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TO: Ken Boeker, Chairman, Texas Conference of Clubs

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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Land Management Committee fall meeting

The Land Management Committee of the Texas Conference of Clubs met on October 15, 1994, at BU2fiards' Peak. Members present were Walt Bennett, Larry Allison; Nancy Ellis, and Don Riggs. Owen Bramblett was absent. With a quorum present the meeting was called to order by Chairman Bennett at 9:45 am.

The need to update the showers facility was discussed by the Committee: It was the decision of the Committee to recommend to the Conference that a new showers facility be constructed with men's and women's showers as well as flush toilets and a septic system. The Committee also agreed to suggest that the facility be constructed near the shed on the hill directly behind the current facility.

The Committee next discussed the erosion problem in the bike event and people areas;

At this time (10:08 am) Owen Bramblett joined the meeting.

It was mentioned that the bike event and people areas have a lot of tire ruts. The Committee discussed the possibility of erecting a barrier on the outhouse side of the drainage ditch leading to the bike event and people areas. Registrants unloading their vehicles for the various events could drive down to the barrier but not past it. This gate could be locked and then unlocked only for delivery vehicles with food, wood, drinks, etc.

The problem of erosion in general was discussed. It was mentioned that stretching black plastic between two stakes in areas where the water flowed rapidly would slow the water and help build up soil behind the barriers. It was also mentioned that the Conference could begin propagating some of the local scrubbrush which could later be planted in the gullies to help hold the soil in place. The local scrubbrush was suggested because it is already acclimated to the local conditions. The Committee decided to suggest that the Conference provide strategy and programs for erosion, possibly setting up activity weekends dedicated strictly to erosion control. Also, some of the member clubs might support an activity weekend by providing a dinner for the participants.

There was some discussion by Committee members concerning dead trees and brush piles. In particular, it was suggested that two brush piles in the newest camping area be dumped in the area, that is the fastest eroding-gully and the brush would help slow the water erosion. It was also suggested that some of the old and dying trees be cleared so that the new saplings could take a better hold. It was mentioned that the larger and older trees were the trees that had sent down the deepest root systems which were very valuable in holding our sandy soil in place.

The Committee discussed the possibility of leveling the pavilion. It was the feeling of the Committee that the pavilion could be leveled by building wooden forms, pouring concrete in the forms, and then filling the forms with gravel.

Finally, the Committee discussed the two options that would be presented to the Conference concerning the election of the Management Committee. It was the decision of the Committee that option B was the best choice.

Chairman Bennett thanked the current Committee members for their dedication to the Committee. He stated that he felt that this was the most cohesive group that he had worked with.

With no more business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05.

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Owen B. Nancy E. Don R. Larry A. Bill C.