

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**May 29, 2014**

Conference Room at Country Inn & Suites, Stevens Point, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Dave Traczyk, Bryan Much, Ernie Pulvermacher, Jim Wisneski, Bill Schumann, and Adam Harden</p> <p>Others Present: Gary Eddy- LE, Diane Conklin, Faith Murray, and Ed Slaminski – DNR, members of the public.</p>	Meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM and the council introduced themselves and asked the audience to do so as well.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting		Motion by Bill Schumann, second by Dave Traczyk to approve the minutes. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	3. Chair Comments	<p>Rob McConnell, chair indicated that based upon the new program, he fulfilled the obligation of notifying the Secretary of the DNR.</p> <p>Rob noted that he participated on a WCFA conference call with WCFA to discuss and listen to concerns about TROUTES..</p>	
	4. Reports	<p>Grants - Diane Conklin She provided information that she had seen some recent numbers and it appears that we are out of the debt that we were carrying. What we hope this means is that we have money available after paying for maintenance of ATV and UTV Trails.</p> <p>LE – Gary Eddy We are currently at 5 fatalities. At this point last year, we had 7. Out of the 5 this year, 2 were on roads, 3 on</p>	

		<p>trails. The roads were not open to ATVs. Getting a lot of discussion from communities regarding routes.</p> <p>Other issues for ATVs are two way trails adjacent to roadways. At night, the law says you have to be at least 40' off of the roadway, or have a headlamp barrier erected. Most of the concerns came from various Law Enforcement folks.</p>	
	5. Action Arising from Reports	<p>The council would like us to look at separating the signing handbook and provide more emphasis.</p> <p>Rob also asked that everyone take a look at the rating criteria draft and provide comments. Diane pointed out that we have several funding categories. Ernie suggested that we look at trying to pilot in 2015 grant cycle before formalizing it.</p>	<p>Bryan Much moved to bring this up at the next meeting and to move the TROUTES to before Summer and ahead of intense use areas for discussion and a vote. Second by Adam Harden. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	6. Trail Area Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify Member Contact Information • Bylaws – Bryan Much Establish a general framework for how we do business and how we are organized. <p>Ernie was concerned about the elections and the length of time that the officers are elected. Now we elect by DNR year.</p>	<p>Diane Conklin will send out a list of all members. Please review, and confirm that the information is correct or what changes need to be made. It will then be published on the DNR website.</p> <p>Motion by Brian Much, second by Dave Traczyk to approve the bylaws as written. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Troutes Diane Conklin read the language out of the code (NR 64.02 (9m) and (15) identifying the definition/ Rob McConnell went further and explained the historical reasons for creating this language. <p>Mike Peterson, representing WCFA explained the concern that they have regarding the definition of troute as it relates to routes and services.</p> <p>Diane Conklin read the legal opinion from Mike Kowalkowski, program attorney, indicating that a route is not part of “services”.</p> <p>Jim Wisneski explained what was happening in his area and that he agreed with Bryan Much, that we live with what we have today and try to identify changes for the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Hoc Committees – Rob McConnell We have always had a representative of the WCFA on the Council. Rob proposal was to have an Ad Hoc Committee that included our trail providers (i.e., WCFA, and USFS) as they are the two largest landowners that have ATV/UTV trails. We should not go so far as to identifying a member, but go to these two groups and ask them to select someone. Another Ad Hoc group is needed to review and make recommendations to the Council for bylaws and the TROUTE concerns. TROUTE funding will follow under the “new” 	<p>Bryan suggested that this be reviewed by the TROUTE Ad Hoc committee.</p> <p>Two Ad Hoc Committees were appointed. The first will discuss the expansion of TROUTE definitions for further clarity. The chair of the TROUTE Ad Hoc Committee will be Jim Wisneski and members appointed are: Mike Peterson, Paul Teska, and WATVA rep., The chair will sit on any Ad Hoc Committee as well.</p>
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	<p>9. Council Member Items</p>	<p>Trail Rehabilitation – Rob McConnell expresses interest in finding out when equipment purchased with ATV education dollars is sold, what happens to the money and how are sales identified.</p> <p>Status of Education Trailer and/or funds received, if sold</p> <p>Ernie Pulvermacher – Nothing Bryan Much – Good use of time to hash out some of the issues that the Ad Hoc Committee Dave Traczyk – what about the possibility of limiting a particular category within the priority categories. Another item, when it comes to funding in August and we’ve gotten to a specific category, Jim Wisneski – clarification of classifications. Can we deny some projects in a specific category? The answer is yes, if there is a reason that is worthwhile. Bill Schumann – sounds like August is going to be real long meeting. Adam – no comments at this time. Ernie – would like to go out and ride a combination trail (trail, route, troute combo). Rob – we have a lot of new folks riding that have a</p>	<p>Gary Eddy indicated that any receipt of auction sales get rolled back into the LE account for safety and education.</p>

		different anticipation of a trail.	
	Citizen Participation	Dale Mayo – August is going to be rough. Faith Murray – Oconto Co. had a spring washout. They are asking for a variance to the April 15 date. They are asking to include any retro work done in any grant.	Motion by Bryan Much that we move to approve a variance for both variances. Second by Jim Wisneski. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	Next meeting date/time	Funding meeting is August 19, 2014 in the Stevens Point area.	
	10. Adjournment		Motion by Bryan Much, second by Ernie Pulvermacher to adjourn at 12:05 PM. <u>Motion carried.</u>