



Off-Highway Motorcycle Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 28th, 2022
via Zoom

Council Members Present: Bryan Much (Chair), Rob McConnell (Vice Chair), Craig Johnson, Phil Smage, Mitch Winder
DNR Staff: Jillian Steffes
Public: none

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM by Rob

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Draft minutes from December 2021 meeting are posted online.

Motion to approve minutes by Mitch, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED

3. Chair Report – Bryan Much

- Helped on flagging out a new OHM trail in Rhinelander, but a key volunteer left so the trail may not get finished (no grant funds involved to date).
- How much cost share is appropriate for OHM on shared use trails and projects? Program can't financially support 50/50 cost share with ATV on a bridge, for example. And OHM users are likely very much less in many years. Reluctant to pledge maintenance support for a multi-use trail if we don't have a policy on how they would cost share bridge/rehab. Let's do an ad-hoc brainstorming session.
- Lots of great club sponsored events right now, such as Wabeno, Kettle Moraine, Bucky, Badger at Sauk Prairie.

4. Elections

Motion to nominate Bryan Much as Chair of the OHM Council by Mitch, 2nd by Rob. MOTION PASSED

Motion to nominate Rob McConnell as Vice-Chair of the OHM Council by Bryan, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED

5. DNR Report

- **Jillian Steffes (Grants)**
 - HANDOUTS
 - OHM Registration Summary
 - OHM Trail Pass Sales Summary
 - Spreadsheet of FY23 Grant Requests
 - We don't have an exact program balance at this time, we've had a lot of turnover with accountants and the latest just started. We should have well over \$200,000 which is more than enough for this year's requests, I will circle back with a more precise program balance when the new accountant is up and running.
 - We will review open projects at a future meeting.

6. ACTION ITEM: Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications

- a. Below are recorded explicitly noted comments/questions. Funding motions and more details on each project available in the **meeting attachments**.

App #	Applicant	Discussion/Questions	Motions
1	Village of Tigerton	Maintenance. Miles have changed slightly from last year as a precise count was obtained	Motion to recommend funding by Rob, 2 nd by Craig MOTION PASSED
2	Vilas County	Maintenance of 22.2 miles of OHM trail.	Previously approved, no new action needed. DNR will automatically approve each year's new maintenance request if no changes to miles.
3	Kewaunee	Rehab of 1 mile of trail connecting to parking lot. Split 50/50 with ATV. May not always be able to split 50/50, but this is a higher use area by OHM and have the funds at this time.	Motion to recommend funding by Rob, 2 nd by Craig
4	Sauk County	Cost of hosting 2 day special event at Sauk Prairie Recreation Area	Motion to recommend funding by Mitch, 2 nd by Phil

- Council observed there was no maintenance application for Kewaunee. Why not? Encourage them to apply next year? Because they charge admission, they wouldn't get the \$1k rehab reserve, but would be eligible for per-mile maintenance at a rate of \$53/mile

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Council members' matters

- None

9. Other matters that may come before the Council

- Jillian will work to get a more solid program balance
- For next meeting, let's get status updates on open projects, especially Dyracuse and Clark. Those first-year grants couldn't be returned to the program, but will it ever expire if the applicants are slow to get a project going?
- Ad hoc group will talk about cost share on multi-use projects.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Phil, 2nd by Craig. Motion carries.