

Minutes for PAOHV Board Meeting 4-8-2014

Attendees:

Don McClure
Dick Lepley
Jack Clark
Henry Sorgen
Steve Seltzer
Dave Miller

Denny Mann
Alan Nagle
George Fetterman
Mike Guzzi
Mike Babusci

Introduction

Dick Lepley opened the meeting at 5:31p.m.

Minutes of February 27, 2014

The board unanimously approved the minutes of February 27 as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Seltzer reported that the PaOHV account stands at \$3,039.91 and the Foundation account is \$24,836.43. Mr. Seltzer reported that all accounts are current and a replacement check for reimbursable expenses related to the Foundation has been issued to a board member. The treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

The board revisited its control processes. It was agreed that the Association continue to require the approval of two officers for expenditures and that one signature be needed to write a check.

On a Jack Clark/George Fetterman motion, the board reaffirmed unanimously that this process would continue to be the association's standard operating procedure.

On a George Fetterman/Dave Miller motion, the board voted unanimously to move the PaOHV and the PA Trails Foundation accounts to Orrstown Bank pending approval of these minutes.

Legislative Report

Jack Clark reported that the SAAC meeting of March 12 went well. It was largely a reorganizational meeting. Denny Shade is DCNR's point person. Secretary Ferretti visited the meeting for a short period. Jason Hall reported that connectors in the Buchannan Forest are nearly completed.

The Department reported that they support RULWA and oppose the segregation of the Snowmobile/ATV fund. They announced that \$250,000 would be spent on the Dixon Miller trail.

The Snowmobile Association wants to increase registration fees on snowmobiles to fund grooming equipment. Each groomer is \$175,000.

There was universal agreement that the SAAC needs to meet routinely. Jack Clark was elected chair, and Eric Bruggeman was elected secretary.

Deny Mann reported on the March 24 meeting between PaOHV, a number of legislators, and DCNR. The meeting was convened by Representatives Mike Regan and Dan Moul. Representatives Mark Keller and Erin Mulchany (by phone) were present. Mr. Mann drove the discussion on the difficulties experienced with the new Enduro rules and their application. Mr. Mann also led the discussion about the dirt bike registration proposal advanced by PaOHV and Rep. Regan.

The Department offered new willingness to examine for opportunities for additional flexibility in the Enduro rules and will look at the dirt bike registration language. A meeting will be set within weeks to revisit these issues and receive a progress report from DCNR.

Mr. Lepley introduced a discussion on RULWA. Don McClure reported that the bill cannot get a vote in the House. Leadership, who has full control of the calendar, will not schedule the bill despite intense pressure from the prime sponsors and RULWA coalition members.

Mr. Lepley reported that Jim Bull has left his position with Rec Rider. His replacement is Chaz McHenry.

Foundation Report

The Simulator continues to make its rounds. It was on display at the PSSA conference in State College on April 5. It is scheduled for two locations in May and another in early June. It will be at a DCNR meeting on June 24.

Whiskey Springs Trail Closure

Mike Guzzi presented an idea concerning the Whiskey Springs Trail closure. Five miles of the trail is closed for mine reclamation. Mr. Guzzi suggested that the Association form a special task force to approach Clinton County's economic development leadership team to explore formation of an economic impact study team. The team would study the impact of the economic hardship generated by the trail closure. The board agreed that this is an exceptional idea. Mr. Guzzi, Dr. Clark and Henry Sorgen will lead the effort. Mr. McClure will poll this team for conference call dates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 5:30 p.m.