

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2012

Tri City Performance
Springville Utah

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Todd Andersen	ATV Rep	Present
Dave Jeppesen	BLM Rep	Excused
Josh Jurgensen	Forest Service Rep	Present
Tommy George	Dealer Rep	Excused-came in at 6:30 pm
Chris Fausett	SITLA Rep	Present
Wade Allinson	Motorcycle Rep	Excused
Tanner Hardy	Youth Rep	Present
Kevin Kesler	Safety Rep	Excused
Ben Eaton	Snowmobile Rep	Present
Craig Stitche	4x4 Rep	Present
Clif Koontz	Member at Large	Present
David Taylor	At-Large Rep	Present

UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Stacy Webster	OHV Program Executive Secretary
Sherri Petersen	OHV Education Office Specialist
David Wagner	Jordan River OHV State Park Manager

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

RANGER SPOTLIGHT

David Wagner, Manager of Jordan River OHV State Park, gave a presentation on his background and the OHV Park. Powerpoint on file.

RTP/STATE MOTORIZED GRANT WRAP UP

Chris H handed out a spreadsheet on who was awarded the motorized and non motorized grants.

- o State motorized grant awardees:
 - o Heber Kamas RD education of OHV routes \$30,000
 - o Price District OHV Coordinator \$30,000
 - o Hook and Ladder trail staging area enlargement and San Juan Co Trail marking \$4,000
 - o Lake Mtn trails signage \$9,901.30

- Moab area trail and facility enhancements \$16,100
- RTP grant awardees:
 - RTP program admin
 - Notch Mtn trail capitol improvements \$89,500
 - Mirror Lake corridor blow-down \$50,000
 - Cascade Springs trail improvements \$20,000
 - Huntington Canyon trailhead \$22,000
 - Heber Kamas RD maintenance and signage \$16,000
 - Ride ON Utah \$100,000
 - Dixie NF motorized heavy trail improvements \$39,615

COUNCIL REP SPOTLIGHT

Tommy made the motion to postpone this presentation until a future date. Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Border to Border ride starts this Saturday, September 15, 2012. It will start at the Utah-Idaho border and will end in Kanab Utah. There will be a radio show at the start and at then end.

There will be a launch of the RIDE ON Utah campaign on September 29, 2012 at the Jordan River OHV State Park. Chris H extended the invitation to the Council to attend this event.

NEW BUSINESS

The Pauite Trail Council is producing a quarterly newsletter. This is produced by a friends group of the Pauite Trail and this is a way they are hoping to raise funds for trail maintenance.

The Pauite Trail Council also produced a small brochure for the Pauite ATV trail system.

The one sticker registration was presented to the State Parks Board and we are now working with DMV to implement this. Starting January 1, 2013 the one sticker registration will be in place.

We removed a rule, R651-408-1 through 4, concerning the OHV education safety instructors. Since we are not offering these classes any more this rule is void.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Clif

- Handed out a management guidelines for OHV recreation book

- NOHVCC has created a guide to the best OHV trail design, construction and maintenance. This will be free for the electronic version. If they are to publish this book they will need to find funding.
- April 20, 2013 there will be a Fallen Peace Officer trail ride which is a fund raiser for law enforcement officers and their families, who have been wounded in the line of duty. More information at www.upoa.org

Craig

- Trying to organize things for Public Lands Day
- Second Saturday of January 'Winter on the Rocks' rock crawling event at Sand Hollow
- The club would like to extend to the Council there help with any service projects they need help with

Tanner

- Hitting the races hard

Ben

- Rockin' Utah event at Soldier Hollow was successful
- Boon Doctors film premier will be September 20, 2012 at Brewvies, this will be a fund raiser for the Utah Avalanche Center
- Snow Show October 26 and 27 at the South Jordan Equestrian Center

Tommy

- Managed to secure a snowmobile for the Utah Avalanche Center through Polaris. They have done this since 2006.

Tommy motioned to take a ten minute break. Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting stopped at 7:00 and resumed at 7:10.

Josh

- Uinta-Wasatch-Cache RD has a new forest superintendant, Dave
- With fire restrictions throughout the summer, visitation was down almost 80%, the people who were out are the more experienced users who know the laws and rules. Was a good experience to talk to these folks.
- Three events for Public Lands Day
- Has submitted projects for Title 2 funds
- Working on NEPA, environmental documents on a big scale
- Timber sale for old spruce in certain areas. Clearing these trees will provide small riding opportunities.
- Soap Stone area trying to get a part of the trail re-opened to connect existing routes to make a figure eight trail
- Found funding for numerous projects
- Soap Stone/Current Creek area now has more riding opportunities

David

- Fairview now has a so called OHV Club and they will be having their first ride at the end of September on the Arapeen Trail system. They are looking at trying to clean up some of the trails in the area.
- County roads are open to OHVs
- In the works, the trail from the north parking lot of the Skyline Trail will be open to the south parking lot

Todd

- Sevier County, Sanpete County has many beautiful trails, he is working on getting the word out of these trails

Chris F

- RIDE ON campaign
- Ongoing to work with the counties to resolve county road claims on SITLA lands, have gone through all of the counties that have class B roads. They will work next with counties that have class D roads.
- Board of Trustees will be touring the La Sal's in October
- Working with Clif to get some of their personnel out on the trails

Sherri

- Education numbers
- Side by side brochure
- Adventure Ride
- Hands on providers

PROGRAM UPDATE

Sherri conducted ATV rodeos last year and has conducted a couple this year. She did an all women's ride which was very successful.

Written support letters to Monitcello Field office, Dixie NF, Mt Carmel Junction

New Deputy Director of State Parks and Recreation is Jeff Rasmussen. He comes from our Northern Region. He was the manager at Yuba, has worked at Coral Pink

Chris' report

- He and Dale attended the Bryce ATV rally, had a great time.
- He and Dale attended the Pauite UTV jamboree
- Had an opportunity to get out and review fire damage around the state.
- Was able to get out on the Pine Valley District in the Pansaguant area.
- Also got out in the Ashley NF with Don Jaques.
- BLM statewide workshop gave a presentation on our trail patrol
- Cedar City BLM office travel management planning team
- Relooking and evaluating snowmobile poles
- Utah Snowmobile Association working on an open air demo
- Dale has been on the trail cat working with:

- Logan District
- Price BLM field office
- Eagle Mountain has open routes to OHV use
- Intern Steve Patterson revamped our education trailer
 - Rewrap of trailer
 - Four educational trunks
 - Contract for people to check out trailer
 - Simulator, ATV and snowmobile
- Approved for OHV capitol development funds
- Tasked with getting a GIS mapping system, put maps on website
 - Dale will get the snowmobile maps online this year
- Ogden Standard Examiner, nice article
- Dissolving the snow grooming hotlines, public will have to access our website or call our office
- Connector route out of Scofield State Park, will open up four state park opportunities
- Bear Lake presentation with Lake Town Council and Rich County, connector routes
- SITLA secure additional trailheads

Next Council meeting at Strawberry complex, with a trail ride, tentatively January 25-26. Josh and Chris will provide more information.

State Parks presented Tommy with a 'Thank You' plaque for his participation with the Rockin' Utah events and the things he does for the Division.

David made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tommy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.