

Minutes for PAOHV Board Meeting 9-16-2014

Attendees:

Don McClure
Dick Lepley
Henry Sorgen
Steve Seltzer
Steve Salisbury

Al Sain
Denny Mann
Mike Guzzi
Jack Clark
Alan Nagle

Introduction

Dick Lepley opened the meeting at 5:36p.m.

Minutes of August 5, 2014

The board unanimously approved the minutes of August 5 as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Seltzer reported that the PaOHV account holds \$1,827.53. The Foundation account stands at \$22,089.04. Both the PaOHV and the Foundation have an additional \$500 each in Orrstown Bank transferred earlier in the summer as seed money for the account transfers.

Mr. Seltzer reported that new checks will be processed soon and the Santander accounts will be closed.

The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Denny Mann reminded the board that \$500 in the Foundation was segregated money provided to the Foundation by SPER. SPER needs about \$150 to pay for signage in Michaux forest. It was moved and unanimously approved that up to

\$175 be set aside to compensate SPER as per the agreement for their recent expenditure.

Mr. Mann was encouraged to return if his recollection of the \$150 bill was in error and more money would be appropriated.

Legislative Report

Mr. Mann reported that there was late breaking news on the Enduro rules.

First, the auditor conducting the review of the Michaux, Buchanan, and Tuscarora forests met with SPER representatives two days after their Enduro in Michaux. Mr. Mann discussed DCNR's role in last year's audit and the progress in formulating the rules. Mr. Mann informed the auditor that there was no stakeholder access last year. This is counter to what the Auditor expressed should be the process. Thus, he took into account PaOHV's concerns.

Mr. Mann reported that all remediations were completed 1.5 days after the event rather than the required 30 days. The auditor was impressed. There were no deficiencies based on motorized impact.

Mr. Mann reported that the audit requires certain types of grass must be used in remediation. However, the specific type has not been provided.

SPER suggested that braiding, the process by which two paths around a tree are required for passing in some instances, be reexamined. SPER reminded them that safety concerns may make this option impossible or unnecessarily risky.

Second, on Friday, Mr. Mann and others from the sport met with DCNR and a legislative delegation to review PaOHV's proposed rules changes. Mr. Mann credits Rep. Regan and Rep. Moul for forcing DCNR to the table. The meeting went well. DCNR agreed that yearly review of the guidelines would be proper and that a copy based on PaOHV's revisions would be submitted to the Recreational Advisory Committee in October.

Jack Clark reported that SAAC would meet in November. Agenda items should be forwarded to him.

Don McClure reported that all legislation was stalled.

Henry Sorgen reported that Lock Haven University has offered interest in conducting an impact study of the Whiskey Springs closure. A meeting of the Clinton County Economic Partnership and Central Mountains representatives would be held on September 25. The partnership functions as the tourism board as well. The lost trails have brought this issue to head in Clinton County.

It was agreed that copies of the North Central plan from 2006 be sent to everyone. It could be used as a model. It was agreed that Central Mountains would take the lead on this, and PaOHV will become heavily engaged shortly.

Al Sain reported that the trail is cold in Pittsburgh as those who were interested have moved onto other things.

Mr. Sain walked the board through his thoughts on an alternative method for placing trails on the ground. His idea maximizes the use of private land. He addresses the liability issue by having the ATV fund buy insurance for land owners. DCNR would function as the organizing agent.

It was agreed that there was a good bit to consider in Mr. Sain's proposal. Some suggested that a new recreational authority rather than DCNR administer the insurance component since private land does not fall under DCNR's jurisdiction. The concept will be included in a greater discussion about a master plan for the Commonwealth.

A conference call will be scheduled to discuss how to proceed after the meeting in Clinton County.

Foundation Report

The Simulator will appear in several locations in the Southwest before retiring for the winter. Mr. Sain will spearhead two shows by early October. The Monroeville program will take place in December.

The committee discussed a mechanical problem that has surfaced with the unit. A course of action including consultation with the manufacturer will take place. The problem seems to be in the hydraulics or the electrical supply.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at 5:30 p.m.