PaOHV Board of Directors Meeting August 23, 2008 Minutes

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Introduction, New Business, and Reports

The PaOHV Board of Directors met at Central Pennsylvania College on August 23, 2008. Attending were Jack Clark, Fred Baurele, Don McClure, Denny Mann, Bob Connor, Fred Brown and Andy Krape. Dave Marchese participated by telephone for the vote on the long range plan. The meeting began at 10:15 a.m.

Approval of Financial Report and Minutes

Dave Marchese was not present to offer a financial report

Minutes for the May meeting requires revisions and will be offered for approval at the November 1 meeting. They will remain on the web site as unapproved.

Administrative Report from S/MARC

Don McClure reported that the full series of the 2008 membership renewal invoices had been sent by mid June. There are 39 corporate members and 20 individual members at this time. Several long standing clubs have made commitments to continue their memberships this year but have not sent dues. The Board agreed that any club that had not paid by October 1 should be deleted from PaOHV membership.

The Long Range Plan was distributed prior to the meeting. On a Mann/Marchese motion, the board voted unanimously to adopt the Plan. Dave Marchese participated in the vote by telephone for this piece of business.

Denny Mann and Don McClure were instructed to contact Mike Babusci to obtain a status report on the progress of adding a voice over to the power point.

Mr. McClure reported that the web site is fully current and functional. He encouraged board members to visit the site. Changes, revisions, and updates can be forwarded to him as needed. He cited the addition of a survey link and general links as the latest update.

Political/Legislative Reports

Fred Brown and Jack Clark delivered the legislative and political reports. All bills pending before the legislature are stalled for the balance of the year. The RULWA bill and Sen. Gordner's bill to increase penalties are among those stalled. The legislation that shifts Title 77 from the vehicle code to Title 32 (DCNR authorization) is similarly stalled.

It is Mr. Brown's strong recommendation that further action on all bills is best deferred until next year so as not to provide strategic advantage to opposing forces. For the balance of the year, a defensive posture should be assumed.

Mr. Brown reported that registration of ATVs has declined in recent months. It is unclear whether this is reflective a decline in the number of vehicles.

On Jim Hovey's recommendation, PaOHV will submit a program proposal to the Township Supervisors' Association. The supervisors are planning their annual meeting for next year and are accepting workshop offers. The deadline for submission is November 2.

Denny Mann led a discussion about DCNR's request to identify needed trail connectors. Several suggestions including the Renovo Connection were offered. Mr. Mann will respond by DCNR's deadline with PaOHV's recommendations.

Mr. Brown will lead the effort to determine whether a recent ordinance passed by a township in the Chadds Ford area was acted upon properly. The ordinance imposes severe restrictions on the operation of ATVs on private property.

PaOHV has learned that Armstrong County is considering a revision to the county recreation plan. This plan includes consideration of expanded OHV opportunities. Mr. Brown will contact the Armstrong County Board of Commissioners to assess the opportunity for formal comment on this matter by the Association.

Training/Technical Report

Bob Connor reported that he has neared completion of the list of riding areas. He distributed a draft for review and proofing. Comments are to be forwarded to Mr. Connor. The list will be forwarded to Don McClure for organization and posting on the web site. Riding sites will be solicited for membership.

The next big SCORE event will be the Snow Mobile/ATV show in York on October 10-12.

Old Business

Andy Krape reported that the SCORE tent was operational throughout Quadfest in July. The PaOHV survey was offered to visitors. Mr. Krape, Bob Abernethy, Fred Bauerle, and Bob Jagger staffed the tent. Traffic was reportedly less than last year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held in Spring Run, PA on November 1.