

Minutes for PAOHV Board Meeting 2-27-2014

Attendees:

Don McClure
Jack Clark
Henry Sorgen
Denny Mann
Fred Brown
Jim Hovey

George Fetterman
Steve Salisbury
Mike Guzzi

Steve Seltzer
Eric Bruggeman

Introduction

Don McClure opened the meeting for Dick Lepley at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of January 16, 2014

The board unanimously approved the minutes of January 16 as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Seltzer reported that the PaOHV account stands at \$2,747.40 and the Foundation account is \$25,260.48. Mr. McClure reported the corporate and individual renewal rates are 32% and 38%, respectively. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Legislative Report

Fred Brown reported on a number of issues PaOHV is promoting in the legislature.

RULWA was tabled again. At this time the bill remains burdened with 18 onerous amendments sponsored by the trial lawyers' Democratic allies. Some of the amendments create a weaker RULWA than what exists. 23 Republican votes and all Democrat votes are in play. There is little reason to expect that any Democrats will vote for RULWA or against Democrat sponsored amendments. Long time

friends of motorized have aligned with the trial lawyers. Rep. Gary Huluska is offering one of the onerous amendments, and Mike Hanna introduced the trial lawyers' version of RULWA as a free standing bill. The 23 Republicans in play have voted for amendments to other bills similar to those offered to RULWA. This is why they are not considered as certain votes.

Introduction of Rep. Mike Regan's dirt bike registration bill is pending. Final language changes are under consideration. Senator Gene Yaw has been asked to be the prime sponsor in the Senate.

Rep. Marty Causner introduced the segregation of funds bill, HB 2047. It has been referred to Tourism and Recreation. This bill ensures that monies paid to the ATV fund through ATV registrations will support ATV trail development.

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have concluded their budget hearings. Senator John Wozniak and Rep. Donna Oberlander posed questions to DCED Secretary Walker and DCNR Secretary Ferretti, respectively, as to whether each would meet to discuss a wider vision of off road recreation. Both indicated that they would. Secretary Ferretti said that greater OHV plans are being developed at DCNR. There was no indication what this means.

Mr. McClure reported that Al Sain covered the meeting with the Pittsburgh City Council in January. This meeting led to discussion about expanding riding opportunities in the city. A working group has been established to tackle the issue. Mr. Sain has agreed to be the Association's point person to the working group. PaOHV thanked Steve Salisbury from the AMA for his support of the Association's efforts.

Mr. Brown reported that Polaris is seeking to amend Chapter 77 to expand the definition of ATVs to include machines with non-pneumatic tires. Senator Yaw will sponsor the bill.

DCNR/SAAC

Jack Clark reported that the SAAC will meet for the first time in three years on March 12. This will be a platform to discuss the segregation of funds issue. Eric

Bruggeman has agreed to serve as the second representative to SAAC. Al Sain and Dick Lepley are alternates.

Grant Report

George Fetterman reported that the simulator was on full display at Motorama. Interest was high. It is clear that signage is a void that needs to be filled.

The Foundation will need to host 36 training sessions by the end of the grant in 2016. This means that the simulator will have to make more than one appearance per month. It appears that the Association should seek an extension of the grant time.

Denny Mann asked that clubs seek volunteers to help with the Unit. A volunteer base needs to be created. Three persons are needed at any given time to effectively display the Unit. Members should be contacted to begin to create an inventory of volunteers.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 5:30 p.m.