

OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 11, 2012

5:00 PM

SITLA Building
Salt Lake City UT

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| Ben Eaton | Snowmobile Rep | Present |
| Dave Jeppesen | BLM Rep | Present |
| Josh Jurgensen | Forest Service Rep | Present |
| Kevin Kesler | Safety Rep | Excused |
| Tommy George | Dealer Rep | Present |
| Tanner Hardy | Youth Member | Present |
| Wade Allinson | Motorcycle Rep | Excused |
| Todd Anderson | ATV Rep | Present |
| Chris Fausett | SITLA Rep | Present |

DIVISION OF UTAH STATE PARKS STAFF

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| Chris Haller | OHV Program Manager |
| Stacy Stickler | OHV Program Executive Secretary |
| Drew Patterson | Park Ranger, Wasatch Mountain State Park |

GUESTS

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| Jeff Packer | President, Friends of Utah State Parks |
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Todd brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

Tommy made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Tommy nominated Todd Anderson as the chair as he is the current vice chair. Ben seconded the nomination. All were in favor. Todd Adams accepted the chair position.

Tommy nominated Wade as the vice chair if he accepts. Ben seconded the nomination. All were in favor. If Wade accepts the nomination he will be the vice chair. Chris H talked to Wade on the phone and he accepted the nomination.

FRIENDS OF UTAH STATE PARKS

Jeff Packer, President of the Friends of Utah State Parks, gave a short presentation on the current situation of State Parks budget and why the Friends group is so important. He also commented on how important the OHV Advisory Council is to the off highway recreational users.

Jeff invited the Council to become a member of the Friends group. The membership information can be found at www.friendsofUtahStateParks.org.

RANGER SPOTLIGHT

Drew Patterson, Ranger at Wasatch Mountain State Park, gave a presentation of what his job consists of at Wasatch. Presentation on file.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Chris Fausett, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), gave a presentation on the background of SITLA and what SITLA does.

FOUR WHEEL DRIVE REPRESENTATIVE

The Utah Four Wheel Drive Association has nominated Craig Stitcher to serve as the Off-highway Vehicle Council member to represent the four wheel drive users.

The Council would like to invite Craig to a meeting to be able to meet him. Tommy made the motion to set up a meeting at Tri City Performance to have a meet and greet with Craig. Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor. Ben made the motion to have the meeting on February 1, 2012 at 5:30 pm. Tommy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Utah State Parks acquired a trail cat through the Recreational Trails Funds. At a request from a land managing agency, State Parks will send the trail cat and Dale Bartholomew to fill that request.

The legislation session starts next week. A snowmobile registration fee increase is the only bill that we are aware that may have an impact on the OHV program.

There will be a border to border OHV ride that will commence in September. The ride will start at the Utah-Idaho border and will end at Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park.

UTAH TRAVEL COUNCIL

There maybe a grant available through the Utah Travel Council to target non residents of state OHV riding opportunities. Ben volunteered to help Chris H. to find more information about this promotional funding.

NEW BUSINESS

Utah State Parks have been invited to participate in the Utah State Fair. There will be no charge to the OHV program to participate. State Parks staff would like to have a jeep, snowmobile, motorcycle, side by side, and an ATV each sponsored by a different user group. Chris H will be inviting different land managing agencies to help staff the state fair. He will also put this invitation out to different user groups.

Utah Four Wheel Drive Association and the BLM are co-sponsoring Tread Lightly training, tentatively scheduled for April.

The updated snowmobile map CD is available.

The Utah Snowmobile Association will be launching a new website within the next week, www.snowut.com. It is very user friendly and the grooming reports will be much easier to enter and will be available instantly.

Snowmobile Safety week is January 15 through January 21, 2012.

Todd would like the Council to get together for a Council ride. Tommy suggested going to Wasatch Mountain State Park since it is close to the Salt Lake Valley. The Council decided to tentatively schedule the ride for June 23, 2012 out of Wasatch Mountain. Chris H will invite URTAC to ride with them and to have a combined trails meeting that same day. Chris H will send that feeler out to that Council.

Next Council meeting will be April 11, 2012 at 5:00 pm the BLM office.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Tanner

- Would like to see OHV safety at health fairs, etc with raffle tickets or some kind of incentive

Tommy

- Please check out the new Utah Snowmobile Association website and please provide feedback to him
- Gave a presentation to the interpretation conference that was held on Antelope Island
- Rockin Utah event will be held on February 11 at 7:30 am at Hyrum State Park

Ben

- No snow

Chris F

- Nothing to report

Dave

- Cost share budget (CCS)
- Finally received appropriation for 2012
- Travel management plans ongoing

Josh

- Federal funding budget cuts
- Hobble Creek will be receiving federal funding to repair from flooding last year
- Travel management still a priority

Todd

- Nothing to report

Chris H

- Bill Thompson retired in December
- Phase I of the Prospector Trail system has been signed

Chris F made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.