

## **Minutes for PAOHV Conference Call 4-19-2012**

Callers:

Dick Lepley  
Don McClure  
Jack Clark  
Jim Hovey  
Rob Gorczyk  
Bob Connor  
Fred Brown

### **Introduction**

Dick Lepley opened the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

### **Minutes of 3-15-2012**

The board voted by acclamation to accept the March 15, 2012 minutes.

### **Finance Report**

Removed to maintain confidentiality.

### **ANF Grant**

Jim Hovey reported that the ANF grant has stalled pending bureaucratic action within the ANF staff. Internal matters must be clarified before PaOHV can take further steps. PaOHV will meet with AFN Staff on May 19.

### **NOHVCC and AOAA Update**

Dick Lepley reported that the NOHVCC workshop planning process is well under way. Advertising for the workshop will begin within the week. The workshop will be held at the Best Western Country Cupboard in Lewisburg June 7 to 9.

The first day will be devoted to workshops and discussion. The second day will be a ride at AOAA. The third day will focus on study and discussion. Tom Crimmins, Karen Umphress, and Jack Terrell will be presenters. PaOHV may be called to staff a presentation. Marketing will be conducted jointly by NOHVCC, DCNR, and PaOHV.

### **Dollars for Dirt**

The board discussed Denny Mann's idea designed to raise awareness among vendors of the impact motorized recreation has on their financial well being. Conceptually, riders will distribute a card reminding a vendor that the purchase was tied to motorized. A dollar figure will be written on the card. The card will ask the vendor to remember the origin of the purchase and invite him to seek more information on ohv recreation.

There was discussion about utilizing this tool to create a dataset. Jack Clark suggested that the data collected would be useful but could not be relied upon as statistically valid.

### **DCNR Grants**

Bob Connor reported that the new budget for the 2011 grant has been prepared and submitted. As such, the budget reflects the \$5,000 reduction between the grant request and the actual award. At this time, DCNR will issue the financing on its schedule.

Mr. Connor, Mr. Lepley and Mr. Bruggeman filed a 2012 grant application on April 2 expand the SCORE education program. The request is for \$38,000 to make presentations. PaOHV will need to make \$10,000 in in-kind matching contributions.

### **Problems in Philadelphia**

Mr. Lepley introduced a discussion on the problem of wide-spread lawless riding in Philadelphia. This issue was flagged by Fred Brown. Understanding that the use of OHV equipment in cities is often part of the drug trade and gang activity, Mr. Brown suggested that approaching Deputy Mayor Michael DeBerdinis may produce dividends for legal riders. Mr. Brown is aware of land that could become a riding park should the city be interested. He argued that contacting the city would not hurt the situation and may help with access.

Mr. Lepley suggested that the National Youth Program Using Motorcycles could be helpful in encouraging legal riding and boost the sport by exposing proper manners to youths. However, there are no NYPUM dealers in the area. Mr. Lepley will make follow up contacts and pending the results a letter will be sent to the Deputy Mayor.

### **SACC**

Dr. Clark reported that Dick Lester at DCNR has scheduled the first SAAC meeting in over a year for May 7. Agenda items can be forwarded to Dr. Clark.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Lepley reported that the RIDR coalition met with legislators on April 2. It is his understanding that this was a fruitful first event.

Mr. Brown reported that the House Tourism Committee will hold an informational hearing on May 9 at 9 a.m. in the Capitol. The committee will invite two panels to discuss the House version of the RULWA bill. The outcome may determine whether the House bill will become an amendment to SB 469 which is in the House Rules Committee.

Mr. Brown asked Mr. Lepley to be part of this panel. Mr. Lepley will review his calendar for availability. Mr. Brown and Mr. McClure will write the official testimony.

Mr. Brown reported that the Governor's FY 2012-13 budget includes elimination of the Key 93 grant program. This program helps local government meet recreational infrastructure needs. While not usually used for OHV recreation, its loss may threaten the ATV fund as it may become a source of cash to draw upon. It was agreed that PaOHV should support retention of this program.

Mr. Brown concluded by explaining that it would be in the Association's interest to have him register expressly for PaOHV as a lobbyist. To this point he has managed to advocate under the MIC/ATVA banner. Registration will require PaOHV appropriate \$200 for registration fees as required by the lobbying law.

### **Northeast Trail Opportunity**

Rob Gorczyk reported that a new opportunity has emerged in Wayne and Susquehanna Counties. A trails system of about ten miles on old rail bed is open for riding. A system of over 30 miles will become available should two townships agree to permit OHV travel on non-winter maintenance roads. Snowmobiles currently have winter access.

PaOHV will assist Mr. Gorczyk in obtaining the information necessary to make the proper presentations to the townships in June. Mr. Connor will provide his assistance in the project. Mr. McClure will be the clearing house of information for this effort.

### **Adjournment**

Adjournment was at 7:30 p.m. The board will meet again by conference call at 5:30 p.m. on May 14.