

MINUTES OF THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Fairview City Hall
85 S. State Street
Fairview, UT 84629

September 29, 2015
5:00 – 8:00 PM

COUNCIL MEMBER

Wade Allinson	OHM Rep	Excused
Dave Taylor	Education Rep	Present
Dave Jeppesen	BLM Rep	Present
Nick Glidden	Forest Service Rep	Excused
Clif Koontz	Member at Large	Present at
Chris Fausett	SITLA Rep	Present
Ben Eaton	Snowmobile Rep	Present at
Tommy George	Member at Large	Present, via conference call
Tanner Hardy	Youth Rep	Excused
Eric Nelson	Dealer Rep	Present at
Russ Steadman	ATV Rep	Absent
Ron Tollman	Four Wheel Drive Rep	Present, via conference call

DIVISION OF STATE PARKS & RECREATION

Chris Haller	OHV Program Manager
Becky McBride	OHV Program Executive Secretary
Jonathan Hunt	State Park Manager

Dave T. welcomed everyone to the meeting, everyone introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 23, 2015 MINUTES

No minutes to approve

RANGER SPOTLIGHT

Jonathan Hunt, manager of Huntington, Scofield, and Millsite State Parks, gave a presentation of Huntington, Scofield, and Millsite State Park operations. He presented some off-highway vehicle maps of Skyline Drive and Central Utah, and a map of the winter trails.

Chris H. thanked Jonathan for taking the time to make this presentation. Also, thanked him for working very closely with BLM, Forest Service, and Sanpete and Emery Counties.

Dave T. commented that these maps are printed almost yearly, and if you want maps Kevin supplies those to the communities, and some of the dealers.

UTV EDUCATION REQUIREMENT APPROVAL

Chris Haller and Dale Bartholemew created a committee with Russ Steadman, Eric Nelson, and Fred Christensen. They developed a power point presentation that was sent to all the advisory council members to view and give input on, of a UTV Education requirement. No other state has created, or approved Type II training to meet education curriculum requirement. Chris would like the advisory council members to provide their input, make changes to, or start completely over.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 3, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Recodification- Chris wants to proceed with the suggested wording that has been proposed with the current recodification language that the adjustments were made on in the first of June 3, 2015. The education issue will have to wait so more data and information can be collected, before a decision is made.

Dave Taylor asked for a motion on approval of the recodification changes, Tommy George made a motion, and Eric Nelson seconded the motion, all council members were in favor of the motion.

SNOWMOBILE REPRESENTATIVES

Ben Eatons' term is up at the end of October, Chris recognized him for his contribution to the OHV Advisory Council, and Ben was presented with a plaque. Ben will not be seeking the next four years as a snowmobile representative.

The council would like to reach out to the umbrella organization, reach out to the snowmobile clubs to nominate a representative, and reach out to the public, in order to get the best qualified candidate on the council. The board all agreed that this would be the best approach.

OHV SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOP

Chris wants to put on a workshop/symposium around the first part of November 2015, geared towards the club presidents. Part of this will focus on public commenting to travel, and resource management plan processes, and there will be other breakout sessions.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Our relationship with Primary Children's and the Safe Kids Coalition is off to a great start. There have been free classes taught to novice riders for free, and they receive a free helmet.

Chris discussed the use of trail cats, and the single wide trail cat, and trying to purchase a new motorcycle.

Becky has taken over Stacy's spot, Stacy took another position.

Our current intern is working on an antique OHV show, and a decorative helmet contest.

Still need to get the motorized grant out, working with Iron County on developing their motorized colored country trail system. They finalized their logo last week.

Gearing up for the snowmobile training.

They also held an OHV tactical training course, and we want to thank Wade Allinson for assisting in the training, and guiding those that have purchased a motorcycle.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

Ron:

Watching Utah Four Wheel Drive Association is watching a public comment period on Beaver Dam Wash in Washington County. There's also changes to the recreation RFP down there, and a public comment, and public comment on the Moab Field office master leasing plan that ends November 15th. So we are trying to get that information to our members just in case they want to comment on that.

Dave Jeppesen:

Mentioned two, BLM agreements that are in place with State Parks: one is the signing of the Prospector Trail, and the second is a trail patrol agreement (This will provide someone to contact in relation to trail patrol efforts around the state.)

Sage grouse isn't going to be listed as an endangered species, Dave would be happy to do a briefing on what will be involved when it comes to travel planning.

Clif Koontz:

Discussed the changes he was able to make to two OHV trails, using a mini excavator, and bulldozer he borrowed from the Division of Parks and Recreation. He wants to thank the Division of Parks and Recreation for the help.

Ben Eaton:

Ben has been working on doing some events for snowmobilers in Beaver, related to backcountry riding challenges. They are working on promoting it, and there will be a lot of people at this event.

Eric Nelson:

There's a grant up American Fork Canyon that's in the process of wrapping up. He mentioned the long, difficult process that they went through to get that done. He also talked about this time of year being a good time to reach out to the public and educating the different group of people that are out there.

There was a discussion about treadlightly, and some ideas what can be done with education this time of year.

Jonathan Hunt:

Thanked the council for everything they do.

Becky McBride:

Presented Ben Easton with his plaque of appreciation, and Chris thanked him.

NEW BUSINESS

Round Park ATV Recreational Program Grant was approved by the council about a year ago. They weren't able to incorporate NEPA into the timeline for 2015, and the grant expires 9/30/2016, and they would like to have an extension for one year.

Talked about Ashley National Forest usually not making their deadlines on grants, then they talked about possible ways to follow up on grants.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Chris mentioned volunteer appreciation dinner at the end of October. We will be attending the snow show on Saturday only, we will be somewhere else on that Friday.

Becky will send out a doodle poll to set up the next meeting around the first of December 2015.

Meeting adjourned