

Minutes for PAOHV Conference Call... 1-10-2011

Callers:

Dick Lepley

Don McClure

Jack Clark

Lee Williamson

Fred Bauerle

George Fetterman

Dave Whiteman

Bob Connor

Eric Bruggeman

Introduction

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

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The minutes approved by unanimously as amended.

Old business discussion included Mr. Williamson's commitment to obtain and forward a list of SSRT and CMATV events for the year. Mr. Williamson spoke with Trilby Mayes, and she will be telephoning Mr. Lepley.

Association Finances

Minutes redacted for confidentiality

Board Elections

As per the bylaws, the board functions as a nominating committee. The following slate was approved unanimously on a Baurele/Connor motion.

Bob Connor, Technical Director
Lee Williamson, Finance Director
Jack Clark, Legislative Director

Each is a three year term.

George Fetterman was nominated for the unexpired term (two years remaining) of Public Information Director.

Legislative Initiative

Roeg Williamson had suggested a legislative initiative in November. Discussion was deferred in December. The board tabled the issue awaiting Mr. Williamson's participation in the discussion. The board agreed to place it on the agenda for a final time in February.

DCNR Grants Process and Seminars

Bob Connor reported that he is scheduled to attend the DCNR grant writing seminar of February 3. Other seminars are scheduled during that month.

Dick Lepley reported that NOVHCC has applied for a PRPS grant to cover part of the cost of the October workshop. PaOHV has sent Northumberland County the data and has asked that the county reimburse PaOHV's administrative expenses. This filing is in response to an offer made by the county that funds may be available. However, there is no certainty that money will be forthcoming.

Bob Connor reported that he and Denny Mann will staff a booth for the Association at Motorama in February.

Frontline 67

The first applications have been sent to five interested parties. The tool kit will be sent as responses are received.

PATRA

Dave Whiteman is the new president of PATRA. He reported that DCNR is placing some new trails at the Seven Mountains in Centre County. Mr. Lepley noted that Dave is building on the past good works of the PATRA leadership and hopes to build an even stronger club.

Rec Rider

Mr. Lepley reported that he, Mike Babusci and Jack Clark met with Jim Bull of Rec Rider Magazine about a new collaboration. First discussions were positive, but more conversation must follow. The board should expect further reports in the future.

Skelly and Loy Introduction

Eric Bruggeman introduced his firm Skelly and Loy to the Board. Skelly and Loy is an Environmental Engineering firm that has consulted with DCNR on OHV trail placement and construction. They are experts in managing environmental concerns while promoting OHV recreation.

As a new member, the firm through Mr. Bruggeman volunteered to advise the Board on engineering and environmental matters. Mr. Lepley cited their membership and participation as providing an

extraordinary opportunity to enhance our technical expertise and improve arguments.

Activity Report in NW Penna

Jim Hovey reported that 60 miles of snowmobile trail has been lost in the ANF as gas drilling has expanded. The trails interfere with exploration. There is question as to when or whether these trails will be reclaimed as promised.

Mr. Hovey also reported that the PA Township Supervisors Association continues to search for presenters at their spring conference. While this year is not an option, it was widely agreed that PaOHV should invest resources to conduct a session.

Dick Lepley reported that he has paid for PaOHV's membership in the Allegheny Forest Alliance.

Next Conference Call

The Board agreed to meet by conference call Tuesday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m. The call was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.