

Minutes for PAOHV Conference Call 2-16-2012

Callers:

Dave Miller

Dick Lepley

Don McClure

George Fetterman

Jack Clark

Jim Hovey

Denny Mann

Rob Gorczyk

Bob Connor

Andy Krape

Introduction

Dick Lepley opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes of 10-11-2011

The board voted by acclamation to accept the October 11, 2011 minutes.

Pennsylvania Trails Foundation

The board reviewed a brief history of the Trails Foundations for those new to it. Don McClure led this review. The board then voted to reorganize and reconstitute the board. Dick Lepley was voted chair to a two year term. Lee Williamson was voted treasurer to a two year term. Bob Connor was reaffirmed as secretary as per a previous vote to a two year term. Brenda Fitch was voted two year term. Sheldon Langer, George Fetterman, and Jack Clark were elected to one year terms.

Board Nominations

George Fetterman and Rob Gorzcyk were the two candidates who offered themselves for election to the board. On a unanimous vote the Board nominated Mr. Fetterman as candidate for Public Information Director and Mr. Gorzcyk for Administrative Director.

The election will take place by email prior to March 31 and in person during the April board conference call. Mr. McClure will prepare and send the ballot.

Legislative Report

Mr. Lepley reported that ARRA has been seeking help in preserving the Recreational Trails Fund. RTP is the federal funding stream that maintains and finances multiuse trails. A Senate appropriations sub-committee has stripped the funding for RTP in a reauthorization bill. PaOHV has sent an alert on this issue and written to both of Pennsylvania's US Senators on this issue. More calls to action will follow as needed.

Don McClure reported that SB 469 has left the House Tourism Committee without significant Recreational Use of Land and Water Act (RULWA) amendments in what is described as a committee oversight. PaOHV's lobbyist is examining options to have the bill amended on the House floor or returned to committee for action. By all measures this was an error but has a significant complicating impact. However, we have received word that DCNR has offered its support for RULWA amendments consistent with PaOHV's goals.

Jack Clark will continue to try to schedule a SAAC meeting in face of a reluctant Department. It is hoped that Secretary Allen's history of shaking things up will extend to the SAAC.

PATRA Issue

Dick Lepley, Denny Mann and George Fetterman led a discussion describing developments at the Seven Mountains and Shade Mountain riding areas. These are the only two motorcycle tracks operated by the state. The district forester confronted PaTRA with word of complaints about riding on the trail. It is clear from early discussion that the complaints were about legal riding. Nevertheless, DCNR has indicated that these complaints need to be considered and has indicated that limitations on riding may be forthcoming.

PaTRA officials will meet February 21 with the forester to learn the nature of the complaints and seek an agreeable resolution. In the meantime, PATRA has posted a message on its web site encouraging ethical riding. The same message has been posted on the PaOHV web site.

DCNR Grant

Bob Connor reported that all that is required for receipt of the Recreational Trails grant is to submit a revised budget consistent with the approved funding amount and to sign a letter of acceptance by Dick Lepley. Once this is completed, the money should be made available within six weeks.

NOHVCC Conference

NOHVCC will conduct a conference on June 7 to 9 at Country Cupboard in Lewisburg. This conference will be sponsored by DCNR and will be an

in depth and expanded version of the session held in Paxinos in October 2010.

Day one will be devoted to classroom seminars. Day two will consist of field training. Day three will return to the classroom for wrap-up.

Association Finances

Redacted for confidentiality

Adjournment was at 6:30 p.m.