

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Motorized Recreational Vehicles Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	9/26/15	9 a.m.	Stevens Point-Schmeeckle Reserve
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Dave Larson at 9:03
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Dave Larson, Robert Knorr, Gary Mertig, Ron Krueger, Stephanie Blazich, Gary Schenck, Al Marotz (arrived at 9:25)
EXCUSED	Matt Jacowski, Gene Knoll, Dave Breunig
UNEXCUSED	n/a
GUESTS	Shelley Hamel, Resolution Author; Gary Eddy, DNR; Aaron Buchholz, DNR; Rob McConnell, ORV Council; Bryan Much, Off Road Motorcycles; Randy Harden & Hank Wozniel, WATVA.

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	Move Author Shelley Hamel up to an earlier time.
ACTION	Resolution author moved up earlier in schedule.

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	One year since the fine tune of the mission statement.- 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. 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. 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.
ACTION	Al Marotz – motion to leave statement as is. Gary Schenck seconded.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	n/a
ACTION	n/a

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. CITIZEN RESOLUTIONS 39-02-2015

SHELLEY HAMEL

DISCUSSION	Shelley talked to towns about mowing and such-with no luck. No rules in her town about ditch riding. If there's something that can slow the pace that would be helpful. ATV pressure wash site from ATV Trail Groups. ---Seems many are not in favor of this rule-might be hard to control. Towns have the authority over the roads. Education of road maintenance crews for mowing. Bigger issue is pavement erosion and ditch erosion from the motorized vehicles. Wind, animals, and people can spread it just as easy. Trails are put in place to help reduce the spread.
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ACTION	Motion to Reject by Robert Knorr. Seconded by Ron Krueger. Motion Carried.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
Chair Larson to notify author & WCC Historian on outcome of resolution.	n/a	

B. OVERVIEW OF MOTORIZED TRENDS IN WI

GARY EDDY

DISCUSSION	Expanding areas that are public for motorized vehicles. Counties still get to decide on final rules. Fatality rates are rising with ATV's. More ATVs are registered to the road and possible causing the rise. Funding was taking away from the clubs and they are trying to get it back-funding for trails didn't go away. Separate category of money from the clubs. Still in the works.	
ACTION	n/a	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a	n/a	

C. WATVA CURRENT ISSUES

RANDY HARDEN

DISCUSSION	Funding depends on usage of trails and rules. Most are limited motorized use. State is the smallest voice in the public land use of ATVs. Letting motorized vehicles use the roads is cheaper than spending millions Gas tax is being shorted for the ATVs over the Snowmobiles. Using the roads and can't get a whole lot of trail access. Rise in UTVs and the demographics are changing for the usage. Speeds are increasing on the ATVs/UTVs. Maps need to be updated and should be sending the ordinance to the department of DNR.	
ACTION	n/a	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a	n/a	

D. ORV COUNCIL

ROB MCCONNELL

DISCUSSION	5 million to spend on projects. Fund 1879 miles of trails. Different standards of roads. Huge request for widening and adding more aggregate. Running out of natural terrain trails. Turning trails into roads. More fatalities--safest place is on trail where private is the deadliest. Battle on what type of trails to put in. Twisty turny or flat and straight. Tractors are being used for grooming of trails-needing stronger bridges/trails. Spend users' money wisely. Trails are either open year round, during the summer, or only in the winter. Sponsor of the trail decides the usage.	
ACTION	n/a	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a	n/a	

E. OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLES

BRYAN MUCH

DISCUSSION	Dual Sport Motorcycle, Adventure Motorcycle, Off Highway Motorcycle. Only 50 Miles of WI trails. Repurposing trails like horse trails into motorcycle trails for certain weekends a year. GPS is becoming popular for guiding riders-makes sure are riders are where they are supposed to be and not on private land. Keeping regs up to date is important for the GPS riding. Riding scouts are a major factor. "Light Footprint and Low Impact" on the trails. Some trails are longer/major routes while other are just weekend rides through small towns. Clubs are really helping with participation.	
ACTION	n/a	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
n/a	n/a	

F. MOTARIZED ACCESS INITIATIVE**AARON BUCHHOLZ**

DISCUSSION	Making a database on department roads to determine which is open and closed for public motorized use. Maps that depict roads open seasonally and not.	
ACTION	n/a	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

G. CURRENT OPPORTNITIES – STATE LANDS**AARON BUCHHOLZ**

DISCUSSION	There is some open opportunities with open state land for use. They are working at opening them up to the public and finding new and different trails within budget.	
ACTION	n/a	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE
n/a		n/a

Reach out the the schools, 4-H, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Reaching out to the youth and women to get everyone involved and make sure everyone has a say in things for many years to come. Everyone is happy with the amount of women getting involved.	
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III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Discussion on round-a-bouts and how they can impact motorized recreation. DOT has been clear that they deal with transportation issues; not recreation issues. With round-a-bouts become more prevalent, motorized recreational users are concerned that design will insure safe access and not shut them out. Don't want to set bad precedent.
ACTION	n/a

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion Krueger, second by Marotz to adjourn. Motion carried. 12:04pm
SUBMITTED BY	Stephanie Blazich
DATE	9/26/15