

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
<p><b>1) Call to Order</b></p>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Ernie, Dave, Jim, Rob, Bryan, Adam, Bobby Donahue,</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Cathy Burrow, Liaison, Gary Eddy, LE Liaison, Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, Katie Simonsen– DNR Staff</p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM Introductions of council members occurred.</p>
<p><b>2) Acceptance of Previous Meeting</b></p>	<p>No further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion by Bryan to approve minutes as written. Second by Adam. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>3) Agenda Repair</b></p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p><b>4) Elections</b></p>	<p><i>Chairman, call for nominations:</i> Bryan nominated Rob as chairman, second by Adam. Call twice more for additional nominations. No more nominations and no further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion by Ernie to close nominations and unanimously elect Rob as chair, second by Bobby. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>
	<p><i>Vice-Chair, call for nominations:</i> Jim nominated Bryan for vice-chair, second by Adam. Call twice more for additional nominations. No more nominations and no further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion to close nominations and unanimously elect Bryan as vice-chair, second by Dave. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>
	<p><i>Secretary, call for nominations:</i> Adam nominated Ernie as secretary, second by Bryan. Call twice more for additional nominations. No more nominations and no further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion by Bryan to close nominations and unanimously elect Ernie as secretary, second by Adam. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>5) Chair Report</b></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> weather – will let DNR update on legislation</p>	
<p><b>6) DNR representatives' matters</b></p>	<p><b>DNR LE/ safety liaison</b> (Gary Eddy) – Legislative updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speed limits 35 mph less regardless of unit of govt - govt jurisdiction may be opened to ATV/UTV travel by local ordinance for roads within jurisdictional boundaries; except interstate and defense highways.</li> <li>- Rob asked about if it's set</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ernie – can you clarify federal roads off limits. It is state, county, and local roads 35 mph or less, the respective municipal agency can opt it into the road route</li> </ul> <p>Gary: Correct, need an ordinance on file and filed with DNR and file with DOT – send directly to Gary Eddy for simplest submission</p>
	<p>Legislative changes in route signing, clarifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup>: local unit enacts ordinance <u>certain roads</u>, need to post road at beginning and at intersections with off-road ATV trails and other roads that aren't ATV routes, including end of routes. Will be updated in handbook later this month.</li> <li>• Rob: verbiage issues – designating as ATV route vs authorizing ATV/UTV travel – designating needs approval from DOT, but authorized can be with local unit of govt, so recommend use of “authorized” not “designated” to speed up approval –</li> <li>• Gary: that is correct, however, can only put up route signs if “designated” route and signing agreement with DOT.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup>: local unit with ordinance that <u>all roads</u> under their jurisdiction are ATV routes – signs at jurisdictional boundaries that say this.</li> <li>• Ernie – did they refine physical characteristics (size shape etc.)?</li> </ul> <p>Gary, yes, has been working with DOT sign engineer – <u>DOT sign plate catalog on their website</u>, internal search menu on their website- with specs; those are what will need to be followed – will be tightened to help safety and follow law.</p> <p>DOT sign plate catalog: <a href="http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/traffic-ops/manuals-and-standards/signplate/signplate.aspx">http://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/traffic-ops/manuals-and-standards/signplate/signplate.aspx</a></p>
	<p><b>Safety report:</b>  27 fatalities this year, high like 2014  Contributing factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no helmet: 96% - stressing increased survival with helmet, will continue to ramp up efforts in education on helmets</li> <li>• location: 65% on roads (legal and illegal use)</li> <li>• alcohol: 52% (up), ten-year trend staying above 50%;</li> <li>• 76% OWI arrests on ATVs last year (has been near 90%), but local trying to stay on top</li> </ul> <p>230 roadway violations</p>
	<p><b>LE Bureau Report</b> – Rec Safety and outdoor skills, has been revamped, new positions; just hired six outdoor skills trainers, will take over from previous rec safety wardens and will work with safety education instructors; non-credentialed, will be more outreach with clubs (helmet campaign, etc).</p>

	<p>Rec safety warden revamped – pushed more toward enforcement side of things – address concerns with getting more out on trails – out on the trails, making contacts, high visibility patrols, focus on factors in fatal accidents (boats, ATV/UTV, snowmobile &amp; OHM),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ernie: % safety training online vs classroom:</li> <li>- Gary: 2017: 9,426 certified ATV, a little over 7,500 online</li> <li>- Overall student certified numbers are up, reports on complaints on how to get around the test and if they get around it are unfounded. The bank of rotating questions is too large. Online learning is commonplace in schools today.</li> <li>- Bryan: it’s a good thing, eliminate backlog, has been fantastic – by those numbers, 7,500 is a success story</li> <li>- Bobby confirmed, along with boater safety</li> <li>- Bryan – trends on fatalities, compared against registrations? Like a ratio –</li> <li>- Gary: fatality trend (done by a ratio per 100k in the annual report each year) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2008, 4.41/ 100K registrations,</li> <li>- 2017, 10 fatalities/100K registrations</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Bryan: we’re over twice the rate we were 10 years ago, so what are contributors?</li> </ul> <p>ATV Annual Report: <a href="https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/atv/atvCrashInfo.html">https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/atv/atvCrashInfo.html</a></p>
	<p><b>Grants:</b> (Cathy Burrow)</p> <p>Handouts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant application for review at the June 6 meeting</li> <li>• NHAL proposed ATV trail map from the NHAL Master Plan</li> <li>• Equipment rate to approve – to add a stand-alone chipper, self-contained (to differentiate from attached to tractor), minimum 25 hp at the rate of \$24 with a code of 902</li> <li>• Amendment request for Vilas county</li> </ul> <p><b>ATV trail guidance team:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next step, meeting to share draft with external partners, the draft is incomplete assistance and feedback will be requested to complete it. The meeting has been rescheduled from April 12 to a date to be determined, hoping for early May.</li> </ul> <p><b>Registration numbers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year to this year – overall registration has gone up 4.2%, the total as March 3, 2018: 384,642</li> <li>- Public ATV – reg down just under 1%</li> <li>- Public UTV – up just under 30%</li> </ul>

	<p><b>NHAL meeting update (Jillian)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DNR looking to open roads in NHAL, 1st priority awaiting roads to open up (still snow covered) to see infrastructure needed. Looking at funding available – internal DNR funds and/or management by county so roads/trails are eligible for grant funds.</li> <li>- Issues, county grant fund opportunities may be limited as these roads are open to motor vehicle use (routes), and need to connect “trail-to-trail or trail-to-service” to meet definition of a “troute” for partial grant funding. Unsure if any of these roads could be closed to the public to make them “trail” and eligible for full funding and make a stronger case for classifying the rest as “troute”.</li> <li>- Bryan: with public hearings, conditions were that roads were to remain open so can’t change without more master planning - that would likely</li> </ul> <p><b>WDNR-GP4-2013 Wetland General Permit for Recreational Development</b> - must be renewed every 5 years. It expires this summer. A team is being put together review it and propose changes if needed to make sure it’s relevant and completing it is straight-forward. Ed Slaminski and Cathy are a part of that team.</p>	
<p><b>7) National Access Management Conference</b></p>	<p>Rob would be willing to attend.</p>	<p>Bryan suggested Rob look into if it is of interest and attend if he determines it to be a good opportunity.</p>
<p><b>8) ATV/UTV signage issue</b></p>	<p>Rob: with all changes in legislation, assume new signage handbook but has been delayed with changes, when is new handbook going to come out, and will it be this year?</p> <p>Gary: DOT is working on it, yes, should be this year. Will create a public resource website for public ATV use. DNR end, ATV route guidelines handbook (for local govt to follow). High on priority list.</p> <p>Jim: Will there be a mandate that all current signs will need to be replaced that are not reflective, or are they grandfathered in?</p> <p>Gary: depends, most within the last 8 years should meet specs</p> <p>Discussion on if there will be an increase in ORV requests for signage in application process this year because of signage changes.</p> <p>Rob – Signage has always been eligible, we fund trail signs not route signs (historically), but with major changes could see more requests</p> <p>Gary: could go down, because existing signs that meet standards are fine as is, and only a few new signs (as discussed previously) have changed with legislation.</p>	

	<p>Bryan: There comes a point in signing that we could be signing everything. Michigan has certain road types that are open. Perhaps Wisconsin could move toward using motor vehicle use maps (instead of intense signage) to delineate ATV use.</p> <p>No additional comments or motions.</p>	
<p><b>9) Trail and Grant issues</b></p>	<p><b><u>Grandfathered troutes:</u></b> The grants team needs clarity on where the ‘grandfathered troutes’ are located. Will likely need to ask counties to self-identify ‘grand-fathered troute’ locations.</p> <p>DOT has a database with information on all county-forest roads that have gas-tax aids. Depending on what kind of detail is included, his may be a way to identify these roads. Cathy will be looking into it.</p> <p>The Snowmobile Council and counties are in the middle of a process where the counties are submitting GIS maps of all snowmobile trails. Follow-up will be needed to standardize attributes such as routes, unfunded club trails, etc. ORV council could ask counties to submit maps of ATV trails but a planning team should meet first to determine needed attributes.</p> <p>Jillian – Vilas completed campground but came in over budget. Cost share as follows: ATV funds: 30%; Motorized Stewardship funds: 19% and Vilas County: 51%</p> <p>Faith – Oconto county bridge rehab grant; inspection showed substructure was not sound. This cost was not included with the original application. It’s on the Nicolet state trail.</p>	<p><b><u>Motions:</u></b></p> <p>Bryan moved to take a course of action to get GIS data from counties as a base layer. Second by Jim. <b>Motion passed.</b></p> <p>Bryan moved to approve Vilas County’s amendment request for ATV-3530 in the amount of \$6,963.87. Second by Bobby. <b>Motion passed.</b></p> <p>Bryan moved to approve Oconto County’s amendment request for ATV-3707 in the amount of \$17,000. Second by Jim. <b>Motion passed.</b></p>

	<p>Chipper rate – clarified only rate change.</p> <p>Cathy introduced Nathan from the Groomer Tracking Systems, Inc. In thinking about online tracking need planning upfront and work with clubs and paperwork people on a team. Ernie asked about the price. That will not be known until the specifications are determined.</p> <p><u>Eau Claire Grant Application</u>  Something must change, these have been funded as trails but they cannot continue unless motor vehicles are prohibited. No action today, but review and this will be discussed at the application review meeting in June.</p>	<p>Dave moved to approve the stand-alone chipper, minimum 25 hp with a rate of \$24. Second by Jim.  <b>Motion passed.</b></p>
<p><b>10) Public Comments</b></p>	<p>WATVA: Randy Harden thanked council and members of the public for attending WATVA. Recertification for trail ambassadors would be happening Friday afternoon and WATVA annual meeting on Saturday.</p> <p>No additional public comments.</p> <p>Committee member comments:  Ernie: At our last meeting, tracking winter use of ATV, any more developments? No  Bryan: Council would like to thank volunteers and other supporters, would be no program without effort from volunteers and officials  Adam: agreed, we represent your hard work  Bobby – agreed and thanked everyone</p>	
<p><b>11) Housekeeping &amp; other matters</b></p>	<p>Next meeting: June 6, Wausau area, application review meeting.</p> <p>Next funding meeting: August 28, 2018, 10am. Will meet before snow council – alternate.</p>	
<p><b>12) Adjournment</b></p>		<p>Bryan moved to adjourn, second by Adam.  <b>Motion passed.</b></p>