



## Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

### ATV Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Keizer Civic Center – Keizer, OR  
Wednesday November 7, 2018

### Approved Minutes

#### ATV Committee Members present

Tim Custer, Angela Kargel (on behalf of Troy Costales), Sgt. Nick Hansen, Virgle Osborne, Forest Bohall, Ann Haak, John Omlin, Randy Peterson, Greg Jackle, Jody Phillips, Jim Cole, Barrett Brown, Chris Knauf, Laurel Boyd

#### Not in attendance

Wade Bryant, Zach Jarrett

#### ATV Staff present

Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Pamela Berger, Nicole Sprecher, Katie Gauthier, Jeff Trejo

#### Guests

Jahmaal Rebb and Reid Brown

Vice-Chair Tim Custer: Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Safety Moment & Agenda Review

#### Public Comments

None

#### 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Motion: Greg Jackle moved to accept the 2017 minutes**

**Seconded: Jody Phillips**

**Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously**

#### Senate Bill 344 Update - Ian

Ian reviewed SB344 (ATV Highway Access) and latest committee efforts. SB344 created a process to review specific routes on state highways. The bill helped to establish a seven member committee to review applications. OPRD's role is to review applications and facilitate the process. Ultimately, any recommendations go to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) for final approval. The first application submitted was for Spinreel Rd. near Lakeside, OR and is currently in the review process. The

bill allows for crossing highways at an intersection or at a place that is more than 100 feet from any highway intersection, without committee review.

#### ATV Advisory Committee Bylaws Review – Ian

Discussion of what constitutes a quorum and cleaned up language to make it clear. Discussion of duties of ATV Advisory Committee and ATV Advisory grant sub-committee. Staff will pass on more information to the Full Committee throughout the year, such as sub-committee meeting dates.

#### ATV Advisory Committee Bylaw Approval

**Motion: Jody Phillips moved to accept the bylaws as stated**

**Seconded: Virgle Osborne**

**Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously**

#### Safety Education Program Update & Incident Reporting - Jeff

Via PPT, Jeff reviewed 17 committee members and committee's purpose. Program background information was provided along with current ATV Safety Education Card requirements. As of the end of October... 292,477 Safety Education Cards have been issued of which 64% are from Oregon. Also as of the end of October... over 9,000 youths (under 16yrs) have received hands-on training. There has been an uptick in hands-on trainings due to better communication with account holders that have youths on the account. In addition, a new feature was added to the [www.RideATVOregon.org](http://www.RideATVOregon.org) site which allows parents/guardians to request a hands-on course if they are unable to locate one.

OHV permit counts were reviewed. On average, there are 150,000 active permits at any given time. There has been a recent trend of declining Class I permits and an increase of Class IV permits.

#### Incident Review – Jeff and Laurel

- Jeff provided known incident data
- Laurel with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) provided injury and death data. A question was raised about incidents on public vs private property. The system OHA has doesn't reflect public vs private location. Typically, information is obtained at the hospital.

#### LETS Update - Jeff

Jeff provided some background information regarding the Law Enforcement Tracking System (LETS). More specifically, the Incident recording process was highlighted along with reporting results up through September. The LETS program is a powerful tool to tell us where we are having issues. Through the reporting feature, we were able to shift our safety efforts to the dunes. OPRD has since helped to facilitate an OHV Safety Summit at the Oregon Coast.

#### OHV Safety Summit - Dunes

The meeting at Winchester Bay featured 30 people from different agencies representing Law Enforcement, EMS, USFS, ATV Rentals along with OPRD staff.

##### Summit Summary

- Educate riders of ever changing terrain and conditions of the dunes along with the dangers they present
- Improve safety education and training for dunes area, especially rentals, inexperienced and out-of-state riders

- Create educational videos including what can and does go wrong along with education through PSAs.
- Improve and increase location and educational signage
- Increase patrols to address unsafe riding, alcohol/drug use
- Ongoing communication between agencies

#### Legislative Concepts – Ian

Ian reviewed concepts not moving forward: windshield wipers, sound levels – 96db (DEQ controls), blue lights, increase fees for ATV permits, helmet requirement and class definition changes for I & IV vehicles.

OPRD is sponsoring a bill to require ATV Safety Education Cards for operators of Class II (Jeeps, Sand Rails) and Class IV (side by side) vehicles. Currently there is no requirement for these operators unless a youth is under 16yrs (for Class IV only). Legislative timelines were reviewed with a potential effective date of January 1, 2021 if it passes.

There are a couple other potential bills to be aware of that involve titling & registration of ATVs.

#### **ATV Advisory Committee Elections**

##### Chair Position

Nominations included Tim Custer and Virgle Osborne

- Votes passed 10-1 in favor of Tim Custer being ATV Advisory Committee Chair

##### Vice-Chair Position

Nomination included Virgle Osborne

- Votes passed 11-0 in favor of Virgle Osborne being ATV Advisory Committee Vice-Chair

##### Next Meeting

Committee reviewed possibility of needing to meet twice per year if need be. A Go-To meeting may be an option. Also, we may want to consider longer meeting times, up to 6 hours.

The next ATV Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.