

# Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ATV Advisory Committee Meeting

February 23, 2021, 10 AM – 11 AM Zoom Webinar

#### **OPRD ATV Committee Members Present:**

Ron Price - Member at Large Dave Kimball - Class I Representative Virgle Osborne - Class II Representative Barrett Brown - Class III Representative Matt Miller - Class IV Representative Sgt Nick Hansen - Law Enforcement Representative Ann Haak - ADA Representative Jody Phillips - Rural Fire Protection District Jim Cole - Emergency Medical Services Provider Dustin James - ATV Dealer Jahmaal Rebb - Department of Forestry Troy Costales - Department of Transportation Jeff Trejo - Non-voting member from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

#### **OPRD Staff Present:**

Daniel Killam, Chris Havel, Michele Scalise, Ian Caldwell, Mike Law, Jodi Bellefeuille, Nohemi Enciso, Katie Gauthier, Jayme Jones

# Members of the Public:

Tim Custer, Ethan Ludwig

- 1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM on Tuesday February 23, 2021 by Virgle Osborne.
- 2. Approval of November 2020 Minutes

Motion: Barrett Brown moved to approve the November 2020 meeting minutes Second: Dave Kimball Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

3. Elect ATV Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair

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Motion: Jody Phillips moved to elect Virgle Osborne as Chair Second: Dave Kimball Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously. Motion: Jody Phillips moved to elect Ron Price as Vice Chair Second: Ann Haak Vote: No objections. Motion passed unanimously

### 4. Legislative Concepts:

SB106-Safety Card – require safety card for adults SB107-Class IV definition – change definition from 14 inch wheel size to 1000cc for side-bysides. Also, do not require windshield wiper, but windshield can't be obstructed.

# **Questions/Comments:**

Legislative hearing today at 8:15am. Chris Havel: Most questions were regarding SB107. There was some confusion about taking the computer class vs only taking the test if you have 5 years of experience. Also, some questions whether youth can still get card to operate, which they can. Last comment worth noting, committee has a reputation for being vocal, strength especially at legislative level. Surprised there wasn't more testimony. Discussion about committee members submitting comments. It is ok to submit commits as a private citizen and state you are on the ATV Advisory Committee. But don't speak for the committee. Correspondence from the committee should be agreed upon and have a motion. Legislators want to make sure Law Enforcement is involved and on-board. State Parks has been discussing these concepts for several years with the ATV Committee and at the Law Enforcement Workshop.

Jeff has been looking at statistics. 15 percent sales are for Class IV but 27% of incidences are for Class IV.

- 5. ATV Highway Access Routes. Ian reviewed Committee and SB344. Opened Spinreel Road last August to connect business route in Lakeside to the Spinreel Dunes Access. Also approved Highway in Sumpter starting December 1, 2020. Been contacted by Mayor of Prairie City and is interested in opening Hwy 26 in town.
- 6. DEQ Sound Limits. Ian discussed that sound limits for ATVs and Side-by-sides is actually 97db. Sound limit for front engine vehicles like trucks and Jeeps is 95db. Dunes is at 93 db and looking at changing it to be consistent with State/DEQ. Nick a lot of lands are county and there are issues with enforcing Federal laws. Sheriff officers enforce the DEQ rule.
- **7. Law Enforcement Tracking System**. Nick said having access to LETS data was very helpful in a recent accident involving stolen vehicle.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 10:53AM on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 by Virgle Osborne.