVA4x4.org

30+ signed up in the first 24 hours, best so far

If your club is interested in making a donation, please reach out! There is tiered donation letter for clubs to view.

Food: Breakfast will be available Friday and Saturday 7:30-9:30am (additional cost)
Lunch (bagged) is available also, please see details in eventbrite. (additional cost)

Dinner BBQ available Friday and Saturday (supplied with ticket)

Any extra food will be donated to the Local Salvation Army, this helped over 40 families last year.

Thursday sign in will be at Country Inn & Suits Frackville.

Friday and Saturday will be at the pavilion at AOAA

Places to stay: Country Inn Frackville (has AOAA rates)

Trailhead Campground at AOAA

Trail Guides will get an "Up Prize" for Sunday. Any interest please talk to Justin.

Don't forget to bring \$\$ for the raffle and new hats that will be available at Trailfest!!

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Great discussion between clubs present about participation and attendance, lots of good ideas from the group

Next NOVA Meeting - Aug.14 - At Trailfest

Club Reports:

NORA Adventure Club

No report

NYCJC

No report

HV4W

120 members- July meeting coming up. Talked about recruitment with QR codes and Magnets

Memorial Ride Sept. 26-28 at JT property

ECOJOCS

65 members- A bunch of rides canceled recently due to weather, attendance is low but weather isn't helping. Looking for more members. Moose Valley Ranch Ride June 28th. Have a lot of interest for Trailfest. Participated in Rocky Hill CT. Memorial

Parade, giving Veterans a ride and helping them to the ceremony.

LIOR

53 members- Winching Training was good and got new members interest. Very active calendar for the rest of the year.

NTC

No report

E4W

No report

JT4X4

No report

PJ

No report

CDJW

70 members - low turn out at events, has small active group. Forming game plan to get more involvemen.

NJJC

52 members - new website and social media, updating club
AOAA ride July 26 for new and interested members, 30 jeeps max, 9:30-3:30 food
after, please visit web site or Facebook for more info
Big Dogs - October

JF Offroad

70 members - low attendance at events, Yearly Field Trip was a good turnout 8 rigs,
working on how to contact members better

Motion to Adjourn-

Time: 8:18pm

1)Justin Golden 2)Bob Blair Vote: Approved

Attendance:

Justin Golden

Kevin Gennodie

Bob Blair

Mike Dickinson

Tom Bardo

Sean Wilson

Sam Wajner

Ryan Veitch

Steve Ryder

Will Creech
Bill Klatt
Joseph Sojka

NOVA Meeting Minutes November 8, 2025

Meeting Location: Liberty Hollow Farms, Vernon, NJ

Start Time: 9:10

Attendance: J.Golden, S.Wilson, K.Gennodie, P.Ross, Bill, Dave, R.Blair via phone

Introduction

Motion to approve June 2025 meeting minutes

Sean & Kevin

Approval of minutes - Passed

Chairman's Report

TrailFest – Huge success

Thank you to sponsors

Food truck issues

Moving to Rausch Creek for 2026 - August 14-16, 2026

Sites and cabins are available

5 year plan for NOVA? Rent/buy?

Upcoming Events

Winter Run: Tar Hollow - Info to follow

Next meeting: 1st - Tubing and beers at Holiday Mountain? - Will send out a survey.

Financials

Bank report – all clubs viewed - Current balance \$21,134.88

Research - investing money

Communication Officer's Report

All good

Old Business

None

New Business

Nominations 2026:

Chairman - Justin Golden

Co-Chair - Kevin Gennodie

Treasurer - Mike Spiller

Secretary - Mike Dickinson

Communication - Bob Blair

Motion to donate \$250 to Eastern and JT Toys for Tots

Bill & Kevin

All present voted in favor

Motion to donate \$250 to Liberty School District Thanksgiving Baskets

Sean and Paul R

All present voted in favor

Motion to cover Porta Potty & Drivers fee for today's event

Bill and Dave
All present voted in favor

Motion for Trailfest windshield signs – trail setup \$300
Paul K, Sean Wilson
All present voted in favor

JT 4x4 & 4Low
Toy motion: donate \$250 each event

Liberty School
\$250 donation for food
Bill NJ, Kevin M, 4Low
Mikes Auto – \$250

Liberty
Porta Potty – NOVA covers
Bill & Dave – fee drivers motion

Investment / Certificate of Deposit discussion

Club Reports

NJ:
72 members – growing
Got 12 new members
Floor rebuilt
18 went to Big Dogs

EJW:
Turkey Trail Run
Lost Crazy 8
Toy Drives – Shelton

LIOR:
86 members – dues season
Adopt-a-Road – next week
Parade – Vets donations
New website soon – auto onboarding -
Merchandise – web store

HV4W:
120+ members
New props

NORA:
Going to Black Forest offroad park – 20+ rigs

Meeting adjourned: 9:57

