



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

ATV Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Best Western Conference Room – Salem, OR
Thursday October 12, 2017

Minutes

ATV Committee Members present

Forest Bohall, Wade Bryant, Troy Costales, Tim Custer, Steve Doane, Pat Harris, Randy Peterson, Anne Haak, Jeff Frieze, John Omlin, Jim Cole, Jody Phillips and Dagan Wright (via phone)

Not in attendance

Jeff Mast, Chris Knauf, and Greg Jackle

ATV Staff present

Jeff Trejo, Pamela Berger, Ian Caldwell, Mary Vaughn, Katie Gauthier and Tracy Loudon

Guests

Dan Jordan and Tom Harris

Vice-Chair Tim Custer: Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Around the room introductions along with suggested ATV priorities/concerns

Ian: Helmet use

Tim C: Importance of parents teaching their children responsible ATV skills, sound issues, and classifications with increasing sizes of side by sides

Pat: Helmet use and fit, development of trails

Jeff F: Alcohol use

Troy C: New class structure

Forest: Two-way traffic, helmet use

Steve: Noise

Jim: Quick injury response and better implement safety strategies

John: Access and connectivity; Class IV most interest. Lack of understanding

Ann: Funding gravel roads as Class II is not fair as a gravel road is not a trail

Jody: 99db Oregon rule, spark arrestors from a fire prevention perspective and dunes access for emergencies

Dan J: Trails and connectivity; too many people in areas with limited trail causing dangerous situations; sound; parents education and their involvement helps

Tom: Helmet use and sustainability

2014 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Wade Bryant moved to adopt the 2014 minutes

Seconded: Steve Doane

Vote: With no objections, the minutes were adopted

Public Comments

None

Safety Education Program Overview PPT – JT

- Program History & Background: Administrative authority, feasibility study, safety education program timeline consisting of key legislation since 2008
- ATV Advisory Committee Members: Members represent Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, ATV Dealer, At-Large ATV User, USFS, BLM, ODOT, ODF, OHA, Law Enforcement, ODF&W, ADA, Rural Fire, EMS & OPRD
- Committee Roles
 - 1) Review accidents and fatalities
 - 2) Review changes to statutory vehicle classifications
 - 3) Review safety features of all classes
 - 4) Recommend appropriate safety requirements to protect child operators and riders
- Vehicle Class Definitions: Reviewed Class I, II, III and IV vehicle specifications
- ATV Safety Education Card requirement – all operators of Class I, Class III and those under age 16 operating Class IV ATVs must possess and Oregon All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Education Card
- Online ATV Safety Training – Online course covers: Laws & Rules, Using Good Judgement, Riding Ethics, Rider Readiness, Supervising Young Riders, Safe Riding Techniques, Riding on Trails and Dunes. OPRD offers the only free online training through RideATVOregon.org. Other approved online providers are through Fresh Air Educators and Kalkomey and charge a fee. IC added the training allows parents to mentor kids through the course and adds a sense of ownership.
- Youth Instructional Permit Process – Youth under 16 years receive an Instructional Permit good for 180-days. The 180-day timeframe is to be used to get the youth(s) trained-up and familiar with the vehicle and its' operation.

There was a general discussion on minimum age requirements for both Class I and Class III vehicles. There is no age requirement for Class I. However, instructors typically won't train/evaluate youth that are under 6 years due to insurance reasons... and, the fact that youth operating Class III need to be 7 years of age to operate on public lands.

There was general discussion regarding rider fit, fastened helmets and ATV Safety Education Cards. JF mentioned we should emphasize that operators must carry safety cards and that Law Enforcement would prefer to see the actual card vs a photocopy.

Safety Education Program Overview PPT (cont.) – JT

- Hands-on Training certification indicated on ATV Safety Education Card - reviewed course certification date over vehicle class icon; one particular class certification doesn't qualify for a different class as there are separate Class I, III and IV certifications
- Hands-on Training/Evaluation providers
OSU/4-H – Oregon ATV Safety Youth Rider Endorsement Program for Class I & Class IV

OMRA – Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association Youth Safety Evaluation Program Class I & Class III

ASI – ATV Safety Institute for Class I

MSF – Motorcycle Safety Foundation for Class III

Lyon's Off-Road Certification Center for Class I & Class III

- Online and Hands-on Training Stats
 - 273,155 Total ATV Safety Education Cards have been issued nationwide including Canada.
 - 184,597 (or 67.6%) of the total are from Oregon
 - 25,683 Total Instructional Permits have been issued nationwide including Canada.
 - 14,801 (57.6%) of the total are from Oregon
 - 9,883 Total number of youths that have been trained or evaluated
 - 7,653 (77.4) of the total are from Oregon

Dagan Wright with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) presented information on the Oregon EMS Information System which is part of the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS) that provide local to national uniform electronic patient care records. They're able to record injury information in real time. It takes 12 to 24 hours after initial contact with a trauma patient before injury information is entered into the trauma registry. Outside of the hospital systems, agencies are able to participate once they are registered in the system... and once registered; they can both enter and access data. The system was written to be available and usable for all, not just trauma units.

JF asked... how does law enforcement connect the dots? Law enforcement agencies never hear about transports unless there's a criminal component and they communicate directly with EMS but not with the hospital. DW followed... from a policy perspective, it's a relevant question and we need to further discuss this from both the health care and law enforcement perspectives.

Safety Education Program Overview PPT (cont.) – JT

- ATV Safety Events: The ATV Safety Program events connect with an average of 2,000 youths per year throughout Oregon emphasizing safe and proper riding gear, using the right size ATV proportionate to youth size, using proper weight shift to maintain vehicle control at all times along with the steps to obtain an ATV Safety Education Card.
- Planned program improvements:
 - RideATVOregon.com – Site improvements along with more accurate reporting features
 - Law Enforcement Tracking System (LETS) – Continue to develop and improved incident reporting.
 - Spanish Version of Oregon OHV Guide – A Spanish version of the guide is in the works as a result of a request by the Tillamook State Forest.
 - Improve awareness through... schools & safety events, inclusion, improve branding, advertising and potential public service announcements. TimC added... we need to formalize and set timelines
- ATV related injuries and deaths
 - In Oregon – overall injuries have been on the decline since the 2007-2008 timeline.
 - In Oregon – deaths recorded from individuals 16yrs and older have been steady but recorded youth (under 16yrs) have declined. The youth deaths (3) that have been recorded since 2008 happened on private land not public land.

- The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published an article from the ATV Safety Institute (ASI) that stated... ATV Deaths and Injuries are on the decline nationwide, decreasing every year since 2007.

(2017) SB 344

Ian gave an update on Senate Bill 344 which allows ATVs to cross highways at intersections and creates a process to accept applications for sections of State Highways to be opened to ATV use. The bill created a 7 person advisory committee to review the application and travel route... then, make a recommendation to Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). We want to get the committee up and running the first part of 2018 as the bill takes effect January 1, 2018.

Review potential OARs and ORS

Staff and ATV Grant Subcommittee have been discussing some potential changes to Statutes.

- Windshield Wipers – Issue with Side-by-sides needing wipers.
- Sound Levels – want to lower to 96db. DEQ controls
- Blue Lights – Currently no ban on blue lights for “ATVs” been an issue in the dunes, with confusion of private vehicles mistaken as police or fire vehicles.
- Proposal to increase the fee for ATV Permits (Stickers)
- Helmets – Require helmets for people over 18. Everyone supportive but realize it would be hard to get passed.
- Class II and IV ATV Safety Education Cards – Require cards for side-by-sides, jeeps and sand rails. Group was in favor.
- Definition of Class I and IV ATVs – Remove definition of steering wheel, handlebars, seats and saddle.
- Titling – Require titles for all new purchased machines. Currently cost \$77 and is required by banks financing. Otherwise people don’t buy. Would help with tracking stolen vehicles.

UPDATE – July 2018: Due to the limited number of bills allowed, only “Requiring ATV Safety Education Cards for Class II and IV vehicles” will be moved forward as a concept for the 2019 legislative session.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting – to be determined

Vice-Chair Custer adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM