

Minutes for PAOHV Board Meeting 3-12-2013

Attendees:

Don McClure
Dick Lepley
Jack Clark
George Fetterman
Dave Miller
Alan Nagle

Steve Seltzer
Rob Gorczyk
Dave Whiteman
Steve Bottiger
Andy Krape

Introduction

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

Minutes of February 12, 2013

The board unanimously approved the minutes of February 12.

Treasurer's Report

Redacted for confidentiality

Grant Report

Bob Connor suggested that there be a conference call of those who have been the primary grant representatives. DCNR has requested an accounting to the association's activities. This request is part of the standard and expected reporting process.

Denny Mann reported that there was high interest in the simulator units at Motorama. The target is to have the sim unit available by mid summer. Among those interested is the Harrisburg Police Athletic League.

By mid summer, another ATV will be needed to haul the simulator on site. There are plans to purchase a TV for showing training videos.

Shade Mountain and Seven Mountains Trail Closure

Steve Bottiger and Dave Whiteman led the discussion about DCNR's restriction of the Shade Mountain and Seven Mountains trail systems. This decision was made at the DCNR local level. Dirt bike season will coincide with the ATV season on other state property.

Mr. Bottiger advised that this and future restrictions may be avoided if the motorcycle community had standing through DCNR registration. Rep. Gary Huluska has carried the bill to authorize dirt bike registration in the past and is willing to do so again. George Fetterman reported that Rep. Curt Musser is interested in the issue, too. Fred Brown reported that there are plans to move the registration process, not responsibility, to Penn DOT.

Jack Clark voiced concern that the Association's pursuit of dirt bike registration may trigger a backlash from dirt bike owners. Dave Whiteman countered that registration is a tool to bring bikes into the OHV fold and limit outlaw images of them.

Fred Brown advised that he and Don McClure would be pursuing the economic development angle within days. It is time to pursue a package of bills under the banner of economic development and tourism promotion. Dick Lepley reported that he has been trading phone calls for several months with Rob Fulton of the travel and tourism association.

Legislative Report

Jack Clark reported that there remains no movement of SAAC. He also reported that RULWA failed in the last session. However, the bill has been introduced for this session and will have a hearing on March 18. The bill number is HB 544.

General Updates

Andy Krape asked if the Association wants to return to Fisher's Reunion in August. It was agreed that PaOHV will have a space.

Dave Whiteman reported that the Bloody Skillet/SSRT connector remains closed, and that the coal recovery effort on the Skillet may close a portion of the trail for up to three years.

George Fetterman reported that Pat Mack is coordinating riding access to AOAA through Barry Yarworth. Fees will be charged for access. AOAA is beginning its effort to close the park to uncontrolled riding in preparation for opening.

Adjournment

Adjournment was at 6:55 p.m. The next conference call is April 23 at 5:30 p.m.