

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

Law Enforcement Committee Minutes

December 15, 2008

Chula Vista Resort, Laguna Vista Room, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:23 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Rick Steimel, Chair, Tom Thornton, Jon Schweitzer, Tom Chwala, and Mike Willman. Absent: Bob Lang</p> <p>Others Present: Diane Conklin, Tom Blotz – DNR, other council members, representatives from AWSC and the public. Representation by John Sobotik Assistant General Council, Dept. of Transportation.</p>	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	All future agendas and minutes will include public comments after Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting.	Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Jon Schweitzer to approve minutes of August 24, 2008.
	3. Acknowledge Guests	Welcome two new members, Bob Lang and Mike Willman Guests: Doug Johnson, AWSC, Cathy Hanson, Managing Editor of Wisconsin Snowmobile News, Bill Pfaff, and John Sobotik, DOT Attorney	
	4. Public Comments	None	
Rick Steimel	4. Chair Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWI concern being heard and seen on the news, in public, etc. • Rick attended the Snow show in Milwaukee and talked to attendees. Also talked to a couple of news reporters. 	
Gary Eddy	6. Department Report and Status Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First fatality in Barron County where a person went through the ice • Snowmobile warden funds through Tribal Gaming have been reduced by the equivalent of 1 position because of budget cuts. • Special Enforcement team will <u>not</u> be active this 	

Rick Steimel		<p>year and equipment will be disbursed out to field wardens for use because of funding cuts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There might be a little extra funding to provide local warden teams to patrol more. • Non-motorized trails committee is putting proposed bill language to allow motorized trespass to include Public lands. • 9-11-08 Meeting had several attendees from various groups in attendance; WATVA, DOT, WAL, AWSC, DNR and others. Two options were discussed: • OWI tie in to DL and tying the OWI into recreation vehicles only (snowmobile, ATV, or boat). • Rick found the meeting to be primarily informative to all, DOT attended and indicated that it could be major retrofitting but do-able. 	
Rick Steimel Mike Cerny Gary Eddy Jon Schweitzer	7.Action Arising from Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially, a two stage approach to the penalties. • Mike Cerny expressed a concern that the committee develop a plan to present to the Full Council. • At Milwaukee and Green Bay Snow Shows, a survey was conducted to get a feel from the public to see what they thought about the idea. About 400 surveys were completed. Of those completed, when asked if harsher penalties should be enacted – 80% agreed. However, about 52% of those completing the survey, felt that it should be tied to the DL. • One county has submitted a resolution to Counties Association to support the DL tie in. A petition was occurring in the Eagle River area to do the same. • MN already does something similar by tying a second offense to other recreational vehicle registration privileges. 	<p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Mike Cerny, that we move from DWI-DL to a recreational license. Look at multiple offenses. Also, look at confiscation of machines. Discussion: It was requested to break this motion out into several separate ones. Tom Thornton withdrew his motion, Mike Cerny withdrew the second.</p> <p>Motion by Tom to tie OWI to Recreational Vehicles operating privileges only. Second by Mike Cerny. <u>Motion carried.</u> (1 opposed)</p> <p>Motion by Jon Schweitzer that first offense would be one year of revocation, 2nd offense, 2 years of revocation, and 3rd offense would be lifetime revocation. Motion withdrawn.</p>

<p>Tom Chwala</p> <p>Jon Schweitzer</p> <p>Bev Dittmar</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost to do something like this? Erin () from DOT stated that as long as penalties match motor vehicle standards, it could be rather inexpensive. However, if we tie it to a recreational vehicle, the system would need to be reworked and could be expensive. However, tying the offense to DNR's system wouldn't be too expensive as we were already set up. • Tom Chwala indicated that the County Boards Association (or Town's Association) may be investigating the cost of doing this. • It appears that we still don't have all of the information to develop a motion. Cost is key to finding out what is needed. • The cost of this could really hurt funding of projects. This needs to be determined so we can clarify this further. • Mike Cerny's opinion was that, after the DOT meeting, there was not a lot of support to move to a DL tie in. In order to move this forward, you have to have support from the user groups and, it was his opinion that we don't have this support. • Tom Chwala is concerned that the information is not being distributed to all committee members. We need to make sure that all committee members are included in further communication. 	<p>Motion by Mike Cerny that all recreational penalties be standardized to the highest current penalty for OWI. Second by Bev Dittmar. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Mike Cerny to tie second offense to tie to Driver's License. Second by Bev Dittmar. Motion carried with 1 opposed.</p>
	9. Member Items	none	
	10. Next Meeting		February, 2009
	11. Adjournment		<p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Mike Willman to adjourn at 9:37. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>