



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

ATV Advisory Committee

Best Western Mill Creek Inn – Salem, OR

Wednesday November 13, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Minutes - Final

ATV Committee Members present

Tim Custer, Chris Knauf, Barrett Brown, Jody Phillips, Greg Jackie, Virgle Osborne, Sgt. Nick Hansen, Jahmaal Rebb, Eric Leaming (ODOT for Troy Costales)

Not in attendance

Forest Bohall, Ann Haak, Zach Jarrett, Troy Costales, John Omlin, Jim Cole

OPRD Staff present

Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Jeff Trejo, Michele Scalise, Jayme Jones, Daniel Killam, Katie Gauthier

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

Safety Moment & Agenda Review

Public Comments

None

2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Virgle Osborne moved to accept the 2018 minutes

Seconded: Jody Phillips

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

OHA Representative-Jeff

On stand by until we can find someone to fill Laurel Boyd shoes.

New Member Status-Jeff

Dave Kimball- Class I -Redmond, OR

Matt Miller-Class IV- Bend, OR

New Requirements-Ian

New volunteer policy. All employees and volunteers have to do harassment training and must be completed each year. Starting in 2020, an annual DMV driver check must be complete. An email will be sent to you, approve in order for background check to access your record, pass or caution report will be sent back to OPRD.

General Program Update-Jeff

ORS 390.565 ATV Advisory Committee:

The committee shall consist of 16 voting members and one nonvoting member appointed by the State Parks and Recreation Commission. The committee shall:

- Review accidents and fatalities
- Review changes to statutory vehicle classifications
- Review safety features of all classes
- Recommend appropriate safety requirements to protect child operators and riders

Vehicle Class & Operator Requirements:

- Class I= Quads & 3 Wheelers. Required to operate: ATV Safety Education Card. All ages- Online. If under 16yrs, hands-on as well.
- Class II= SUVs, Jeeps, Sand Rails. Required to operate: Valid State issued Driver's License
- Class III= Off- Road Motorcycles. Required to operate: ATV Safety Education Card. All ages- Online. If under 16yrs, hands-on as well.
- Class IV= Side x Side. Required to operate: Valid State issued Driver's License. If under 16yrs, both online and hands-on.

Online Course Options:

- Free Course Option- RideATVOregon.org
- Paid Course Options- ATVcourse.com/USA/Oregon
Offroad-ed.com/Oregon

Safety Cards Issued:

- The total amount of ATV Safety Education Cards issued including U.S and Canada is 305,357.
- The total amount of ATV Safety Education Cards issued in Oregon only is 205,905 or 67.4% of total.
- Counties with the most cards issued. Lane, Clackamas, Washington, Marion, Multnomah, Jackson, Deschutes, & Linn.
- Instructional Permit- Youth under 16 years get an Instructional Permit after successful online completion.
- The total Instructional Permits issued in Oregon only is 18,219 or 58.5% of total.

Hands-on Evaluation or Training Update:

- There is a two-step process for youth riders under the age of 16 years to obtain an ATV Safety Education Card. The first step is successfully passing an online ATV Safety Education course and the second step is successfully passing a Hands-on Evaluation or training course. Once the online portion is complete, youths have 180-days to complete Hands-on Evaluation or training. If the youth does not have successful hands-on course completion after 180-days, the youth will not be able to operate on premises open to public ATV use.
- Approximately 80 total instructors
 - Oregon ATV safety-OSU/4H
 - ATV Safety Institute-ASI
 - Motorcycle Safety Foundation-MSF
 - Lyon Off-Road Certification Center
- The total amount of Oregon residents that have received hands-on evaluation/training is 9,029. In 2019, so far 816 have been trained.

Safety Events/Outreach:

- 2019 ATV Safety Outreach Events
 - Outdoor Play Event- Klamath Falls
 - Sportsmen's Show with MRA- Medford
 - Family Safety Fair- Springfield

- Progressive Ag safety Days- Turner
- Kids Outdoor Adventure Day- La Pine
- USFS-ODNRA OHV Safety Events- June through September

Incidents Review/LETS:

- The OHV Law Enforcement Tracking System (OHV LETS) was developed to help record, streamline and establish efficiencies as it pertains to required quarterly ATV Law Enforcement Agency reporting. The report consists of hours, activities, incidents, citations and warnings related to ATV operation within the agency's patrol area.
- The 2017-2018 LETS Incidents Report & 2017 Annual Report of ATV- Related Deaths and Injuries was reviewed.
- In 2015-2017 there was 16 ATV related deaths in Oregon.

Rebranding Update:

Rebranding efforts are being made on the following: Oregon.gov website, Oregon State Parks logo, rideATVoregon.org website, Oregon OHV Guide, Oregon ATV Permit, Oregon All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Education Card.

Dealership Communication Plan:

- Establish communication with each dealership statewide
- Email and electronic media
- Print material options: Buck slip (for mailers), OHV Guide, Safety sheets, Safety checklist
- Point of sale display
- Social media

Dunes Safety Focus-Jeff

Updated ATV Rental Safety Checklist:

Oregon law requires that anyone who operates an ATV, or who will be supervising youth riders, must read and understand the information on this form or have an Oregon ATV Safety Education Card. Anyone operating a rental Class I or Class III or, if under 16, a Class IV who has not completed this checklist and/or does not have proof of completing this checklist in their possession will be in violation of state law and may be cited.

OHV Safety Summit-Dunes 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 for 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

Campsite Reservation Confirmation/ Email Messaging Options: (concepts)

- Before riding, please be aware of dune riding hazards and what you and others can do to stay safe. Here are some tips to help reduce OHV accidents and injuries.
- Dune Dangers! Please be aware of dune riding hazards and what you and others can do to stay safe. Here are some tips to help reduce OHV accidents and injuries.

- Notice to Dune Riders! Please be aware of dune riding hazards and what you and others can do to stay safe. Here are some tips to help reduce OHV accidents and injuries.
- Are You Planning to Ride the Dunes? Please be aware of dune riding hazards and what you and others can do to stay safe. Here are some tips to help reduce OHV accidents and injuries.

ATV Rental Recognition Program:

We are looking into an OPRD ATV Safety Benchmark Recognition Program for ATV Rental businesses that are taking extra steps in practicing and promoting ATV Safety consistently. In an effort to reduce accidents injuries, the recognition program places emphasis on ATV Safety elements. Elements include: Communication, Awareness, Safety Education, Trained/Informed Employees

Jody Phillips may be interested in helping Jeff

Permit Sales and Trends-Ian

Calendar Year (Jan 1- Dec 31, 2018). Total ATV Permit Sales- 85,088

Trend over the past 10 years:

- Class I-Sales are going down
- Class II & Class III-Sales are remaining the same
- Class IV-Sales are increasing

Legislative Updates-Ian

In 2017 we submitted the following bills:

- ATV Safety Education Cards
 - Last year State Parks submitted HB2582 which require ATV Safety cards for Class I and IV.
- Title for new vehicles
 - Representative Witt submitted HB2566 which would require titling and registration with a license plate. That bill was originally written for DMV then to Marine Board. DMV does not have the capacity to title old vehicles. The purpose of this is wanting to be able to identify illegal ATV activity in the woods. Ian, Katie, and ODOT have been working on solutions to address concerns.

Other issues with ATV laws:

- Class IV windshield wipers
 - If you have a windshield you have to have wipers except for motorcycles. Plexiglass being the biggest problem.
- Blue light on dunes
 - Oregon law states that blue lights are only allowed on police vehicles but exempted on the dunes.
- Helmets
 - Currently only people under 18 years of age is required to wear helmets.
- Sound limits
 - We have been researching the DEQ regulations and been talking to the ODNRA about sound levels. They would like to raise the limit since many ATVs have difficulties meeting the 93 level. As we looked into it, we discovered that the limit for mid and rear engine vehicles such as ATVs, side by sides, and some sand rails are 97 db. Motorcycles are still 99 and includes 3-wheelers by DEQ definition. Front engine vehicles are 95db, such as jeeps,

trucks, and some sand rails. OPRD is planning on updating the new OHV Guide with the new levels this winter. We will convey this to law enforcement at the April 2020 workshop. We will email all land managers and law enforcement soon. Still unsure about ODNRA making the change to follow state levels.

Class IV Definitions:

Oregon HB2592 changed two-line items within the ORS 801.194 definition of a Class IV ATV.

- Dry weight increased from 1,800 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.
- Width at its widest point increased from 65" to 80"

OPRD is currently in the rule-making phase to change the related OAR to match the ORS. An OHV manufacturer initiated and moved these Class IV changes through the Joint Committee

Action Items

Motion: Barrett Brown motions to change the legislative concept on Safety Education Cards to Class IV only.

Seconded: Sgt. Nick Hansen

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Sgt Nick Hansen motions that we support the restriction of emergency lighting on recreation ATVs.

Seconded: Chris Knauf

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Jody Phillips amends motion to add 1000cc and to eliminate the 14-inch rim from the Class IV definition

Seconded: Sgt Nick Hansen

Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

Motion: Barrett Brown motions to revert to the previous Class IV specifications of 65 inches wide or less at its widest point and has a dry weight of 1,800 pounds or less

Vote: Motion died on the floor

Meeting adjourned at 3:35pm