

## MINUTES OF THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

UTAH LAKE STATE  
PROVO UTAH

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### COUNCIL MEMBER

Todd Anderson	ATV Rep	Present
Wade Allinson	OHM Rep	Present
Craig Stitcher	Four-wheel Drive Rep	Present
Dave Taylor	Education Rep	Present
Dave Jeppesen	BLM Rep	Present
Josh Jurgensen	Forest Service Rep	Present
Clif Koontz	Member At Large	Present, came in at 5:10
Chris Fausett	SITLA Rep	Present
Ben Eaton	Snowmobile Rep	Present, came in at 5:40
Tommy George	Dealer Rep	Present, came in at 5:30
Tanner Hardy	Youth Rep	Excused

### DIVISION OF UTAH STATE PARKS & RECREATION

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Stacy Webster	OHV Program Executive Secretary
Charity Gibson	Utah Lake State Park Assistant Manager

Todd welcomed everyone to the meeting, everyone introduced themselves.

### RANGER SPOTLIGHT

Charity introduced herself and gave a presentation on Utah Lake State Park's off-highway vehicle responsibilities.

### PARK TO PARK RIDE

Todd reported the ride was successful and had a good turnout.

Chris H is working with the Puite County UTV jamboree to have the park to park ride kick off their activities for next year.

### DEALER REP DISCUSSION

Tommy George is the current Dealer Rep but Tri City in Springville was closed in July so he is now working for Doug Smith Autoplex. Tommy would like to stay on the council but since he is not working for a dealer he cannot stay in the dealer position. If the Council has anyone in

mind, please talk to them and have them submit an application so we can fill the position at the next meeting. With the Council's permission, Chris H will start to solicit for this position.

### **AT LARGE REP DISCUSSION**

Dave Taylor was the At Large Rep but switched over to the Education Rep so the At Large Rep position is vacant.

Wade made the motion to appoint Tommy George as the At Large Rep. Dave T seconded the motion. All were in favor. Chris H will take this recommendation to the Utah State Park's Board.

### **GRANT UPDATES**

The State OHV grants have not been approved since there has not been a State Parks Board meeting. Their next meeting should be in October.

The RTP grants were approved by the Transportation Commission and Chris H has been in contact with those awardees.

At the Commission meeting Chris H was asked how many linear miles these grants cover. Josh would like to see this be a part of the application.

### **YOUTH SNOWMOBILE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

They are moving in the right direction with a lot of planning still in the mix. They have a few projects in the work and have a lot of motivation and momentum from the Committee.

They are looking at having an event at the Jordan River OHV Park and also looking at having a couple of snowmobile rides.

### **PROGRAM UPDATE**

The OHV Program along with DWR, SILTA, BLM, Forest Service and Tread Lightly has been at the State Fair promoting the Ride On Designated Route campaign.

Chris participated in the UTV jamboree out of Marysvale. The jamboree had 676 riders.

Chris was involved with the congressional ride with six county government staff. They rode out of Marysvale.

Chris attended the Vernal BLM FO travel management planning process meeting.

Chris represented Utah at the Arizona Strip BLM planning process meeting.

Prospector Trail system in the West Desert, NEPA is being reviewed.

Dale and Chris met with Kane County and did a site inspection with Dixie.

Utah State Parks Northern Region Lieutenant and Willard Bay staff held a check point at Doc's Flat. They checked 237 ATVs and issued 22 citations.

Chris H was able to ride the Reeder Trail out of Joes Valley.

Utah has had six OHV related fatalities this year.

Utah State Parks is holding an OHV Tactical course in Richfield next week. If any of the Council is in the area Wednesday and Thursday they are more than welcome to come and observe.

Chris H gave a presentation to the Federal Highway program on the RTP interactive map.

Dale is working on an interactive ATV map and that should be online by January 1 2014.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Craig

\*The Four Wheel Drive Association is getting away from rock crawler activities and is branching out to the user group and focusing on service projects and land management issues

Wade

\*Getting some single track trails logged out, weather has hindered their efforts

\*Motorcycle races are starting, starting to see endo format of racing

\*Dale Orme with the Forest Service is leaving

Dave T

\*Dave has been on the Sheriff's Association working on standards when they respond to situations; their last session was focused on OHVs

\*Three dealers in Fairview now and working with them on the children education of OHVs

Todd

\*Seeing a lot of people coming in on expedition rides

\*Handing maps out encouraging people to get out and ride; starting to see more people heading out on UTVs

Clif

\*Went to a meeting with UPOA on this year's Fallen Peace Officer Trail ride; he has seen local papers thanking all who helped with the ride and Utah State Parks was the first mentioned

\*Working on next year's ride, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2014

\*Going to the NOHVCC annual conference

Dave J

- \*Travel planning efforts throughout the state
- \*Inventory of the West Desert for travel planning
- \*His plan is to have the travel planning process consistent throughout the state

Ben

- \*Hay Days, season opening for snowmobiling, just got over with in Michigan
- \*Forest Service in California has to review their winter wild lands travel plan, he read an article from Snowest's website <http://www.snowest.com/2013/09/legal-agreement-requires-forest-service/>
- \*Snowest magazine's inside cover is of Cedar Breaks National Monument and the back cover is of Brianhead

Josh

- \*Hot summer, wet summer makes work in the higher elevations challenging
- \*UTVs took over the ATVs this year
- \*Challenges with street legal ATVs in areas closed to OHVs
- \*Seeing a trend of seeing more none compliance with staying on designated routes during the hunting seasons, Chris H will talk with Dean Mitchell of DWR to see if he will come to our next meeting to talk over this issue

Tommy

- \*Is very concerned with the Winter Wildlands issue and would like to keep this issue fresh and on the radar

Chris F

- \*Still working on county road evaluations, should be completed in the next five years

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Chris is in negotiations with the U of U to conduct a user trend survey for all off-highway vehicles and also on study on fuel use. After they are finished with their studies, we will create a strategic plan for the OHV program. Chris would like the Council's assistance with the strategic plan.

Stacy invited the Council to send in information on projects or activities coming up to place on our Facebook page, she would like safety messages to post as well.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Stacy will send out a doodle calendar to schedule the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.