

# **PaOHV Board of Directors Meeting**

## **November 17, 2007**

### **Minutes**

#### **Introduction and Reports**

The PaOHV Board of Directors met at Central Pennsylvania College on November 17, 2007. A quorum was present. Attending were Dick Lepley, Denny Mann, Bob Abernethy, Jack Clark, Fred Baurele, Don McClure, and Andy Krape. The meeting began at 10:42 a.m.

#### **Approval of Financial Reports and Minutes**

Don McClure provided an unofficial financial report in Dave Marchese's absence. The balance in the account as of this date is \$1,800. All invoices have been paid.

The Foundation reports that the balance there is near zero pending receipt of the next installment on the DCNR grant which should be forthcoming soon. South Penn Enduro Riders will be sending a contribution of \$500 to be segmented for trail development in Michaux forest.

Minutes for the April and July meetings remain unavailable and will be approved at the January meeting.

#### **Administrative Report from S/MARC**

Don McClure reported that 2008 membership renewal invoices will be sent following the historical schedule which has served the Association well in the past. First letters will be sent in early January.

McClure stressed the necessity for the Association to publish a Newsletter by year's end. This has been an area of significant weakness in the 2007 communications effort. Several board members agreed to submit articles. The board discussed possible remedies to a problem generated by the summer issue's characterization of CPAATV's trail expansion project. The Association agreed to include an article in the next issue updating the situation that also corrects past errors in fact and omission.

## **Legislative Report**

Don McClure reported that the Robbins RULWA bill will be voted in Committee in early December. The outcome is uncertain. A similar bill has been introduced in the House by Rep. Sam Rohrer. Jack Clark reported that Polaris will be seeking legislation to alter the weight limits on machines.

Clark recounted his recent experience meeting with the Secretary of DCNR. This meeting was prompted by a significant misinterpretation of Clark's remarks at the October SAAC meeting. DCNR was originally disturbed that the ATV community was unhappy with Rock Run and the recent trail expansion announced in July.

Clark made the Association's support of these projects as individual initiatives very clear to the Secretary. However, he also utilized the opportunity to express PaOHV's serious concern that there was no prior communication about the expansion proposal with the Association. He also voiced the organization's displeasure at the ongoing delays on establishing riding areas in the state. Clark reported that DCNR is actively seeking land to develop a riding area similar to Rock Run in eastern Pennsylvania once a suitable property is located.

## **Training/Technical Report**

Denny Mann reported that SCORE displays have been exhibited at the Michaux Enduro, and Quadfest. Bob Connor was noted to have provided particular support in labor for events during the year. The next SCORE opportunities will be held at Motorama in February and a similar event in Pittsburgh soon thereafter.

## **Old Business**

### **Election of Executive Director (for balance of unexpired term)**

Denny Mann was elected Executive Director by a vote of 546-90. Mann's position as Technical Director becomes vacant and will be filled in the scheduled Board elections in January.

### **Bylaws Revision**

The Board tabled this item.

## **Web Site Update**

The Board tabled this item pending a greater discussion about the Association's communications program.

## **Reorganization Proposal**

The Board heard a report from Dick Lepley that the basis on which a recent PaOHV reorganization proposal stands is flawed. Research shows that no state channels registration money to a state OHV association. The Board agreed to take no further action on the proposal since it appears to be unworkable.

## **Report on North Central Legislative Summit**

Dick Lepley reported that the North central Legislative Summit was a significant success. Valuable information was delivered to local and state officials.

Several National Groups attended including the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Lepley reported that BRC is looking to expand its influence in Pennsylvania. The board agreed that PaOHV should join BRC. All board members present contributed \$20 each to finance the membership.

## **DCNR Performance Letter and Meeting**

Following Jack Clark's earlier report of his meeting with the Secretary of DCNR, the Board agreed that all that could otherwise be accomplished by a letter of critique had been achieved in the meeting. Nevertheless, the Association will construct a larger White Paper that will state the successes and shortcomings of DCNR's efforts to create riding opportunities in Pennsylvania.

## **New Business**

### **Nominations for Board Seats**

In January, the PaOHV membership will elect a Legislative Director, a Technical Director and a Finance Director. Jack Clark, Andy Krape, and Dave Marchese, respectively, were nominated as candidates for these positions. Nominations will remain open until the vote on January 12.

### **Request to MIC for Continuation of Alliance for Representation**

Dick Lepley reported MIC's is desirous of a continued alliance for professional representation of OHV in Harrisburg. No further action was required of the Association.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.