

MINUTES OF THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Utah Lake State Park
4400 W Center Street
Provo UT

OCTOBER 8, 2014
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER

Todd Andersen	ATV Rep	Present
Wade Allinson	OHM Rep	Present via conference call
Craig Stitcher	Four-wheel Drive Rep	Absent
Dave Taylor	Education Rep	Present
Dave Jeppesen	BLM Rep	Present
Clif Koontz	Member At Large	Present
Chris Fausett	SITLA Rep	Excused
Ben Eaton	Snowmobile Rep	Excused
Tommy George	Member at Large	Present via conference call
Tanner Hardy	Youth Rep	Present
Eric Nelson	Dealer Rep	Present
Vacant	Forest Service Rep	

DIVISION OF UTAH STATE PARKS & RECREATION

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Stacy Webster	OHV Program Executive Secretary

VISITORS

Chris Merritt	Division of State History
Lori Hunsaker	Division of State History

WELCOME

Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

OHV INFORMATIONAL SURVEY

Lori Hunsaker and Chris Merritt from the Utah Division of State History introduced themselves and gave a little background on what they do.

Lori believes that State History and State Parks would make a great partnership since a lot of historical sites are accessible on an ATV.

The Division of State History has put out a historic preservation strategic plan survey. People can either go to www.heritage.utah.gov or <http://tinyurl.com/qc8qlar> to participate. Chris also handed out a paper survey to share.

BLM/STATE PARKS RIDE AREA DISCUSSION

There has been discussion about developing an education area for young riders to learn how to ride. The main concern is where the best location is. Chris is on the NRCC and has brought up the idea of having the OHV Advisory Council as a working group. The Council thought this was a great idea. Chris will report when he gets more information.

U OF U OHV PROGRAM POSPECTUS STUDY UPDATE

The U of U made it to the Fillmore and Rocky Mountain jamboree, handing out postcards and questionnaires. Clif will be hosting them as well, handing out questionnaires.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Todd opened the floor for nominations for vice chair. Wade nominated Clif. Date T made the motion to accept Clif as vice chair. Eric seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Next he opened the nominations for chair. Wade nominated Dave T. Tommy nominated Wade however Wade declined. All were in favor.

TRAIL PATROL PROGRAM UPDATE

For 10-12 years PLEA had a grant through State Parks to run the trail patrol program. However in 2004 State Parks took over the trail patrol program. Jessica Farmer, a former intern of State Parks, resurrected the trail patrol program. She has trailed the Northern Utah ATV Club who has been active every weekend. They have 21 volunteers who put in around five hours on any given Saturday and around 17 hours over a weekend.

The BLM would like to get a volunteer coordinator funded by BLM, State Parks and the Forest service and assist with the trail patrol program.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Eric

- Has been talking with other dealers on a unified group. He believes there is an opportunity to get dealers more involved.

Dave J

- St George, Cedar City, Vernal and Price travel management efforts ongoing
- Dealing with litigations in Richfield
- Recreation travel management is working on historic trails. St George is having a field/partner day

Tanner

- Millard County wants a trail system that will connect smaller towns from Delta to Fillmore, ATV trails in Delta, and connecting East Millard to West Millard

Dave T

- He commented that he has been asked where to get youth certified to be able to ride. He would like to see posters in dealers. Get local programs and activities close to come
- Dave attended the Ride On Utah trail ride with Spencer Cox on the Strawberry Peak trail
- The road between Mt Pleasant and Skyline is now grated

Todd

- He has been promoting ATV riding with his clients and has been handing out cds and maps

Clif

- Ride with Respect is working on the reroute of the Whitewash Trail
- He hopes that everyone has taken the chance to get with Tread Lightly to get the free posters they have.
- NOVCC will be hosting a conference in Northern California that he will be attending

PROGRAM UPDATE

- Safety fairs;
 - Helped staff the Tread Lightly table 6 days of the State Fair
 - Attended a DWR event at Lee Kay Center
 - 2 days
 - 300 people participated in the ATV trail ride
 - We were the #1 attended booth
- We have worked with Primary Children's Hospital with their safe riding campaign. We have enhanced our partnership with them
- Attended the Ride On campaign ride with Lt Governor Spencer Cox
 - We have participated the last 2 years, Governor Herbert rode last year
 - Around 30 people attended
 - figure heads of different government agencies and the media
- Fillmore BLM in Millard County
- Eureka City now has a trailhead in town. An investor bought the property for the trailhead
- Iron County
- Interactive single track map will be completed by the end of the year
 - We have an intern working on this for his master's

The new Forest Service has proposed that Nick will be the rep on the motorized council and Cheryl Butler will be the FS rep on the non motorized Council

There will be a bill in the 2015 legislative session dealing with changing the age requirement of a youth from 8 to 6 years old. Clif commented that the machine needs to fit the child, that there needs to be enforcement and that parents need to take responsibility with their children. The question was asked 'how do other states deal with the age group?' The Council agrees that there should be a study on this to collect more information and come back in a year.

ATV REP ANNOUNCEMENT

Since Todd's tenure on the Council will end at the end of the year, Chris asked the Council whether to announce the ATV Representative now or wait until the first of the year. The Council would like to have it announced now so the position will be filled when Todd is done.

NEXT MEETING

If there is any business the Council will meet in December. If not we will set a date in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.