



OHV Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes			
Meeting/Project Name	OHV Advisory Committee Meeting (2)		
Meeting Date	3-2-2011	Meeting Time	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Location/Conference Bridge	DCR Watershed Division, Boylston, MA	Meeting Host	Tom Skinner (EEA IT)
Attendees (13)			
Griffiths, Philip (EEA)	Randy Toth	Ken Anderson	Chris Burton
Dan D’Arcy	Susan Hilbbert	Randy Toth	Priscilla Chapman
Tad Ames	Sharon Jordan	Lt. Merri Walker	Briere, Gary (DCR)
Skinner, Tom (EEA)			
Absentees (4)			
Chief Ernest Horn	Lewis Howe	Dr. Peter Masiokas	Chris Mossman

Synopsis of Items Discussed
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advisory Committee introductions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Susan Hibbert, Tad Ames and Dan D’Arcy replaced Bill Suzor, Peter J. Pinciario and Michael Wade respectively to be part of the Advisory committee from now onwards 2. If any member of the group is unable to come, the substitutes ate allowed to represent them at the advisory committee meeting. 3. The committee can work in small sub-groups towards any action item/specific work 4. The advisory committee will meet on a quarterly basis. Phil Griffiths is chosen as the Chair of the committee by group consensus 5. For any new regulations, the committee will be kept in loop with draft version of the regulations 6. Advisory committee will play role in the design of Grant application and how to categorize the funds as they grow 7. Roles (Funding); Revenue collected goes to local town and not the law enforcement. Make recommendations? Committee will look into this topic in near future.

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8. Advisory committee should focus on making better rider opportunities and making great programs. Need to discuss incentives that can be given to the land owners to allow riding. These incentives can be tax rebates, liabilities, user fee, etc.
9. Advisory committee will discuss the allocation of federal money in near future.
10. The future meetings shall be more organized with focus topics; so rather than discussing every item, focus should be on 1 or 2 topics.
11. Gary's Slides:
 - a) Very limited riding in Massachusetts; some trails are closed too and may not open again, public goes to other states
 - b) OHV Community is ready to work on ground to expand opportunities and ready to put more money into programs.
 - c) DCR Volunteer policy to be released shortly; Tap into "free labor" to fix the trails, clubs willing to join.
 - d) The New law also protects the volunteers; Gary will send the law to the committee
 - e) Online printing options for permits shall be in place- DCR working on it.
 - f) Look at the impacts and challenges of riding
 - g) OHV website for DCR – Terms gets mixed.
12. Trainings / Certification
 - a) Susan Hibbert is certified to provide trainings
 - b) Need a list of other states with training courses accepted in MA.
 - c) Is state land available? Training course needs land.
 - d) Can interested land owners to use their lands?
 - e) Can the minimum age for riders be further reduced to 10 years?
 - f) Can we train younger riders?
13. Hands-on training
 - a) What we have is inadequate
 - b) See if NH/Maine can help in trainings
 - c) Look at encouraging hands-on training- ASI!
 - d) Build instructor database
14. Some members not in favor of Decals and still prefer Plastic plates. Discussion item in future

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15. Funding
 - a) Pamphlets required
 - b) More FEW abstract booklet
 - c) 25% goes back to trails

Synopsis of Next Steps/Action Items

1. Once we have money, committee needs to make decisions on improvements and choose categories, etc
2. The updated committee spreadsheet will be sent over to the team
3. Future Meetings to be focused on 1-2 main topics
4. Next meeting focus- Safety Training with emphasis on the safety part and original intent of legislation
5. A video on OHV training to be shown in next meeting (Sue Hibbert)
6. Trail Acquisition and development process- look into what has been done already? And data of demographics.
7. Tool-Kit information- get the link out to town clerk, state/local police
8. Next Meeting on April 27th, 2011
9. In the interim EEA teams will keep working on the various projects, as discussed in the meeting, and will keep the committee informed with any updates
10. The Pamphlet is already updated and can be accessed at:

<http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dle/ohvpamphlet.pdf>

Previous Meeting date	None
Next Meeting Date	April 27th, 2011
Next Meeting Time	TBD (Between 1 :00 – 4:00 PM)
Next Meeting Location	TBD (probably around the 495 belt)
Next Meeting Agenda	TBD