



Off-Highway Motorcycle Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 9th, 2021

via Zoom

Council Members Present: Bryan Much (Chair), Rob McConnell (Vice Chair), Mitch Winder

DNR Staff: Jillian Steffes, Kurt Byfield, Annie Loechler

Public: Bryan L. from American Marine and Motorsports (Shawano WI)

1. Call to order – 10:06 AM by Bryan

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Draft minutes from November 16, 2021 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by Rob, 2nd by Mitch. MOTION PASSED

3. Chair Report – Bryan Much

- Village of Tigerton - Trails were recently damaged during a logging operation and needs repairs. Most of the repairs will likely be done by the logger. Also talk of hosting a trials event at this location. WOTA is not interested in working on a new event. Stickers are required, no exceptions (unless it's a racing bike being used exclusively on a raceway, not a public trail). A private promoter also wanted host a hare scramble race on the trail system – but the trails were not built for racing, would sustain heavy damage and could put riders in danger from a safety standpoint.
- Dyracuse - Has an open grant, that money can't come back to the program (use it or lose it). Suggestion to use the grant to work on the Supercross track. Could be a good practice track. Also, discussion of if Dyracuse can handle hosting an event. Stickers will still be required, and questions on how long the park would be closed to the public due to the event. If Dyracuse is going to host an event, Council would like more info on impacts of that event to the public and trail condition.
- Not necessarily applicable to OHM, but the ATV/UTV Trail Guidelines are out for public comment.

4. DNR Report - Jillian Steffes (Grants)

- None

5. Review of Completed Grant Projects

Grant #	Project	Discussion/Questions
OHM-19003	Vilas Co. OHM Trail Dev Phase 2	Done.
OHM-19004	Tigerton OHM Trail Dev	Done.
OHM-19006	Kewaunee Co. ATV Park OHM Trail Reroute	Let's revisit when reimbursement paperwork reviewed, and project paid out. No opportunity for a single track at this location.
OHM-20002	Vilas Co. OHM Trail Phase 3	Let's revisit when reimbursement paperwork reviewed, and project paid out.
OHM-20003	Vilas Co. OHM Trailhead Dev	What happened with the bathroom, is it complete? Let's revisit when reimbursement paperwork reviewed and project paid out.

- At a future meeting, would like to see how the money is being spent, best ways to stretch the program dollars to get the most work done.

6. Public Comment

- None

7. Council members' matters

- **Mitch** wants to make sure the hare scramble idea at Tigerton is settled, this could be a problem for the trail. Is there any way for OHM to stop this from happening? Not really, other than refusal to cover the cost of the repairs that would be needed after that event. The maintenance/rehab grants are to serve the general public, not damaged caused by a private event.
 - **Post Meeting Follow Up** – The event promoter hadn't even talked to Tigerton, the village never approved that event and doesn't intend to.
- **Rob** agrees it's inappropriate to host private events on these trails developed with public funds. Also, wants the Council to continue to review grants (open/in-progress and closed) to see how the trail system is developing.

8. Other matters that may come before the Council

- None

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Rob, 2nd by Mitch. **Motion carries.**