

## Off-Highway Motorcycle Council – October 29, 2020

Council Members: Tigerton Town Hall, Tigerton, Wisconsin ~ Public attendees via Zoom

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
<b>Call to Order</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Bryan Much, Chair; Rob McConnell, Vice-Chair; Mitch Winder, Craig Johnson</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Kira Benkert</p> <p><i>Others Present:</i> Jillian Steffes, Cathy Burrow – DNR; other DNR staff and members of the public via Zoom</p>	Called to order at 10:00 a.m.
<b>1. Introductions/Agenda Repair</b>	Everyone introduced themselves.	
<b>2. Approval of Previous Meeting minutes</b>		Rob moved to approve the minutes of the 03/10/20 meeting. Second by Mitch. <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>3. Chair Report</b>	<p>Jackson County has been undergoing a trail rehabilitation to their OHM trails using an RTP grant. Jackson County is still under their own local trail sticker program so OHM program funds are not being used. The club has been bringing in riders from across the state for workdays that allowed them to make excellent progress on the project.</p> <p>As association president Bryan will try to get the local Clark County club and Clark County officials together to develop a plan to do some more rehab and rerouting at the Clark County OHM trails.</p> <p>Phillip Smage has been appointed to the OHM Council to fill Kira Benkert's role. Phil is a nationally ranked Trials rider and has unique Trials expertise.</p> <p>THANK YOU! Kira for being a part of the inaugural OHM Council and helping with the development of the program.</p>	

**4. DNR representative matters**

**LE & Safety – Marty Stone, OHV Administrative Warden**

- With the close of 2019 brings the first full year of the Dept. of Natural Resource’s re-organized Recreation Warden Team. The Recreation Warden Team is comprised of 10 wardens (2 stationed in each region) who specialize in recreational vehicle crash investigation, specialized recreational vehicle enforcement, and off-highway vehicle training operations for conservation wardens. This team continues to provide great service to the citizens of Wisconsin.
- To date there has been 11 injury only OHM crashes in Wisconsin. There are no fatal crashes reported.
  - 2019 saw 4 injury only OHM crashes. There were no fatal crashes reported.
  - 2018 saw 3 injury only OHM crashes. There were no fatal crashes reported.
  - 2017 saw 1 injury only OHM crashes. There were no fatal crashes reported.
  - From 2017 to 2019, 50% of those involved in an OHM crash were between 10- 19 years old
- In an attempt to expand safety messaging, the Department purchased a digital message board, similar to those orange message boards used in construction zones. This will allow wardens to post safety messages in real time at trail heads and other high use areas in an attempt to reduce crashes and to provide for over-all safe off-highway vehicle operation.

**Grant and Financial Information:**

- Grant information –
  - Funding available: \$157,858.60 (Appropriation: 95200 – continuing appropriation)  
This is a combination of fiscal year '18-19, '19-20 and a payback of lapsed revenue in FY17-18.
- Application requests
  - Six applications totaling \$51,645 in requested grants
- Registration Numbers
  - March 31, 2017: 506
  - March 31, 2018: 2,464
  - March 31, 2019: 3,893
  - March 31, 2020: 4,532
  - October 29, 2020 5,428
- Pending Active Grants: (Appropriation 91300 – annual appropriation)
  - 19-001 Dyracuse, Town of Rome \$27,206
  - 19-002 Knobby Ridge, Clark Co. \$6,000
  - 19-004 Embarrass River ATV Park \$5,765
  - 19-005 Richard Bong State Rec Area \$4,532
  - 19-006 Kewaunee Co. ATV Park \$3,000

<p><b>5. Council funding recommendations</b></p>	<p>-The Council discussed reserving an amount of funds to be kept on hand for the day that primary opportunities become available. Primary opportunities would include motorized recreation areas (MRA) and riding opportunities in locations with little riding availability.</p> <p>Funding recommendations:</p>	<p>#01 – Tigerton Amendment to #19-004  Mitch moved, second by Rob to recommend funding the Village of Tigerton’s amendment request in the amount of \$3,000.  -Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>#02 – Tigerton Development of 8.5 miles of new trail in the Embarrass River ATV Park  Rob moved, second by Craig to recommend funding in the amount of \$11,813.  -Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>#03 – Vilas County to develop 7.5 miles of experienced rider level trail to their existing 14.1-mile trail system with skill challenge features  Rob moved, second by Craig to recommend funding in the amount of \$4,324.  -Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>#03A – Vilas County to develop a pavilion at the Tamaracks Trail main trailhead. They received a Rec. Trails grant to cover 50% of the costs and the club will donate the labor.  Mitch moved, second by Craig to recommend funding in the amount of \$5,087.  -Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>#04 – Vilas County to maintain 22.2 miles of OHM trail for the 2020-21 season in the amount of \$8,800.</p> <p>This application was deferred because the Council had previously stated they would not approve maintenance requests until Chapter NR 65, Wis. Admin. Code was approved. Although the code has been promulgated it was not in effect on July 1, 2020 when applications were due.</p> <p>#05 – WDNR/Sauk Prairie Rec. Area to accommodate a special event for OHM riders hosted by the local club.  Mitch moved, second by Craig to recommend funding in the amount of \$1,675.  -Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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<b>6. Timeline to assemble program guidance and adoption</b>	Code development took 3 years as the process requires. NR 65 became effective on August 1, 2020. Now the Council will work on establishing guidance on program priorities, ranking criteria, application due date, etc. The Council will hold a meeting in December and each Council member should prepare to discuss program guidance at the December meeting.	
<b>7. Public comment</b>	None	
<b>8. &amp; 9. Council member items &amp; Other matters</b>	None.	
<b>10. Adjourn</b>	Rob moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Craig. <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>	