

Notes for PAOHV Conference Call...
9-12-2010

Callers:

Dick Lepley
Don McClure
Mike Babusci
Roeg Williamson
Jack Clark
Lee Williamson
Jim Charney
Tom McConnell

Introduction of New Participants

Tom McConnell and Jim Charney introduced themselves as guests on the conference call. Mr. McConnell is the founder of a new OHV blog and news site called ATVingPA. Mr. McConnell owns a similar site for camping. He expressed interest in helping the Association advance its message. To facilitate this, a blog for PaOHV has been established and will be activated shortly.

Minutes of 8-9-2010

The minutes approved by unanimously as amended.

Association Finances

Lee Williamson reported that the transition of the bank account has been completed. Mr. Lepley and Mr. Babusci will be added later this fall. Financial reports will from this point include account balances.

Northumberland Riding Park Report

Dick Lepley reported that progress is being made in Northumberland County. Minimal opposition has surfaced to date largely centered in one organization which has minimal membership. However, more can or should be expected.

Mr. Lepley reported that through his contacts with national organizations, he has piqued their interest in hosting a workshop and seminar in Northumberland County. NOHVCC will sponsor the workshop. At this time, October 16 to 18 is targeted for the seminar. Sunday (10/17) will feature a ride of the park. The NOHVCC workshop will take place on Monday (10/18). A public meeting seeking input on the park will take place on Tuesday evening (10/19). The events will be funded by grants if obtainable from DCNR and Polaris.

A conference call will be scheduled of the organizing parties. The registration and presentations will be made by NOHVCC. The event will be sponsored by NOHVCC and PaOHV. The newsletter and e-alert system will be used to advertise the event.

NOVHCC Conference

Dick Lepley attended the NOHVCC Annual Conference in Montana in late August. He reported that public land accounts for the vast majority of riding lands west of the Mississippi, and private lands are the site of riding in the east.

Mr. Lepley reported that a new trail system is planned for western Virginia, northern West Virginia, and eastern Kentucky that will

encompass 3,000 miles of trails. This system will not be part of the Hatfield-McCoy system. Mr. Lepley also reported that 11% of Hatfield McCoy's rider base is from Pennsylvania.

Connectors

Dick Lepley reminded the board that Rep. Mike Hanna had been sent a letter indicating DCNR's expedited a bidding process and time frame for the connectors. 50 miles in new trails are slated. Mr. Williamson reiterated his observation that DCNR has given similar commitments in the past to this project. Roeg Williamson pointed out that the absence of rest room and camping facilities and lax maintenance should also be addressed.

PaOHV will write to DCNR seeking adherence to these new time frames. In the long term, PaOHV will renew its commitment to construction of all connectors in the July 2008 plan.

Next Conference Call

The Board agreed to meet by conference call Monday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m.