

OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
UTAH LAKE STATE PARK
April 13, 2011

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doug Page	Present
Kevin Kesler	Present
Todd Adams	Present
Josh Jurgensen	Present
Wade Allinson	Present
Todd Andersen	Absent
Chris Fausett	Present
John Borge	Excused
Dave Jeppesen	Absent
Tommy George	Absent

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS & RECREATION

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Stacy Stickler	OHV Program Executive Secretary

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Everyone introduced themselves since this is Wade's first meeting.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Kevin made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Todd Adams seconded the motion. All were in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Doug

- Snow levels are starting to decrease. Grooming ceased April 1 and plowing ceased April 8.

Wade

- Had a meeting last week with the Price BLM for ideas on applying for some grants.
- Had a meeting last week with the rec planner with the BLM in Hanksville about applying for grants.
- Arapeen trail meetings are undergoing for the year. Wade will email Chris H. the next meeting date.

- Is working with the sheriff's office in Castldale and trying to get them a type II side by side for their personnel.

Josh

- Travel planning management with emphasis on education, interpretation and law enforcement is their priority this year.
- Locally snow packs are very heavy.
- Federal government still does not have a budget. Things are on stand still until this is taken care of.
- They are seeing, with the heavy snow and with the bug kill, there is a lot of down fall.

Chris F

- Working on the map and brochure for the LaSal travel plan which should be sent to the printer within the next three weeks.
- Kick off event for the video contest in March and had a good turn out.

Todd Adams

- Their biggest event starts this Saturday with the Easter Jeep Safari. This event starts April 16 and ends April 24.
- Utah Four Wheel Drive Association 501-c-3 status is just about complete.
- Southwest Winter Fest went well.

Kevin

- People are starting to call for the hands on training course.
- They are starting to get interest to hold another 'Boot Camp.'

YOUTH MEMBER

Chris H sent out an announcement for the Youth Member of the council. Chris H did get four calls from youth who were interested in the council but we only received one application. This individual was invited to this meeting but Chris H did not get a response if he was coming tonight or not. Jordan Hardy from Delta is the application that we received.

Kevin will be in the Delta area the end of this month and will make contact with Jordan. Wade will also make contact with Jordan to talk to him about the Council.

Kevin made the motion to accept Jordan's application with the condition of how the contacts that are made with him go and if he is still interested. Wade seconded the motion. All were in favor.

VIDEO CONTEST

We had a great kick off event in March in Tooele. They had a lot of media interest in the event. There have been 206 hits on the website but no videos have been submitted yet.

The video contest ends May 13. Chris H and Stacy will send out the information on judging the videos to the council. Doug and Kevin would like to see a score sheet sent out to the council and have the council email their score sheets in by May 19. On May 19 at 7:00 pm we will have a conference call to discuss anything with the videos. Chris H will send out an email reminder to the council the Monday right before the 19th.

PROGRAM UPDATE

John Knudson of the non motorized trails program has retired and Chris H is now the contact person for the non motorized trails.

May 1 grants are due.

Boy Scouts of America wants Utah as a site for a pilot program on OHV education. BSA in Utah would like to focus on safety, education, responsible riding and responsible environmental safety.

Kevin mentioned this sounds a lot like their 4H boot camp. Chris H will send Kevin the contact information for the gentleman Chris H has been talking to from the BSA.

Doug would like to see the council and staff to help set up the course once BSA gets going on their program.

Utah State Parks will be sending out a press release on education and safety for OHVs with the two recent fatalities.

Fox 13 News will be doing a story on OHV safety between now and Easter.

Chris H has been working with the NRCC to get the OHV steering group up and going again. There are three working groups until this steering group; public land agencies, law enforcement and technical.

Chris H and Stacy have been working on the OHV Laws and Rules booklet to make it more user-friendly. This will be available to any agency that would like a copy.

Chris F asked how the registration numbers are on OHVs. Chris H said they are pretty steady from previous years. Chris and Stacy will get that information out to the Council.

Doug asked how the funding was going with the Avalanche Center. Chris H said that we have signed a five year RTP contract with the Avalanche Center which will expire in 2012. Utah State Parks fully supports the Avalanche Center to keep receiving funding.

By 2012 Utah State Parks will have taken a \$5.8 million general fund budget cut. State Parks is in the process of working out the details of how the programs will operate.

OLD BUSINESS

With the popularity of the side by side type II, Chris H would like to see a UTV member on the Council. Kevin asked if there are clubs out there for the side by sides, we may be getting ahead of ourselves if there isn't. Wade said that he is not aware of any clubs as of right now. He believes those user groups have just combined with the 4x4 clubs. Wade would like to see a member for the UTVs, get the Council ahead of the game. Josh and Kevin are in favor of a UTV member as well. Since the Council approved at the last meeting to add the UTV member, Chris H will get that on the agenda for the next State Parks Board meeting in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris H wants to get the Council thinking about a fall ride for the Council. The Council decided to schedule the ride for Friday September 16, 2011 and they will throw around the location.

The next Council meeting will be on June 21 to go over the grants.

The Council would like to hold the Combined Trails meeting with the non motorized and motorized trails councils to finalize the grant recommendations on August 3 at 6:00 pm at the DNR building in Salt Lake.

Wade made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.