**OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Utah Lake State Park

October 27, 2016

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Dave Taylor Education Rep

Clif Koontz Member at Large

Dave Jeppesen BLM Rep

Evan Glenn BLM Rep

Russ Steadman ATV Rep

Tommy George Member at Large

Tanner Hardy Youth Rep

Ron Tollman Four Wheel Drive Rep

Kelly Leishman Snowmobile Rep

Keri Hendrickson Visitor

**DIVISION OF PARKS & RECREATION**

Chris Haller OHV Program Manager

Becky McBride OHV Program Executive Secretary

Mike Thomas OHV Program Volunteer Specialist

Dave Harris North Region Manager

Welcome and Introduction

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting

Dave Harris, Northern Region Manager Presentation

Dave discussed the operations of the parks in the Northern Region, and talked about some of the potential of the parks.

Non-Resident OHV Permit Reciprocity Discussion

Chris led a discussion about getting rid of reciprocity with other states, requiring all non-resident visitors to purchase a permit.

Tommy made a motion to take a vote on whether the council should vote on doing away with reciprocity, and Tanner seconded the motion.

Tommy made the motion to do away with the reciprocity with other states, and the council voted by raising their hands. Everyone in the council voted to do away with the reciprocity except Clif Koontz whom abstained from voting.

Member-at-Large Representative End of Term Discussion

Dave Taylor and Clif Koontz are at the end of their four year term. Chris asked Clif and Dave if they would accept to continue working on the council, and asked the council to decide. Clif and Dave replied they would like to continue working on the council.

Russ made the motion to keep Clif and Dave on the council for another four year term, Tommy seconded the motion, and all members agreed.

OHV Symposium / Workshop Committee update

Clif discussed the committee and listed the members as Dave Jeppesen, Eric Neilson Ron Tollman, Clif Koontz, and Tommy George.

Mike Thomas, OHV Program Volunteer Specialist

Mike presented his job as the OHV Program Volunteer Specialist and getting groups together to volunteer. Mike goes out and trains people that want to help maintain trails and keep them open. Mike discussed how he travels statewide to train individuals to become trail hosts.

Mike gave an example of the Utah ATV Association is representing Wasatch Mountain State Park. They use volunteer hours to help with trail maintenance to keep the trail open.

Talked about Nate Turner our intern, whom is creating a winterized, snowmobile based, trail host training.

Mike discussed the service projects that are posted online at stateparks.utah.gov. One of the main ones is the three panel kiosks. Contains OHV information and maps on these panels at the trail heads, or complexes.

Mike answered questions asked by the advisory council.

UTV Helmets / Seatbelts Requirements

Chris lead a discussion of the fact that there isn’t a requirement for people to wear a helmet, or a seatbelt, when driving in or riding a side by side type II ATV.

Seat belt laws don’t apply to ATV’s, but when a street legal machine can get ticketed because they are on paved roads. The helmet laws only apply to snowmobiles, motorcycles, and Type I ATV’s.

The council decided to table this discussion until the members are able to share their thoughts with Chris, no later than two weeks later. They will talk about it again at the next scheduled meeting.

Program Update

Chris went to a meeting with different clubs around the state. They created a new Utah Off-highway Vehicle State Association. The president is Gary Suiter, and the vice president is Reed Embley. The goal is to enhance communication amongst the clubs, and garner support for government access. More information will come later on.

Dave Jeppesen is leaving the OHV Advisory Council. He has accepted a new position with the BLM as a Washington DC employee, but will still reside here in Utah. Due to his new position and changing schedule he will need to resign from the council. Chris Thanked Dave and presented him with a plaque of appreciation.

Tommy made the motion that Evan Glenn would take over Dave Jeppesen’s spot representing the BLM on the OHV Advisory Council. Tanner seconded the motion and all agreed.

Evan Glenn gave a quick background on himself. He has been with Forest Service and the BLM for the last 14 years. He was involved in recreation planning and involved in motorized and non-motorized recreational trails. He has a passion in both riding a mountain bike and a dirt bike.

Chris provided a new map to the council, and the 2015 legislative report for them to go over.

Next Meeting Date

The council agreed the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th.

Meeting Adjourned

Tommy motioned that we adjourn the meeting and Kelly seconded that motion.