

Wisconsin Conservation Congress

Motorized Recreational Vehicles

Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	09/27/14	9:00 AM	Mead Wildlife Area Visitor Center Library S2148 County Road S, Milladore, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Chair Dave Larson at 9:00 AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Members: Dave Larson, Gene Knoll, Wayne Schmidt, Bob Knorr, Gary Schenck (arrived at 9:30 AM). DNR Liaison Peter Biermeier. Guest Presenters: Aaron Buchholz, DNR; Randy Harden, WATVA & Rob McConnell, ORV Council.
EXCUSED	Members: John Aschenbrenner, David Breunig, Ted Engelen, Allen Shook. DNR Liaison Gary Eddy.
UNEXCUSED	None
GUESTS	Adam Lindsey, WCC Coordinator; Hank Wozniel, WATVA and Ellen Schmidt.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Larson stated that Aaron Buchholz II. D. Motorized Access Initiative requested to be moved up in the agenda.
ACTION	Motion by Knorr, second by Schmidt to accept. Motion carried unanimously.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	<p>The committee members discussed revising the draft mission statement as this is a newly formed committee. After review and discussion the following mission statement was introduced:</p> <p>The mission of the Motorized Recreational Vehicles Advisory Ad Hoc Committee of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress is to provide citizen input on the use and management of motorized recreational vehicles on public and private lands, on behalf of all those who utilize these resources.</p> <p>The committee will review current and proposed policies for motorized recreational vehicles on public and private lands and provide recommendations that take into account the wide range of public and private property user's interests.</p> <p>Further the committee will explore opportunities to engage and collaborate with existing motorized vehicle organizations and will promote the safe and responsible use of motorized recreational vehicles.</p>
ACTION	Motion by Schmitt and second by Knorr to approve. All five committee members voted to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. MOTORIZED ACCESS INITIATIVE

AARON BUCHHOLZ

DISCUSSION	Mr. Buchholz reviewed the current status of the mapping project the department now has in process. The DNR is undertaking a project to inventory and map all roads and properties that are under their jurisdiction. The department will be designating all trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, and other special use areas as to the acceptable use of these properties for various different motorized vehicles. Maps will be created to show the public which areas are open for which type of motorized vehicle and when each road is open or closed for such use. The project is currently underway and is expected to be completed by early 2015.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

B. Overview of motorized recreational vehicle trends in Wisconsin

PETER BIERMEIER

DISCUSSION	Mr. Biermeier gave an update on current trends of motorized rec vehicles. ATV/UTV trends were discussed. Trail riding opportunities for these vehicles were reviewed. A List of the ATV parks was also reviewed by the committee. Discussion was also held on the movement to allow use of these vehicles on certain roadways in the state of Wisconsin.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

C. WATVA Matters

RANDY HARDEN

DISCUSSION	Mr. Harden discussed current issues that WATVA is working on. The current trend in ATV/ UTV registrations was reviewed. Mr. Harden also commented on the use of ATV/UTV vehicles on designated roadways in the state.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

D. ORV Council

ROB MCCONNELL

Discussion	Mr. McConnell discussed a number of the initiatives that the Off Road Vehicle Council is working on.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
Person(s) responsible	Deadline	

E. Opportunities for Motorized Recreation on State Lands

PETER BIERMEIER

Discussion	Mr. Biermeier discussed current riding opportunities for recreational vehicles on state lands. He reviewed some of the department's current initiatives to increase various riding opportunities.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
Person(s) responsible	Deadline	

F. Opportunities for Motorized Recreation on Non-State Lands

RANDY HARDEN

Discussion	Mr. Harden recapped a number of initiatives that WATVA is currently working on. New trail opportunities exist, but a limiting factor is the amount of dollars available in the ATV program to fund these projects.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
Person(s) responsible	Deadline	

G. Explore Opportunities for WCC Involvement and Input

CHAIR LARSON

Discussion	Chair Larson led a discussion about different ways the WCC and this committee could generate ideas and input on recreational vehicle uses on various lands, trails, and routes.	
ACTION	Report accepted.	
Person(s) responsible	Deadline	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Chair Larson discussed the process that requests and initiatives should go through to be presented to this committee. Committee members discussed funding shortfalls in motorized recreational programs.
ACTION	

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion Schenck, second Knoll to adjourn. Motion carried. 1:10 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Gene Knoll, Secretary
DATE	09/27/14