

## HV4W Meeting Minutes – Monday 9/16/24

### Call to Order

Time: 8:02 PM

Check Roll Call: Checked

Visitors: None [mentioned]

[Handwritten] minutes from last meeting read & accepted

### President Report:

#### 1. NOVA

- a. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting coming up, date TBD
  - i. Joint meeting & ride in November
- b. Trailfest 2025 dates selected & posted

#### 2. NEA

- a. Meeting minutes for quarterly meeting passed around
- b. 11/2/24 – Meeting/ride w/ J&T4x4 in Niantic, CT
  - i. City Hall?

#### 3. McMorris Wedding

- a. Congratulations Colin...
- b. No one is showing to the wedding, “we’re all wheeling!”

#### 4. Zane Gray

- a. Cleanup Ride 9/28/24
- b. Memorial Ride 10/5/24
  - i. 20+ HV4W Registrants
  - ii. 30+ rigs total
  - iii. Kevin Gennodie expects attendance to go up beforehand
    1. 40+? Maxed out City Hall?

#### 5. Kev’s Proud Moment

- a. People at national events recognize the HV4W club name (e.g., JJUSA Catskill Mountains)

- b. Looked upon as leading club in our activity/sport/off-road community

Treasurer's Report (once Jarret Jakob was done eating)

**1. Current Balance: \$11,463.14**

- Checking: \$4,385.43
- Savings: \$4,057.94
- PayPal: \$2,489.77
  - Inflated because of Zane Gray registration \$
    - i. Will go to land owner or donation
- Cash: \$ 530.00
  - Less \$121.00 for ZG prize (see below)

**2. Expenditures**

- a. Zane Gray Prize – Axel Straps / Tie Downs (\$121)
  - i. Jarret paid out of pocket
- b. T-Shirts
  - i. Jarret Jakob went to NY Fashion Week and worked with Zoolander Apparel to approve the shirt proof
    1. Tank modeled the shirt “on the runway... oh on the runway”
  - ii. How many to order?
    1. 48 last year, and they all sold
    2. 30+ already reserved

Secretary's Report:

1. Russ still in the Catskills cleaning up after degenerate Jeep Jamboree campers like Breed & Lee
  - a. Motion is made to skip the Secretaries report
    - i. Seconded & passed

Trail Coordinators Report:

1. Colin's priorities were ALL out of whack, so he didn't have a report ready

- a. No grievance was lodged
- b. Jarret Jakob put on another hat and gave the report off the cuff #likeaboss

## 2. Recent Rides

### a. Highland Ride – 8/31/24

- i. Jarret Jakob & Nick ran it
- ii. 8-12 Rigs based on Jarret's memory
- iii. New trail cut – “Jumping the Shark”

#### 1. Real gnarly

- a. Jarret Jakob admits to not being a good wheeler, but then he tried to walk back the admission with excuses

- i. He had to winch

- ii. His butt was puckering

#### 2. Ridge trails scoped out but not cut [YET!]

### b. City Hall – 9/7/24 **CANCELLED**

- i. One person signed up
- 1. That's embarrassing

## 3. Upcoming Rides

### a. Zane Gray

#### i. Cleanup – 9/28/24

- 1. J&T4x4 is HOSTING us, we need to participate in the cleanup

#### ii. Memorial Ride – 10/5/24 & 10/6/24

- 1. 20+ HV4W rigs registered
- 2. 30+ overall rigs registered
- 3. Bring the family [and the dog?]

### b. Cairo Fall Crawl – 10/12/24

- i. 18 people signed up for 12 spot
- 1. People will be disappointed when they get waitlisted
  - a. How to pick who gets waitlisted?  
Who signs up first?

- c. City Hall J&T4x4 Toy Drive – 12/7/24
  - i. The property has something for everyone w/ go rounds for obstacles
  - ii. Toyota Land Cruisers NOT WELCOME (jk)
- 4. Potential Trips / Rides
  - a. Old Florida Road & Ma Bell – 10/26/24 & 10/27/24
  - b. Good Evening Ranch / Brothel (WV)?
    - i. Mojito & Joe Rizzo want to “Champion” this?
  - c. Brook Ridge?
  - d. Battlegrounds, MA?
  - e. The Farm?
  - f. Dog Park?
    - i. Local & Challenging
    - ii. Moderate to extreme
      - 1. Blues, blacks, & reds
      - 2. No real greens
    - iii. No one signed up except Mapes (landowner)
      - 1. Jarret Jakob vented (more)

Old Business\* from Previous Meeting:

- 1. Zane Gray Prizes
  - a. \*Jarret Jakob wanted to recognize Jeff Queipo for all his hard work cold calling offroad companies for >\$400 in donations
    - i. 90+ companies called
    - ii. Props were given where they very much were deserved / “5 Snaps in a Z formation” for Jeff Queipo
      - 1. Need to start in January 2025 for NEXT YEAR
        - a. Jeff Queipo already volunteered to do it again (jk)
  - b. Jarret Jakob bought axel strap tie downs (\$121)
  - c. Kevin Gennodie added TWO (2) DeWalt packages
  - d. Joe Rizzo donated \$100 gift card

- e. Low estimate of prize values currently \$700
  - i. Motion to spend an additional \$300 of club money for additional prizes (less \$121)
    - 1. Seconded & voted down
  - ii. Motion to spend an additional \$500 of club money for additional prizes (less \$121)
    - 1. Seconded & passed
    - 2. Anthony Russo volunteered to spend the remaining \$380 on Toyota parts / prizes
- f. Fun things added to Zane Gray Memorial Ride
  - i. Guess how many small tools in a jar/bucket at registration
  - ii. Scavenger hunt
    - 1. "Look for the these items while climbing the rocks. Some are real tricky, so think outside of the box"
      - a. Jarret Jakob is a poet who wants this to be hard
      - b. He also wants to spread his load
      - c. Prize = Entry fee

*New Business:*

- 1. Participation
  - a. Board members shouldn't have to be at every event
    - i. Attendance at some events is pathetic
      - 1. Only 20 members went to Trailfest, which is our signature ride
        - a. We gave away over \$10K in prizes
          - i. Mostly to the Bocs!
- b. Zoom Meetings?
  - i. Same faces at most monthly meetings
  - ii. People that don't attend meetings need to realize how much board members do to

make the club function

1. Does anyone read the meeting minutes?

a. Did anyone realize I inserted the word “blumpkin” above?

c. One of the largest groups in the area

i. 120+ members

ii. 50% active members (by website participation)

## 2. Nominations

a. Volunteers

i. No one volunteered!

ii. If we spread out responsibilities, we can accomplish MORE than if we rely entirely on the board to do everything

1. Would allow the board to focus on larger issues like the direction of the club, finding new land, etc.

iii. “Champions” for events

1. One or two people step up to run events

2. Many hands make light work

b. The “HV4W Dream Team”

i. Will Kevin Gennodie & Jarret Jakob be back for 2025?

1. The tension was palpable

c. President

i. Kevin Gennodie – nominated

1. Nomination seconded & passed

2. Nomination reluctantly accepted (2025)

a. “Next year (2026), you’re on your own!”

d. Vice President

i. Not a real thing

1. But Jarret Jakob & Nick Laino Esquire agree that it’s needed for conflict-of-

interest purposes

- e. Treasurer
  - i. Jarret Jakob – nominated
    - 1. Nomination seconded & passed
    - 2. Nomination declined for dramatic purposes
    - 3. Nomination eventually accepted (2025)
      - a. “Next year (2026), you’re on your own!”
- f. Secretary
  - i. Anthony Russo – nominated
    - 1. Nomination seconded & passed
    - 2. New Duty: Monthly Newsletter
      - a. Approved while Anthony was in the bathroom (jk)
  - ii. Russ DeClerk – running for re-election?
    - 1. TBD
- g. Trail Coordinator
  - i. Colin McMorris
    - 1. Would do it again if no one else wanted to do it.
    - 2. Nomination not put to vote
  - ii. Nick Laino – nominated
    - 1. Nomination declined
    - 2. He’s holding out for VP
- h. Social Media Director
  - i. Not a board position but work needs to be done
  - ii. Ben Brandt, Jeff Queipo, & Chuck Cahill volunteered
  - iii. Facebook Business Page v. Public Group
    - 1. So we can share & post about rides & whatnot
    - 2. Don’t want to be a “Facebook Jeep Group”

- a. We're a legit club
  - 3. Gotta post every day
  - 4. Public Page & Members Only Page?
- iv. Sports U - Beta Test
  - 1. Text blast for event participants / coordination
  - 2. Jarret Jakob used the term "beta" in a super "alpha" way
  - 3. Jeff Queipo group coordinator
- 3. Former member Inquiry -
  - a. History
    - i. A former member joined 10+ years ago
    - ii. Was reprimanded for cause
      - 1. Conflicts between him & other members
      - 2. Actions unbecoming to the club and its membership
    - iii. Resigned before any vote on expulsion
    - iv. Former asked to rejoin club several months ago
      - 1. Came to 1 ride & 2 recent meetings
      - 2. Older, long-term, members still upset, but remained quiet
    - v. Former member, apparently upset, bad mouthed club on social media saying HV4W members are not welcoming
    - vi. Rescinded his application for membership
    - vii. Later, emailed club about looking forward to cleanup ride for Zane Gray implying still interested re-joining club
  - b. Issues with membership/application
    - 1. Rescinded his rescinding?
  - c. Discussion among members present concluded with a passing vote to not move forward with the former member's application for membership
    - i. It was agreed a letter from the club president



to the former member informing an offer of membership would not be extended

#### 4. New Member Votes

##### a. Mike Smith

- i. Past member of HV4W
- ii. Works nights / can't make meetings
- iii. Trail guide at Catskills Jeep Jamboree
- iv. Motion made to reinstate membership
  1. Seconded & passed

##### b. Shaq / Shaktee[?]

- i. Been to multiple rides with his families
- ii. NORA member
- iii. Motion made to extend membership
  1. Seconded & passed

#### 50/50:

- Total Amount: ???
- Winner: ???
  - Motion made to donate club's half to the bride of Colin McMorris in recognition of the sacrifice

#### Meeting Close:

- Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 PM