

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Motorized Recreational Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes



ORDER OF BUSINESS	November 7, 2016	6:30 pm	Conference call
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Dave Larson at 6:30 pm
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Gary Mertig, Dave Larson, Ron Krueger, Pearl Holmstadt, Al Marotz, Wayne Schmidt, Eric Booker, Dave Breunig, Paul Eichelkraut
EXCUSED	James Kramer
UNEXCUSED	Stephanie Blazich
GUESTS	Gary Eddy – DNR, Brigit Brown - DNR

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	none
ACTION	approved

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	Reviewed committee mission statement: Wayne S. asking if mission statement is only ATY/UTV or does it include snowmobiles or watercraft. Dave L indicates land based but could include snowmobile. Ron K. agree – mission should stay focused on ATV/UTV. Al M. agree on ATV/UTV. If WCC wants snowmobiles covered in this committee, they should direct that. No boats.
ACTION	Mission to stay as written. Motion by Al M. 2 nd by Ron K. – motion passed.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. OHM REGISTRATION PROGRAM

GARY EDDY

DISCUSSION	<p>Not a lot of registrations coming in, about 40 registered motorcycles, very few calls coming, very little feedback from the Rangers & Wardens. There have been a lot of good questions. Brigit gave the overview during the previous meeting.</p> <p>Dave B. How many registered? Gary E. about 40. Dave B. doesn't that seem low? Gary E. we don't know. We based program on Minnesota, there are not a lot of trails open so we can't really tell if it is low. Dave B. I would have thought there would be more. Gary E. the current registration system isn't giving us good numbers. Brian M has been doing good work reviewing.</p> <p>Ron K. are the off-road motorcyclists aware they have to register? How do we get the word out? Gary E. Brian M. has done tremendous outreach in the state. There was a statewide press release on the program that reached out to all ATV/UTV dealerships.</p>
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	Paul E. What is the cost of registering? Gary E. \$30 every two years. Dave B. Is there a club they can join and reduce cost? Gary E. that is only snowmobile trail pass. Dave B. so they cost more out of pocket since there is no clubs to join to reduce fee. Brigit B. There are 4 new clubs in the state. Gary E. they aren't penalized since they only need \$30 trail pass but snowmobiles need trail pass and registration. Ron K. I've been hearing a lot of negativity on those charges. Dave B. all off road motorized pay the same fees & snowmobiles pay more & get a break if they join a club. Gary E. We really can't compare the two since trail pass is only from snowmobiles – not ATV/UTV or motorcycles. Wis. ATV Association was asked if they were going to follow suit with snowmobile and they said no.	
ACTION	None at this time	
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B. CROSSING STATE/COUNTY ROADS FOR ACCESS TO BUSINESSES

GARY EDDY

DISCUSSION	Gay E. I sent an email earlier today and previously to the group regarding crossing State & County roads. (read from email) As far as crossing they can do that but must be legally operating on both sides in order to cross. If a 'T' road it would pretty much stop. Ron K. I'm kind of confused on this. If you come to a T why wouldn't they be able to cross? Wayne S. We have a situation on SR 13 where town road T's with State highway & they refuse to let them cross SR 13. Dave B. I'm just kind of curious – who doesn't let them cross, DOT? Wayne S. I've been told they have approached the DOT. Gary E. That's all DOT and I know they have a permitting process. Brigit B. It's pretty clear criteria on website on what is allowed and permitted. Dave B. What can we give them? Brigit B. we can give them link and they can review criteria. Best thing to do is just ask. Ron K. you can cross County, State, Federal roads but don't understand why they can't cross this. Wayne S. Can someone put link up? Brigit B. Yes, I will send out now to the group. Snowmobiles have a different set of rules in State statute which doesn't apply to ATV/UTV. Dave L. Wayne – does that answer your questions for tonight? Wayne S. I'll take that back to the business and let them decide. Question regarding trail by Black River Falls County K bridge route by Arbutus. Gary E. the County enacted an ATV road route to connect to Clark County trails. County K is the only bridge in that area. Another thing they take into account is where the people are going if to other trails or just where. Dave L. Anything else? I'd like to move in to II-C	
ACTION	Post link to DOT road crossing information	
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Brigit B.	Completed during meeting	

C. DISCUSSION ON UTV DEFINITION, WEIGHTS,SIZES

GARY EDDY

DISCUSSION	Gary E. the DNR has to follow all these specs on registration form & if boxes are not checked we can't register. Wayne S. the one that brought that up is the Kubota...at 65.4" it is 0.4" over the 65" and the weight is just over the limit. Gary E. went into legislation knowing there would be a cut-off somewhere. That weight came from association. Ron K. was some of the reasons behind this due to trails were originally snowmobiles and are they worried about damage due to weight? Gary E. yes – that was specific to maintenance & rehab of trails for rec vehicles. Gary M. I have a real concern for 2 reasons: I've had 2 Kubota's. First one was registered. On second one I can run on town roads if I put plow on it or can run it to the farm. I think someone is missing out on some money. Maybe it's a suggestion to someone that can we register them as road worthy and not trails? Gary E. registration is for maintenance. Gary M. We opened up roads for tourism...that was just a question on how to use these bigger machines. Gary E. any vehicles not registered by the DNR is up to local authorities. Wayne S. I would like to see more areas open up – County roads. Gary M, comments on trail maintenance. Dave L. Any other questions? Dave B. old fashioned John Deere Gator...the way they have been told is they don't have roll bar but other Polaris without bars can be registered. Gary E. that's just the way the specs were set up. Dave B. what would the problem be for 850# Gaiter out there? Gary E. the older Polaris Ranger is more the ATV style with handlebars, etc. Ron K. did they consider UTV being the new Razors? If you want to take your golf cart on trails I don't know why they can't do this. Gary M. if resolutions come up are we going to kill them off or ? Dave L. We have to decide what we want to do. That's our place. Dave B. there was some talk that they eliminated the cargo box requirement for UTV. Gary E. Yes – they don't have to have a cargo box. Wayne S. One thing I would like to see is directional signals and horn & mirrors. That really makes a difference. Dave L. Wayne – you can write a resolution in your county for next spring. Gary M., Ron K. discussion on additional features getting close to licensed vehicle. Dave B. questions on 4 & 6 passenger vehicles meeting weight limits. Al M. no question – really interested in multiple use trails. Eric B. is there a central database that	
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	shows trials? Gary E. they recommend to go to County or Township & getting copies. Ron K. Brigit – can you give us that information on crossing State roads? Brigit B. explains – sent link – any kind of trail needs permit to cross. Dave L any other questions? Al M. I would just like to thank Brigit and Gary for being here and sharing their expertise.	
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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Dave L. discuss meeting dates for 2017. Group consensus was the second Saturday in September.
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IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	Motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm by Wayne S, 2nd by Al M. motion carried
SUBMITTED BY	Eric Booker, acting secretary
DATE	Dec 5th, 2016