

Minutes
PaOHV Business Meeting
January 9, 2010
Central Pennsylvania College

Present

Dave Marchese, SPER, Mike Babusci, TRCR; Jack Clark, Fred Baurele, LVATV; Bob Connor, Back Mountain ATV, Don McClure, S/MARC; Fred Brown, F C Brown Associates; Denny Mann, SPER

1. INTRODUCTION OF Board MEMBERS: Conducted by Dennis Mann

2. REVIEW PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 22 and October 24 meeting were approved with corrections.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Marchese

Redacted for confidentiality.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Don McClure

Don McClure reported that the web site is current with the exception of the ATV Traction-Venango entry pending proper contact information.

The winter issue of the newsletter is at the printer and would be mailed shortly. He also reported that he is working with the web host to boost hits on the site.

Mr. McClure reported that he has minimized his work to ease the financial strain on the Association. However, more activity is to be expected to catch up and progress in this new year.

5. POLITICAL ADVISORY REPORT: Fred Brown

Fred Brown reviewed the political climate in Harrisburg for the board. The budget was 187 days late and the widening corruption investigation has drained all attention from the legislature.

The Marcellus Shale gas field is occupying the attention of DEP and DCNR. Snowmobile trails are expected to close to accommodate drilling. OHV trails may follow a similar path this spring and summer. Similar closings of snowmobile trails are taking place in the southwest.

Jack Clark reported that his club has been and will be working in Sproul State Forest to address the water runoff problem that is impacting the Kettle Creek OHV trail. Part of their effort is to lay new trail to bypass the troubled area. The runoff is a residual problem from long past strip mining.

The bill to create an antique snowmobile registration plate is stalled. But when it moves, an opportunity to amend chapter 77 will present itself.

Mr. Brown suggested that PaOHV attempt again to access the DCNR registration data through the Open Records law. He believes that a new strategy may be successful. He will research the issue and report on options at a later date.

Mr. Brown reported that he has completed the alterations to the Act 77 draft have been made as per the Board's desires in November. The revised document was approved. Mr. Brown will send the revised copy to the board.

6. TRAINING/TECHNICAL REPORT: Robert Conner

Bob Connor reminded the Board to forward changes to "Where to Ride" to him or Mr. McClure. The site is current.

Mr. Connor asked that fliers be available for Motorama in February. Mr. McClure will fulfill this request.

The latest DCNR grant is expired. Mr. Connor will take the lead in applying for a third grant for SCORE.

7. LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Jack Clark

Jack Clark reported that progress is being made on writing white papers for DCNR. Denny Mann has compiled data on safety training and is outlining the paper now. Mike Babusci is spearheading the Rock Run survey process. A second survey opportunity will be offered until February 28. Mr. Babusci will compile the results. Don McClure will provide support. Mr. Clark will lead the SAAC paper which is 2/3 completed.

No SAAC meetings are scheduled at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

The Association is making progress toward completing the White Papers requested by the secretary on Rock Run, SAAC operations, and Safety Training. A survey will be posted on the web site and distributed to the membership to support the Rock Run paper. Mike Babusci will lead the Rock Run project.

Mr. Clark will spearhead the work on the SAAC paper, and Mr. Mann will work on the Training Paper.

Mr. Mann reported on the final details of the win in Oil City. The Council has adopted changes to an existing nuisance house ordinance that will accomplish the set policy goals without discriminating against OHV users.

Mr. Mann reported that the Jefferson Township ordinance has been withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Elections

On Denny Mann/Dave Marchese motion, Dick Lepley was nominated unanimously for the position of Executive Director. Nominations were closed.

On a Fred Baurele/Denny Mann motion, Mike Babusci was nominated for reelection to the position of Assistant Director. The nominations were closed.

The board agreed to accept nominations for the unexpired term of treasurer and Financial Director through March 15. Lee Williamson has expressed a willingness to be a candidate for treasurer.

2. Next meeting

The board set April 10, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. as the next general membership/board meeting.