



Minutes (Final)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. Business Meeting

ATV Committee Members present

Barrett Brown, Virgle Osborne, Tim Custer, Forest Bohall, Ann Haak

Not in attendance

Nick Hanson

OPRD Staff present

Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Jeff Trejo, Lisa Sumption, Daniel Killam, Michele Scalise, Jason Resch, Aaron Rains

Public Present

Dave Kimball, Matt Miller, Randall Wilkes, Shane Garside (BLM), Blake Dornbusch (BLM)

Chair Custer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Barrett moved to approve the ATV April 2019 meeting minutes.
Forest seconded.

VOTE: All in favor, the minutes were approved.

Public Comments: None

OPRD Director Lisa Sumption Comments

Thanks for an incredible day out yesterday. Wants to thank each one of you. We have large portfolio of committees that help us keep running. We couldn't do things without the volunteers and your passion. Just wanted to say Thank You.

Recognition

Forest Bohall's Recognition – Tim – We appreciate your insight and perspective. Especially, all the work done down in Jacksonville. We want to recognize your service. Presented plaque

Wade Bryant's Recognition – Tim – We also want to recognize Wade, it's the reason why we were here yesterday. I thought about Wade while riding as he was always interested historical artifacts and trail layout. He was a great asset to our committee and sport. He was a good man. Wade was proud to have the plaque which was presented earlier in the year. Ian – highlighted many of Wade's accomplishments as

a volunteer and all the committees he's served on including all his efforts with the safety training program. He had a love for cars and ATVs. He loved exploring and wanted to give that experience to other people. It was interesting to see Wade's vision yesterday. Lisa – Wade was brought up a lot yesterday and would encourage you to continue to do what he wanted to do.

Committee Members

Reviewed Class I and Class IV committee vacancies. We received several applications and will be interviewing soon. Goal is to complete the process in time for November Commission meeting. There's also an opening on the RTP committee.

Need to elect a Vice-Chair for the grant sub-committee. This will be a two-year term. Wade was the Vice-Chair. The main role of the Vice-Chair is to run meetings if the Chair is not available.

MOTION: Barrett Brown moved to have Virgle Osborne serve as Vice Chair of the ATV Grant Subcommittee. Ann seconded.

VOTE: All in favor, none opposed, motion approved

Virgle Osborne is now Vice Chair of the ATV Grant Subcommittee

Grants

Reviewed current grant cycle which closes November 14th. These are short term one-year projects. We have about \$1.4 million, mostly intended for Equipment purchases.

Reviewed February Business meeting dates. We're looking at Feb. 25-27th. We would start on Wednesday Feb 26th (with Feb 25th as travel day) and go into Thursday depending on number of applications received.

ATV Advisory Committee

Reviewed November Advisory Committee meeting draft agenda. Planning for 6 hours and focusing on Dune Safety, Sound, Legislative Concepts and Program Updates. Let Jeff know if anything needs to be added.

Legislative Updates – HB 2582 and HB2566

Ian – Reviewed HB 2582 pertaining to ATV Safety Cards from the 2019 session. The bill would require safety cards for Class II and IV operators. There were questions raised about driving 20ft off the roadway and being considered an OHV. Reviewed HB 2566 presented by Representative Witt that would require license plates mostly to identify vehicles. There were a lot of questions and was tabled. Ian, Katie and Amy Joyce with ODOT are going to work together to look at the issues and to find solutions. Ian reviewed option to make the number more identifiable on the sticker. Another issue that came was law enforcement access to data, Jeff has been working with the IT Dept. We have two databases, one for the safety cards and the other for permits. We have also increased funding for State Police to have 2 FTE for ATV enforcement (previously 1) and last year we provided funding to purchase ATVs and Side-by-sides for many troopers throughout the state.

Titling

A couple years ago we prepared a number of concepts through the full committee. The committee was in favor of having titles for new vehicles not but not used or older

vehicles. Another concern was DMV's capacity. Some discussion but we need to discuss this with the full committee at the November Meeting.

Snow Bikes

An issue came up from a constituent that went to a Representative then they started talking to ODOT. Essentially, riders are putting a ski and track on a motorcycle and it becomes a snowmobile. In statute, these have to be registered as snowmobile, which also requires a snowmobile title. The problem is highway legal, dual sport motorcycles cannot have dual title for a motorcycle and a snow bike so the owners have to re-title their machine twice every year. Amy Joyce has been talking to DMV to figure out the best solution to this, which will likely involve a statute change.

Safety Education Card

Discussion about requiring Safety Education Cards for Class II and IV vehicles. We are having an increase in incidents involving Class IV users who tend to be new to the sport. Potential to require card for just Class IV or both Class II and IV vehicles. Will continue the discussion with the full ATV Committee in November.

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Class IV Definitions

Ian reviewed HB2592 that changed the definition of Class IV vehicles. The width went from 65" to 80" and weight went from 1,800lbs to 2,500lbs. Still have an issue is with 15" rims. Class II vehicle difference is insurance. The other difference is dealing with trails. We sent communication to land managers regarding size stating that we're not expecting you to change your trails. You can designate what goes on the trail by width, such as 50 inches or less, 65 inches or less or any Class IV. OPRD now needs to go to rule making. Katie is working on the rule making process.

Sound Levels

Ian – DEQ regulates sound limits in Oregon. In OAR, it references Table 4 which refers to motorcycles (which includes 3 wheelers) 1975 or older can go up to 102dB and after 1975 up to 99dB. Front engine vehicles are at 95dBs and mid & rear engine are at 97dB. Tim – For the last 7 or 8 years he has been trying to get 96dB statewide, so we can get the dunes from 93dB to 96dB. Jeff – we will be dedicating a lot of time to this at our upcoming LE Workshop. State Parks will have the new sound levels in the new 2020 OHV Handbook and will be working to educate the public and land managers.

Budget

Ian reviewed budget details. From the email sent out there were two minor changes on the budget. One is the Wallowa-Whitman planning grant – there were issues and the agency did not want to go forward with project at this time. The other is State Police as their original budget was short. The \$26K increase was due to increase in personnel costs for the two full time Officers. We have \$1.4M left for the next grant meeting. Some money was set aside for some equipment purchases.

Law Enforcement Workshop

Jeff discussed that we are having another workshop April 7-9th at Eagle Crest. Essentially, we bring in Law Enforcement for classroom and field exercises. Last year, we focused on getting instructors into the OSU hands-on training program.

This year, the focus will be on sound. We are bringing in Chris Real with DPS Technical for sound training on Monday.

Safety Program

We are making strides with safety as it pertains to the dunes.

We know the LETS program is telling us of the high incident rates in the dunes. At the safety summit, an issue was about the rental agencies and new riders. Reviewed the rental agency recognition program concept to promote more education before someone rents a machine. This will be covered at the November meeting. We've been working closely with USFS in doing more outreach. They put together 5 events to stage and spend the day talking to people. Jeff made a card with safety tips for the dunes.

Permit Sales

Ian reviewed permit sales information from 2010 to 2018. Class I numbers are dropping. Class II and Class III vehicles have stayed consistent. The Class IV numbers are growing.

Web Updates

Mike - All State agencies are going through web re-designs. The sites will be more mobile friendly and transaction based. In Feb of 2020 all current information will be gone and the new site will be up with a new look. We are now focusing on the general rider and the information they are looking for, such as buying a sticker and getting a safety card.

Reciprocity

Mike – explained that if other states accept our permits then we will allow those to operate in Oregon. If a state requires an out-of-state rider to purchase a sticker then reciprocity ends. Reviewed Idaho's new requirement effective January 1st. Several states are going away from reciprocity. Washington, Nevada and California are the only neighboring states that have reciprocity.

Other Comments

Michele Scalise – wanted to take this opportunity to echo the OPRD Director's sentiment and extend a big thank you for all the hard work you do with this committee. Your volunteer efforts do not go unnoticed by our agency. Thank you, Forest, for your years of service.

Chair Custer adjourned the meeting at 11:43am