

Minutes January 27, 2007

1: INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order. Introductions of all members present.

2: READING OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes accepted and approved.

3: RESULTS OF ELECTION AND SEATING OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Bylaw changes and new board selection approved.

Both votes were held by email canvass so that the actions were completed prior to the January business meeting. There were no “nay” votes on the slate of board candidates, and those returning “Yea” votes were as follows: PaOHV board members Brian Mills, Dave Marchese, Jack Clark, H Silbaugh. Club Representatives from Lehigh Valley ATV, South Penn Enduro, CPAATVA, TRCR Endless Mountain and Paatving. Individual members Chuck Spencer, Paul Schmidt, Robert Loi and Lee Williamson.

4: RECREATION RIDER PRESENTATION BY MOTORCYCLE RACING ACTION

Jim Bull, publisher of Motorcycle Racing Action (MRA). Representing Dist 6 and the MDRA. The publication covers non-professional racing in the district 6 area. Proposes a newsletter called the Rec Rider, which will be a dedicated section in MRA. They have a goal my 2007 to have a separate publication for the rec rider that supports PAOHV goals and values. Jim would like to get the publications separated as soon as possible. Publication will have a club section and information page to allow dissemination of information across the state and among all clubs.

The Association will discuss the [benefits of working](#) with Rec Rider. Content and matter would be [provided to](#) MDRA, who does 10 issues a year. They are willing to include any issues or needs regarding PAOHV. As we have only 4 publications a year, we would have to determine our input into the magazine for each issue. Jim also agreed to become a corporate member of PAOHV.

PA OHV board decided to table the issue and discuss the matter further. H will contact the board members in a week to get their opinions on the issue.

For more information:

Rec rider: www.recrider.com

MRA: www.mcracingaction.com

5: TRAINING / TECH REPORT

Bob: No new reports.

6: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

New term. Some of the initiatives are carrying over from prior term regarding the Snow / ATV advisory committee. Extending the trails is still the greatest concern. Shared use roads are still pose a problem. The state still wants to get away from the same, claiming the potential of increased accidents between OHV's and Autos.

With regards to the SAAC Meeting 1-18-07 (North Central Study) 125 comments against and 24 in favor. However after the deadline, comments were 26....all for. Noted was that we need to keep a better handle on the dissemination of information. There were negative emails to "against" voters, and it was found that the author of those inappropriate emails was a member of a PaOHV club. We will address this issue with involved club.

Pa Restoration program:

State will begin to rehab the trails on the state trail network. Currently in a program to inventory the trail heads and begin the process.

Rock Run.

Will be open in the spring, but only the first 50 miles, and not the kids play/area and track.

7: FINANCIAL REPORT

\$1857 on the books and we are up to 18 club members. Memberships are due.

Get a list from [Don McClure](#) on the current club members

Discussion about donations and application to the bylaws of PAOHV. Donations can be channeled to certain entities and be handled by HOV accordingly.

Solicitation of renewals. By S-Marc.

All corporate notices (for renewal) went out by the first of the year. Second round will go in about two weeks and will be due on the 28 of Feb with a 30 day grace. Last effort at end of March. Final notice mid to late April and if no reply, final notice. Retention rates for corporate members have been 80-85% annually. Individual members, notices went out at the same time. Don noted an issue as to clubs underpaying and under-declaring their members. He noted that we should consider enforcing the same as per the bylaws.

8: POLITICAL ADVISORY REPORT

Fred Brown: Advisory report. 2006 report; swapped out 25% of general assembly. 50 new house members and 5 new senate members. Democrats control the house, but we have a minority leader. Bio's on new members was sent

around for review by the board members. Committees for each party have not been selected to date, Fred will provide us with those updates when they are solidified in the legislature.

Issues:

Representative George legislation of a Transportation Bill on abandon mines (House Bill 2318) , may have the possibility to be amended with the switch of power.

Senate Bill 995 / Rep White: Stated if you are from out of state and what to come to PA that you can ride for free. This bill was bottled up in the house Transportation [Committee](#). We moved to create outlets for permits and decals (aside from the usual outlets) but the bill was denied.

Recreational Use of Land and Water Act: Amendments of title 42 / Comparative Negligence...stating that if you are a “riding area operator” you cannot be sued. Local governments are held harmless under the bill by designating a road for OHV use. We would like to amend the act; this act exists in every form in every state to some degree. This statute, a model, was passed in ‘66 and with significant case law. We would like to amend, as per house bill 3028, which went no where. Wanted to broaden the land definition to [include](#) trail; [recreational](#) purpose [would modify](#) pleasure driving to include motorized rec (would like to only include ATV’s and MC’s) vehicle riding and expand the definition of owner to include fee tenant, a tenant, lessee, or occupant or person in control of the premises.

Specifically need to address this recreational purpose issue, as there is a need to exclude snowmobiles. We discussed how we would like the definition; there was discussion to have the bill read ATV and Motorcycles only.

New issues; as to as to land owners taking fee for club use destroys the immunity.

Motion approved to support the PA Chamber on the Fair Share was approved by unanimous vote. Motion by .

Improvement questions to the Rec Purpose issue; Motion moved by Fred and approved

Two other issues:

1: Allocation of the liquid fuels tax to support the restrict receipts accounts and to obtain use of those funds. We have maintenance problems with highway system, Gov recommendation was to double the existing gas tax. Increasing the fee for registration of autos.

2: If we want to put on a monthly or weekly legislative focused newsletter. We can use Fred to join, after June it will not be free.

9: S-MARC UPDATE:

Don:

1) PA TRAILS FOUNDATION-NAME BOARD

We have created this foundation in spring 05 and incorporated with the state. 5013c form filed this time a year ago. IRS responded in SEPT; notice that we need a board. Notice sent out and we need more replies. We have the volunteers. Motion made by Bob to elect the board and passed. The board members will be:

H Silbaugh

Dave Marchese

Bob Abernethy

Roeg Williamson

Brenda Fitch- (Majestic Trails)

Sheldon Langer

Denny Mann

2) Expenses to be determine for the time and efforts of S-Marc to ensure accuracy and correct billing

3) MEMBERSHIP ISSUES.....n/a

4) NEWSLETTER: S-Marc noted a need for contributors to be more vigilant on the deadlines. Don would like to recommend a deadline of 1 MARCH. Four articles to be considered: 1)Elections; 2)Changes in SAAC; 3) Vote to support fair share; and 4) Make sure every club sends a designated club rep /

5) SAAC issues

- list all current members
- links to all current OHV minded websites

10: OLD BUSINESS

A. WEB SITE:

Upgrades to the web site? Discussions of whether we want to change who handles the site. Don from S-Marc suggested going to an ITT or a local CC to see if some in their IT dept would want to change. Don suggests appropriation of some money to current Web Site handler.

Don was appointed by director to instruct the web develop on maintenance.

B: SAAC: Previously addressed

11: NEW BUSINESS

A: NEW DIRECTORS AGENDA FOR THE FUTURE

Directors agenda, due to time, will be forwarded to the members for feedback

B: OPEN DISCUSSION

Denny and the score Grant: Based on giving 2 presentation per month (24 yearly). Motorama is the next event, and there is a need for volunteers. This is the 17th and 18th of Feb. SCORE also has a need for volunteers from any club or association for any of the 24 events. SCORE can also provide a booth for any club and any event to use as well.

Proposal was made to incorporate the tread lightly cards to our own mission by having score create the same card with the SCORE ideology on the same with PAOHV ad on one side of the card.

CPATV President read the response he got from DCNR from the Central PA trail issues, particularly the Bloody Skillet trails and connectors issue... ie "Renovo Connection" Discussion persisted on how we should continue our efforts on the connection in this area through our legislature. We further discussed getting the support of the local camps along this proposed trail. We proposed getting the forest registry for the camps and approach those camps for support of the bloody skillet trail.

Motion made to support the Bloody Skillet Trail proposal and CPATV efforts. Motion was made by Denny Mann and approved unanimously.

12: SET NEXT MEETING

Meeting proposed for 14 April 2007

13: ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by LR Williamson to adjourn and the same was passed.