

Minues for PAOHV Conference Call...

7-6-2011

Callers:

Dave Miller

Don McClure

Jim Hovey

George Fetterman

Bob Connor

Introduction

Jim Hovey opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Open Discussion

Jim Hovey reported that an unexpected opportunity has arisen in the ANF. There is money available through the US Forest Service for block grants for environmental damage control. This money is only available to McKean Warren Counties. Mr. Hovey has seized on this opportunity and has written a grant application to obtain a share of the money.

Mr. Hovey's vision is that a bathroom and campsite facility would be built in Warren County in the ANF near Chapman Dam State Park. The grant would be awarded as a water erosion prevention and environmental preservation project. Such a camp site would reduce the negative impact created by random campers in the area.

The money is available through Title II. It must be utilized or it is returned to the Forest Service. The deadline for application is August 11. PaOHV can be the applicant since the money is to be spent within the narrowly defined geographic region.

Minutes of 6-7-2011

The board saw no cause for change to the June minutes. Their approval will remain pending until a quorum of board members can vote on them.

Association Finances

Mr. McClure reported that the account balance is about \$4,600, \$2700 in bills are pending. All bills are otherwise current.

Mr. McClure reported that as of today 80% of dealers, 75% of individuals, and 100% of clubs had renewed for 2011. Members who do not renew will be terminated on July 18.

TrailPass Closure

Dave Miller reported that the TrailPass closure has impacted LVATVA. He reported that the TrailPass staff has handled the closure as well as could be expected. They continue to search for an underwriter that will allow them to reopen operations.

BMW Rally

George Fetterman reported that he and Bob Connor would staff a table at the BMW national rally in Bloomsberg during the weekend of July 23. The association would distribute membership information and other material promoting OHV recreation.

AOAA Update

Mr. Lepley reported that Geisinger Medical center has issued grant to provide for OHV safety training. A second grant has been awarded to FOAOAA by MIC for constructing and maintaining a web site through PSN. George Fetterman is part of the newly formed public information team.

Mr. Fetterman reported that he has forwarded information to Pat Mack about hosting an AMA sanctioned ride at AOAA. He explained that it will be an opportunity to demonstrate to several audiences how well structured rides function. The ride date is October 29 and 30. Saturday is an ATV ride, and Sunday will be reserved for bikes. He also reported that Bloomsburg University will track the economic impact of the event.

Mr. Lepley reported that the next planning commission meeting will be held on July 6 in Shamokin. The Association will promote this meeting.

Dick Lepley to Testify in DC

Mr. Lepley reported that he has been invited to testify in Washington before the Environmental Resources Committee's subcommittee on Forest and Public Lands. He reported that he will be part of one of two panels to testify. ARRA has been instrumental in arranging this hearing.

Mr. Lepley said that his testimony will focus on the economic impact of motorized recreation. The hearing will take place on June 22. The Association will send alerts advising members of the hearing.

Rec Rider

Mr. Lepley reported that the first issue of Rec Rider was on the street. It was widely agreed that the first issue meets or surpasses expectations.

ANF Report

Jim Hovey reported that a large portion of the Marienville Trail is closed for maintenance because of excessive erosion. He reported that in general the trails are overgrown and in a state of disrepair. The ANF has developed an RFP for trail assessments. Mr. Hovey said he will watch this for further developments. A new forest plan is under development for the entire system. This bears attention as well. He concluded by reporting that the ANF continues to see flux in its staffing and the lack of continuity is proving detriments to daily operations.

Display Opportunities

George Fetterman advised the Board of an opportunity to place the Association on display. BMW will be hosting its national rally July 21 and 24 in Pennsylvania. He will spearhead securing tent space for the PaOHV display.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed to meet by in Northumberland County on Tuesday July 5 in preparation for the Planning Commission meeting on July 6. Details will follow. The call was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.