

## **Minutes for PAOHV Board Meeting 10-23-2013**

Attendees:

Don McClure  
Jack Clark  
Henry Sorgen  
Dick Lepley  
Fred Brown

Al Sain  
Alan Nagle  
Eric Bruggeman  
Mike Guzzi

### **Introduction**

Dick Lepley opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

### **Minutes of September 9, 2013**

The board unanimously approved the minutes of September 9.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Seltzer reported that the PaOHV account stands at \$2,226.94. The Foundation account stands at \$27,155.91. All bills are paid to date.

Don McClure reminded the board that PaOHV's account is at an unusually strong position for this point in the year.

The treasure's report was approved as submitted.

### **Grant Report**

Mr. Lepley, Mr. Mann, and Mr. Bruggeman attended the PRPS meeting in Franklin on September 15 and 16. The simulator made its debut at the event.

PaOHV's attendees agreed that the agenda for these conferences rarely addresses OHV issues. Consequently, there is little incentive for OHV enthusiasts to attend. The association has approached PRSP about this observation. PRSP

expressed willingness to accept guidance on how to make their programs more oriented to motorized.

Mr. Lepley again appealed to the board for storage space in central Pennsylvania for the simulator unit. It should be under cover for the winter.

The simulator training manual is nearing completion. NOHVCC resources may be added to the final product. Eventually a video version of the training should be produced as a supplement to the hands on training.

Yamaha will supply a generator and an extra ATV for the simulator. Mr. Lepley secured an agreement with Yamaha to have these items on loan through Street, Track 'N Trail.

### **Legislative Report**

Fred Brown reported that RULWA is frozen at this time. No movement is expected but Dan Moul, the prime sponsor, is impatient. Similarly, the transportation bill is pending with no expectation for action. There are likely negotiations on this bill taking place, but there is no visible action is apparent and little talk is emerging on the bill's direction.

Rep. Marty Causner has agreed to sponsor legislation which will create the segregated funds for snowmobile and ATV registrations. This will ensure that ATV and snowmobile money will be spent where it was raised. Rep. Causner will begin circulating the legislation shortly.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Mann have approached Rep. Mike Regan about sponsorship of the dirt bike registration bill. PaOHV finalized its proposal within the last week and it is ready for introduction. Rep. Regan will review the proposal's contents and submit it to legislative reference for drafting in bill form. Introduction will come early in the new year given the limited schedule the legislature will keep through December.

Jack Clark reported that there still is no word on a SAAC meeting. It is clear that SAAC is not a priority for DCNR.

Dr. Clark and Henry Sorgen reported that official word has been received that the entire Whisky Springs trail will be shuttered until 2016 for mine reclamation. This is different than the previous report of late 2015. The bloody skillet remains open despite the contractor's desire to for total closure. DCNR lobbied DEP for this after receiving pressure from local residents. This is DEP's project. As reported last month, this project will cost \$12 million. 8500 feet of trail will be redesigned to accommodate the closure.

### **Fisher's Reunion**

It has been reported that Fisher's Reunion will cease operations.

### **DCNR Gas Advisory Committee**

Mr. Lepley reported that he attended the first DCNR Natural Gas Advisory Committee meeting on October 2. Advocates and detractors of the industry are present, but PaOHV and one other recreation group were the only recreation groups on the participants list.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 5:30 p.m.