

OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Utah Lake State Park
January 12, 2011

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doug Page	Snowmobile Rep	Present
Josh Jurgensen	Forest Service Rep	Present
Todd Andersen	ATV Rep	Present
Kevin Kesler	Safety Rep	Present
Chris Fausett	SITLA Rep	Present
Todd Adams	4X4 Rep	Present
John Borg	Member at Large	Present
Dave Jeppesen	BLM Rep	Present
Wade Allinson	Motorcycle Rep	Excused

Tommy George Guest

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND PERSONELL

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Fred Hayes	Deputy Director
Stacy Stickler	OHV Executive Secretary

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Fred introduced Chris as the new OHV Program Manager.

Chris thanked the Council for the opportunity to work with them.

APPROVAL OF APRIL AND JULY 2010 MINUTES

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Todd Anderson

- Still working on finding an urban trail/ATV recreational area closer to the Wasatch Front.

Josh

- Working on maps to be more user-friendly.
- Travel management is still number one priority in the FS Region 4.

- Nation wide is talking about working on the travel management rule with minimal route issues.
- Budgets are still a big issue
- Wasatch-Cache working on a new recreation planning strategy.
- Search and rescues up this year with snow levels.

Chris Faucett

- Continue working on La Sal Mountains project. Chris showed a PSA on their work down there.

Todd Adams

- Events coming up:
 - Southwest Crawl Fest January 15th and 16th at Sand Hollow
 - Winter on the Rocks February 18th and 19th at Sand Hollow
 - Easter Jeep Safari April 16 through the 24 in Moab
- Still working on the 501c3 status, should be complete by the end of January.
- Working on training members to become instructors on training people how to drive four by fours.

Dave

- Vernal, Price, St. George and Cedar City field offices are in the process of the amendment of their travel plans.
- Cedar City is working on the travel plan process and land use plan process separately.
- Cedar City is reviewing the OHV area designations.
- West Mountain, Prospector Trail projects going on.
- BLM focus with the new administration is on youth group projects.
- Wild Lands is a big priority with administration; inventory and planning guidance. Travel management and OHV management in Utah is more up to date than most states.

Kevin

- Focus through 4H is education and safety; youth wearing safety equipment (i.e. helmets) and youth on farms riding machines without certification.
- 4H is focusing on three new areas:
 - Science Engineering Technology GPS units
 - Healthy living mandate – reducing risk, nutrition
 - Citizenship – ride responsibly
- Family camps are in the works; where youth and families are doing things together.

John

- Working on BLM permits and trail work.
- Working with SITLA on a permit in the St. George area.

Doug

- Snow is good grooming has started!

NEW BUSINESS

SITLA/Utah State Parks and Recreation
RIDE ON! Video Contest

The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA), the Larry H. Miller Group, Utah State Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle Program, and Plaza Cycle co-sponsor the RIDE ON! Video Contest.

The winning videos will be used by SITLA and Utah State Parks to communicate the importance of protecting and respecting SITLA lands, and share safe OHV riding messages.

- Contest is open from March 1 through May 31, 2011
- Contest is open to everyone, and will be judged in these categories: School Team, 8 – 12, 13 – 17; and 18+
- Enter on your own or submit with your school class/team
- Each person or school team may submit only one video
- Videos may not exceed two minutes
- Videos must communicate the importance of protecting SITLA lands and benefits to school children, and include at least two OHV safety rules listed below
- A total of \$6500 (?) in prizes: Grand prize TBD; and first, second and third (amount TBD) will be awarded in each of five categories listed above
- Videos must be uploaded to YouTube (site TBD) by 11:59 p.m. MST Tuesday, May 31, 2011
- All contest information and rules, downloads such as photo releases, and link to YouTube will be located at stateparks.utah.gov/ohvvideocontest
- Videos will be judged by a panel to include representatives from: SITLA, Utah State Parks, Larry H. Miller Group, Utah OHV Advisory Council and various OHV riding clubs

SITLA Message

OHV Safety Rules

1. Always wear a helmet and other protective gear, including a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, over-the-ankle boots and gloves.
2. Never ride on public roads - another vehicle could hit you.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle, nor more than an operator and passenger on an OHV designed for two persons.
5. Ride an OHV that's right for your size.
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; OHVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.

8. Get certified. Utah law requires youth eight to 16 to be certified before riding an OHV on public lands. Visit stateparks.utah.gov/ohv for the online course.

Chris suggested to the Council to have Tommy George on the Council as the dealer rep. Tommy gave the Council a background on him. Kevin made the motion to suggest to the Utah State Parks Board Tommy as the Dealer Rep. Todd Anderson seconded, all were in favor.

Chris suggested to the Council to dissolve the youth member of the council since this position has not been filled for the last six years and replace that with a Type II (side by side, UTV) rep. Kevin brought up that a youth member would be very beneficial and it's a different area to represent. Kevin asked if there was a maximum number on the Council. Chris said that it needs to be a discussion from the Council to add another member and then that will need to go through the Parks Board to approve ten members.

Dave asked about the definition of the youth member, maybe look into changing the age requirements to that position. Stacy will send out the definition of the youth member as it is now with suggested wording changes (age requirement change, term length change) to the Council and have the Council vote for that through email. Todd Anderson would like to see the term year reduced.

Todd Anderson made the motion to add the UTV member and to change the youth member age to 14-24 years old with a term of one year minimum with a two year maximum and an option of reappointment. Kevin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chris would like the Council to think about a strategic plan for the OHV program and would like to reserve time at the next meeting to brainstorm ideas for the strategic plan.

Josh asked about the RTP progress and status. Chris will talk to John Knudson and make sure where we are.

Todd Adams made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Todd Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.