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OVLR enters the new year of 1987 with a totally new executive to tackle the challenges of 1987. The 1986 OVLR annual meeting was held Wednesday, January 7th. at the National News building. Twenty-five concerned OVLR members exercised their right to vote on important issues, such as the club's constitution and the election for the 1987 executive.

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The good news for '87 is that the membership voted to accept "The Constitution" after a lengthy debate amending each item until the content was deemed acceptable and ready to put to the membership for a vote. All members at the meeting voted to accept the constitution. The new OVLR constitution is enclosed with this newsletter.

The bad news for '87, resulting from the annual general meeting has to do with the election (or lack thereof). The position of club Treasurer has been designated to Lyne Leduc. Lyne was acclaimed as there were no other nominations for the position. Nominations for the position of club Secretary were accepted by members Harry Bligh and Walt Saveland. Harry Bligh was acclaimed to the position as Walt withdrew his name from the ballot minutes before the vote. There was a vote for the position of Vice-president. Nominees for that position were Jerry Dowell, Peter Parson and Tony Fowler. The membership elected Jerry Dowell to the position of Vice-president. The position of President was not voted upon because no one accepted a nomination for this position. There are two important ramifications if this club does not have a president. The first is that we are in direct contrevention of the club's constitution and secondly that we could lose our chapter status fo the mother club ALROC.

The new constitution allows the executives to appoint a member to the position. I find it very difficult to believe that a membership of nearly 70, cannot fill a four person executive. Ottawa is a city full of businessmen and bureaucrats, surely one of you members has the ability and time to be president of this club. The new executive is fresh and eager to work, but they need someone to take responsibility and direct the club through 1987. Mike McDermott and the past executives have laid out the ground work to successfully direct this club through the new year. What we need is a leader. If you feel you have the ability to lead this executive please call Jerry, Lyne or Harry. Don't wait for someone else because that "someone else" may not come forward. If we do not have a president by March 1, 1987, I will resign my post as vice-president and recommend that the remaining executive members refund membership fees for 1987. Please call now! We need a president now.

Vice-president, Jerry Dowell is assuming the role of president in the interim.

The new executive met on January 13th at the home of Harry & Lyne. Here is what we have decided to do for 1987. Monthly business meetings will be held the first Tuesday of every month. The time and location of each meeting will be announced in each newsletter. We have decided to continue the monthly newsletter publication and to offer activities and events which have been successful in the past. A calendar of events will be sent out with the February newsletter.

Membership fees will remain at \$10.00 per year, with a \$10.00 initiation fee applied to all new members. Deadline for 1987 membership renewal will be March 1, 1987. Members who have not renewed their membership before the March 1st deadline will be subject to the \$10.00 initiation fee. A membership renewal form and a club waiver form have been

included with this newsletter. Renew your membership now, before the March 1st deadline and avoid the initiation fee. Membership fees can be sent to the club's new mailing address: Ottawa Valley Land-Rovers, P.O. Box 16055, Station F, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 3S9. Memberships will also be accepted by the secretary at the monthly business meetings.

As in the past all events will be on a "pay as you go" basis with each event paying for itself. This year the executive will call for volunteers from the membership to organize the events. This executive feels that if this club is to continue to grow and prosper we must have more interest and participation in the club activities. This interest must come from the membership. Event organizers shall report to an event-coordinator. Organizers of club events or activities have the support of the executive, the event-coordinator and the previous executives who are always ready to offer their advise and experience. It is time for each and every member to contribute to this club. We need your support to ensure a successful and active year. Volunteers are being called for the following positions:

- 1. President
- 2. Events coordinator
- 3. Parts coordinator
- 4. Newsletter editor
- 5. Phone committee
- 6. Event organizers for approx. 10 events or activities.

We have been approached by members Fred Barrett and Tony Fowler to act as part-time editor for the newsletter. Unfortunately both members have obligations for the summer and will not be able to act as full-time editor. Bruce Ricker has volunteered his time and equipment to produce the newsletter. This executive thanks these members for their assistance and help.

The success or failure of this club depends solely on your participation and involvement. If you enjoy doing any activity or event, why not consider taking responsibility for organizing the event. It can be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Call us, we need help!! If volunteer organizers are not forthcoming, this executive will operate only a few activities this year.

Please get involved, volunteer for any of the positions and help make this a strong, active club.

Next monthly meeting is to be held Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at the Dowell household at 883 Walkley Road, Ottawa at 7:30 P.M.

NEWS, VIEWS, GOSSIP & UP COMING EVENTS:

- 1. OVLR still has fast moving LR parts in stock, call Jerry for details.
- 2. For sale, 1963 Land Rover 88 Station Wagon, details are sketchy, call Jerry for more info.
- 3. Tow bar and shop tools owned by the club are still at McDermortt's, call Mike at 224-8300 if you want to use this equipment.
- 4. Neil Brewer made his four wheeling debut in his rebuild LR recently. Accompanied by veteran LR owners, the likes of Mike McDermott, All Pilgrim and Bob Wood, the quartet of LR travelled to the Larose forest to "red knob it" in the snow. Reports have it that Neil got right in the thick of things, he managed to stick his LR in a snow drift and get a flat tire at the same time. All this happened when Neil had only travelled 30 feet off the plowed road. At a boy Neil! Do the letters L.N. mean anything to you? Keep up the good work. The same time saw Bob Wood leave the PTO winch drive engaged on his bread wagon 109 and managed to snap the tow hook off the end of his cable as the cable tightened on the winch drum.
- 5. Mike McDermott reports that while on a business trip he visited Westerners, Harold Huggins and Ron Low.
- 6. Up coming event snow day in early March, see February newsletter for details.
- P.S. Things to remember: a) volunteer for a position, b) renew membership before March c) next meeting Feb. 3rd at 7:30 P.M., 883 Walkley Road.

That's all for now.

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