

## OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE COUNCIL MEETING

January 25, 2013

Department of Natural Resources  
Soldier Hollow Conference Room  
Salt Lake City Utah

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Todd Anderson	ATV Rep	Present
Dave Jeppesen	BLM Rep	Present
Josh Jurgensen	Forest Service Rep	Excused
Tommy George	Dealer Rep	Present via conf call
Chris Fausett	SITLA Rep	Excused
Wade Allinson	Motorcycle Rep	Present via conf call
Tanner Hardy	Youth Rep	Present via conf call
Kevin Kesler	Education Rep	Present via conf call
Ben Eaton	Snowmobile Rep	Present via conf call
Craig Stitcher	Four Wheel Drive Rep	Present
Clif Koontz	Member at Large	Present
David Taylor	Member at Large	Present via conf call

### UTAH STATE PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Stacy Webster	OHV Program Executive Secretary

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

### APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

David T made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Craig seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Tommy made the motion to keep the chair and vice chair as is, Todd as chair and Wade as vice chair. David T seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### OHV CLUB LIST REVIEW

The goal is to get NOHVCC and the state parks website, <http://stateparks.utah.gov/ohv/clubs>, updated on the active OHV clubs with up to date info. Clif would like each of the council members to look at the list and see if

the clubs in their area are on there with updated information. Also please let Stacy know if there isn't a club that needs to be on the list.

## **PROGRAM UPDATE**

Chris gave a presentation to the State Parks rangers at their ranger round up. Stacy will email out the presentation to each member. Presentation on file.

Available now on our website is an interactive snowmobile trail map, located at <http://utahdnr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/basicviewer/index.html?appid=7692beab10de4a9f958ff288a85f642a>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

On January 1, 2013 the one sticker registration sticker rule went into effect. We have posters that we would love to get out in the public's eye. Anyone interested in posters, Stacy can get those mailed out to you.

Wade brought up the issue with motorcycles having the stickers on the forks. If you have to rebuild the fork or take them off for some reason you ruin the sticker. Chris mentioned that the process to make that change is in the rule, there will need to be a suggested rule change presented to the Council, that would then go to the State Parks Board and that can be changed. Wade, Clif and Tanner will get together to come up with the suggested rule change.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Council reports

Tommy

- Hosted Utah State Avalanche Forecast Center – 33 people
- Blue Ribbon Coalition meeting Jan 29 - comments on land management issues
- Industry as a whole is healthy with the snow
- UTV business is on fire
- Snowmobile state wide business is going good

Ben

- We have snow!
- Groomers are doing a wonderful job; they are receiving wonderful comments from customers
- USA gave away a snowmobile and Kalkomey gave a free education course at the Snow Show

Wade

- There is a good book of history of around the Lake Powell area, King of the Colorado, Story of Cast Hite
- They are snowed in

Craig

- Trail clean ups each month, events throughout the year, they have many volunteer hours for last year
- This weekend is Winter on the Rocks
- Working on Jeep Safari
- New activities for the year:
  - learn to wheel events miller motor sports park-women training
- If anyone needs help with anything let Craig know and the Utah Four Wheel Drive Association would love to help

Kevin

- ATV training grants, 4h clubs with ASI

Dave J

- BLM is workinfg on a MOU with Tread Lightly
- Travel planning alive and well
  - Effort Cedar City east of I-15
  - St George
  - Price wrap up to begin to review san Rafael desert area East of Hwy 24
  - Vernal inventory the last two years
- Last year was the first year of travel management training
  - He would like to give the council a short version of the training
  - Feb training for Salt Lake and Fillmore offices

Tanner

- Very cold and snowed in
- First desert race is in Mesquite tomorrow
- He would like to use the education trailer for health fairs and events this year

Clif

- Fallen Peace Officer trail dedication information is on upoa.org
- Ride on campaign concerns
  - Posters tend to be on easy roads, experienced riders needs this message as well, need more hard core trails in the posters
  - Specifics – designated routes needs to be more defined in brochures
  - Staythetrail.org is a good website out of Colorado for brochures and information, using more animations than words and text

Dave Jeppesen brought up that if Clif has any photos he would like to share with Tread Lightly, he is pretty sure they would really appreciate those

Chris brought up that the Ride On campaign is in the infant stage. They are looking at ways to advertise so there has been a survey sent out to registered OHV users and land managers. They are waiting to get the results back of both surveys to see where they need to go. Chris will bring it up to Tread Lightly for the Council to be the review committee of the posters, etc.

Todd

-Education position role

-4H was heavily involved but 4H is going away from the ohv programs so Kevin would like to see this position be affiliated with an education entity, leadership and input from the education community.

Do we want to look at the position that Kevin has held the last four years? Safety and education should fall within each position and maybe use the 12<sup>th</sup> position for another user group or what needs should be met. Wade would like to think about the needs and talk to people about their thoughts and discuss at our next meeting. The remaining of the Council agrees.

Chris would like a brief summary along with his personal thoughts this position should go forward.

David

-Sheriff's Association meeting in Moab, they went out on the Fallen Officer Trail, would like the council to be a part of the dedication, Chris commented that Dale Bartholomew will be in attendance as so will Chris

-Trying to get a trail opened from Fairview up to top of Skyline

Todd asked if the Council would like to attend the dedication as a group. The Council would love to ride and volunteer if anything needs to be done. Chris will get with the dedication committee and offer the Council's services.

#### Video contest

-Parks, SITLA and At Your Leisure are holding the third annual contest

-Ends April 30

-Council would like to be the judge of the videos again this year

-The winner of the last two years is the same person and she is the ambassador for the contest this year and will be advertising on our Facebook page

#### 2013 grants

-Available Feb 15 and ends May 1, \$100,000 to be awarded

-Preliminary figure on RTP grants \$400,000 to \$500,000 but those figures can change

#### Statewide ride

Todd would like to propose a possibility to have the Council promote a statewide ride from State Park to State Park with the Travel Council and advertise the trails maybe nation wide. Craig would love to be involved in this. Tommy thinks this is a great idea. Throughout the ride highlight things along the trail, features, accommodations, etc. Chris and Todd will get together and come up with a proposal and talk about it at the next meeting. Tommy brought up having a pilot program and see what it all entails, Todd agrees and will bring to the next meeting a agenda and possible trail routes.

## **2013 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Historically the Council meets on the second Wednesday of the quarter. Chris would like to see if the Council would like to meet more often, not as often, or whatever the Council wants to do. Craig suggested maybe meeting every other month or every month since the meetings have a lot of information. He would also like to have the meetings in different locations so people coming far away wouldn't always have to come to Salt Lake. Tommy would like to reschedule the outing that was supposed to be tomorrow. Craig brought up maybe once a quarter to have an outing. Clif would like to have the meetings south of Salt Lake County.

Chris scheduled the next meeting to be with the Castle Country Club at White Wash Sand Dunes on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Have the Council ride with the Club, eat lunch and then travel to Green River for the meeting.

Kevin made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tommy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.