

OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
UTAH LAKE STATE PARK
JUNE 21, 2011

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doug Page	Present
John Borg	Present
Josh Jurgensen	Present
Wade Allinson	Present
Todd Anderson	Present
Chris Fausett	Present – came in at 6:00 pm
Dave Jeppeson	Present – came in at 6:05 pm
Tommy George	Present
Tanner Hardy	Present
Kevin Kesler	Excused
Todd Adams	Excused

DIVISION OF UTAH STATE PARKS STAFF

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Stacy Stickler	OHV Executive Secretary

GUESTS

Ben Eaton	Tri City Performance
Jordan Hardy	Tanner's mom

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

Tanner introduced himself; he is the newest member of the Council as the Youth Member.

Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

Todd

- Handing out maps
- Still working on an urban riding facility in Utah County

Jordan

- National motorcycle ride out at Little Sahara 260 dirt bike 69 minis, numbers are low, 50 mile race, 60 mile race, Tanner and his dad were the chairmen of the 60 mile, May 21

Wade

- Desert race in Price on July 14-15
- Arapeen committee up and going but the higher trails are still snowed in, been working on the lower trails, have been putting out trail counters out for the Forest Service
- Legislative ride with USALL behind reef trail, big success, very impressed with quality of trail

John

- Meetings with Rec staff and Logan District about grants, not too interested
- Trails are under a lot of snow still
- Motorcycle trials event during the summer games in Cedar City turned out well
- Working on trials permits with the BLM

Tommy

- Been out on the trails, still a lot of snow
- Working with land managers on trail issues

Josh

- Up north record snow pack, working on issues with the flooding situation and funding for those issues
- Dealing with beetle kill and downed tree issues

Dave

- Cedar RMP is underway still; verification of trails underway for travel management plan
- St George travel management plan underway
- Travel management and land management plans will need to have an amendment for sage grouse habitat issues
- Travel management guidance manuals underway
- Implementation of travel plans underway

Chris Fausett

- Waiting for the snow to melt on the Lasal Mountains to get some work done; implementation of travel plan and signage, Lake Mtn will be their next focus
- Ride On! Video contest went well, good event to hand out the prizes

Doug

- USA held new elections for board members, working on goals and other issues

- Concerned with the water levels on trails, get a news release for people to stay off high ground for the next two weeks, people starting new trails to get around anything in their way

Chris Haller suggested to Josh and Chris Fausett to have their agencies and Utah State Parks to send out press releases that are similar to stay out of the higher areas to reduce resource damage.

Chris Haller

- NRCC OHV Steering group has resurrected the technical team. They are working on working with the higher management of the land management agencies to get them involved.
- Communications team are working on a pilot program getting the Forest Service, BLM, State Parks to partner with Tread Lightly to have the same public messages sent out to the public.
- Dale has been out with the trail cat working on trails.
- Ride On! Video contest was a success and we will be involved in this program next year.
- July 1 our staff will be losing the OHV education specialist position, the education program is not being closed down, the education program is still online and will still be handled through our office.
- ATV Rodeos will start this weekend and be held throughout the summer.

Chris H asked the Council to think about an increase on the snowmobile registration. John asked if State Parks was going to approach the Legislatures on getting the cap removed on the gas tax. Chris H stated State Parks has been advised not to go after that next year. Doug commented if the cap on the gas tax was removed, the State would make more revenue from the gas tax than if we raise the registration. Chris H will take the Council's comments to the Deputy Director over Operations.

GRANT PRIORITIZATION

#	PROJECT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	NOTES
1	MARKING MOTORCYCLE & ATV TRAILS	\$29,350.00	
3	MAINTENANCE & SIGNAGE OF OHV ROUTES	\$16,700.00	
4	ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION OF OHV ROUTES	\$15,000.00	
5	ARAPEEN TRAIL MAINTENANCE & EDUCATION	\$44,500.00	
6	PAIUTE TRAIL RANGERS	\$78,000.00	
7	DAIRY WASH ATV TRAIL	\$20,000.00	
8	MINERS POARK RESTORATION-PAIUTE SIDE TRAIL 77 IMPROVEMENTS	\$8,000.00	
9	DRY FORK CANYON FLUME TRAIL TH	\$0.00	same grant submitted to non motorized
10	MCALEE BASIN ATV TRAIL REROUTE	\$15,000.00	
11	SHEEP CREEK LAKE TRAIL - CONNECTOR & DEVELOPMENT	\$26,582.00	itemized budget sheet/will have stipulations

12	POWELL RD EDUCATION & SIGNAGE	\$10,000.00	
13	POWELL RD OHV SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$10,000.00	
14	SAN RAFAEL SWELL TRAILHEAD KIOSKS & MOTORCYCLE	\$31,350.00	need clarification on budget
15	SAN RAFAEL SWELL TRAILHEAD KIOSK SIGNS	\$0.00	have them reapply next year
16	MARKAGUNT OHV EDUCATION & IMPROVEMENTS	\$22,500.00	this project is maintenance/up keep - need to talk to Fred (fund partially reduced from \$35,604)
17	DIXIE NF MOTORIZED HEAVY TRAIL IMPROVEMENT	\$22,500.00	routine maintenance - talk to Fred (reduce funding reduced from \$44,488)
18	PINE VALLEY RD OHV TRAIL MAINTENANCE & PATROL RANGERS	\$35,500.00	clarification on budget, maybe reduce funding, need letters of support
19	LITTLE SAHARA REC AREA, VC PARKING AREA CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS	\$15,650.00	reduce funding from \$15,900
20	GRASSY CREEK OHV/WALKING TRAIL	\$0.00	
21	SNOWMOBILE TRAIL GROOMING & MAINTENANCE	\$180,000.00	
22	SNOWCAT #1	\$160,000.00	
23	SNOWCAT #2	\$160,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$900,632.00	
	PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED BY STATE FUNDS	-\$100,000.00	STATE FUNDS PROJECTS
	TOTAL	\$800,632.00	

Once Chris gets the final amount of funds available he will let the council know. Wade made the motion to accept the above spreadsheet including the additional information and depending on how much money is available, if need be take money off project #23 Snowcat #2 and also depending if there is any money that has been rolled over from last year the roll over money will go towards the grooming reimbursement. Josh seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris would like to make contact with NOVACC to have them sponsor an OHV user's summit to enhance communications with all user groups throughout the state and networking opportunity for communities/user groups. The council is in favor of having Chris talk to NOVACC.

NEW BUSINESS

The fall ride will be September 16 and 17th on the Palisade-Gooseberry trail. Wade will set up someone to guide the council; Chris will arrange food and lodging.

Jordan asked about having the side by side user group represented on the Council since it is on the agenda. Chris asked the Council about adding a side by side

member to the council. Todd Adams made the motion Tommy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chris will write up a member description and present that to the State Parks Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.