

OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Utah Lake State Park
April 21, 2010

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doug Page	Present
Josh Jurgensen	Present
Todd Andersen	Present
Kevin Kesler	Present
Chris Fausett	Present
Todd Adams	Present
John Borg	Present
Dave Jeppesen	Present
Dale Grange	Present

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND PERSONELL

Fred Hayes	Acting Deputy Director
Ann Evans	OHV Education Program Manager
Stacy Stickler	OHV Executive Secretary

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2009 MINUTES

John pointed out that his last name was misspelled in the minutes. With that one correction Kevin made the motion to accept minutes, John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Josh:

- Region 4's travel management is the Forest Service's number one priority until 2014. Funding should be delegated based on the travel management. The planning process is complete; education and enforcement is their focus this year.
- Centralized budgeting process, Josh asked Fred his opinion on the new process and Fred likes the new process, it is much improved.
- Uintah/Wasatch /Cache are redoing their recreation vision strategy by prioritizing their projects. They are the pilot project for this; they are the first area to try this strategy.

Todd Andersen:

- The only ATV trail in SL County is scheduled to be terminated. Since this trail is not significant this will probably take place. Utah State Parks will write a letter to the Legislatures voicing our concern. OHV users pay fees in the county they

- reside in and terminating this trail will eliminate all the trails in Salt Lake County. Fred would like to see the Council write letters of concern as well.
- Urban trail thoughts: just south of the Flight Park and out by West Lake Mountain. Todd gave a map to Chris to see if he can help out with this; Fred will help out where he can as well.
 - A gentleman that works with Todd has some suggestions on the OHV map cd. Todd gave those suggestions to Fred to take a look at.
 - Todd was looking at the lists of the maps available; do we have any new maps? Fred said we do have some new ones: Manti Front trail map, Washington County map, the new Arapeen map is out and in the office.
 - Todd asked about the stats on registration of street legal machines, Fred said those numbers still have not come out.

Kevin:

- 4 H focuses on educational type work with the farming communities but since the certification went online they are looking at maybe changing things.
- They have a new ATV website, utah4h.org, with interactive games, etc.
- They will start to focus on ATV usage, stay on the trail, and things like that instead of just education.
- They will be working with some media stuff with state parks.

Chris

- Lasal Mountains travel management system. They have inventoried the routes and there is a big discrepancy with what Grand County had. They took their plan to a lot of different stakeholders, SPEAR, Ride with Respect, State Park, DWR, land owners, were all positive and supportive for the most part.
- They are working on rewriting their OHV rules, which their current ones are out of date and their old rules do not help with law enforcement high profile big blocks of land
- County road claims, they are to work on 5 counties a year; these claims are just Class B claims. Beaver, Kane, San Juan are complete. This year they will work on Carbon, Garfield. They have cleared up 650 miles of claims already.

Todd Adams

- Easter Jeep Safari numbers were down a bit. The trail ride numbers were up though. Participation in the Safari itself was up. They had more out of state participants than in the past. They had 6,000 participants in nine days.
- With the Association's support, Todd is working on a training program with the Four Wheel Drive club This will be an awareness program, how to wheel and how to wheel safely and

John:

- UDOT is planning to upgrade us 89 in the next few years. Wheeled, OHV users and snowmobilers have been talking to UDOT for connectors and trail alternatives. UDOT primarily concentrates on the roads so this may become a problem. Everything is on hold.

- Connie has retired and they already have a replacement for her.
- John has spoke with Steve Mosman and the Jordan River trail area is coming along.
- John rode the 5-Miles of Hell trail over Easter weekend and there were quite a few people riding out there. Utahtrials.com has videos of people riding this single-track trail and it is amazing.

Dave

- Factory Butte, with the new recreation planner down there, Myron Jeffs, received some money to upgrade facilities. They are working on air quality issues down there as well.
- Moab, Monticello, Richfield offices are busy with implementation work with new travel plans.
- Cedar City and St George are starting work with the land use plan and the travel plan concurrently but separate. The decisions for each will be separate.
- Budget 2010 is going to be slim and also for the next few years. Climate change, national landscape units, and youth projects will be their focus for the next little while.
- Grants for traffic counters, implementation work

Doug

- Weird snow year. Light in the north, heavy in the south.
- Doug has been working with Eagle Mountain City and one of the elected officials with OHV problems. Maybe help them out with route designation, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Fred put this on the agenda just in case the Council members had things that have not been addressed in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Session

SB 19 – bill to allow safety flags attached to the person instead of attached to the machine.

HB 93 – bill for OHV helmets, when worn were appropriate, fine waived if helmet was being worn.

HB 179 – this bill was to remove the sunset clause for the motor fuel tax, change in street legal ATV laws, change in accident reporting, clean up bill, and non-resident permit changes.

After this legislative session we will be doing business differently since the topic of privatizing state parks was addressed. We will be looking at becoming self-sufficient in the future.

Grants are due May 1; we have only received one grant from Moab. Once the deadline passes we will get the packets out in the mail to the members. We may want to look at a spring ride to review the grant applications.

UTMA has a clean up scheduled for May 29th at 5 Mile Pass. The State will provide lunch for the volunteers.

OHV Education Update

We went online with the education program first part of October. Since then there has been 200 snowmobile students and 745 OHV students take the online program. We have sent out press releases to the newspapers about the online education. We are sending out posters to some of the libraries to get the word out. Ann is also working on PSAs as well. Fred asked Ann about if she has looked at schools

Right now we have one online provider for snowmobile and one for OHV, we have one program in the works for snowmobile and OHV.

We are going to have supplemental hands on training for the kids whose parents are not comfortable having their children just take the online test. The parents are first time riders as well. We have the authority to look at other programs and honor those programs if they meet a certain set of requirements.

Earth day is tomorrow so please get out and ride.

Fred wanted to put the idea of eliminating the reciprocity of the non-resident OHV user permits to the Council. Utah's neighboring states do not have a reciprocity program.

Josh asked about the funding for the RTP grants. Fred isn't sure but thinks the RTP money is about \$300,000 and \$175,000 from state monies.

Today is Dale Grange's last day of the Council. We have a plaque for his contributions on the Council. This means we have a vacancy for the motorcycle member. We will get the news release out this week for the recruitment.

Our office has gone through some administrative changes. Fred has been asked to take a new position temporarily; he is the acting deputy director of operations.

Spring ride: Bryce Canyon by Tropic Reservoir for our July meeting is what Doug and Todd Andersen has suggested. Todd will send out an email since everyone doesn't have their calendars.

Todd Andersen made the motion to end the meeting, John seconded and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.