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THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ADVISORY GROUP
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THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS

Meeting Location: 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Members Present Telephonically: Holly Irwin (Vice Chair), Geoff Chain, Jason Cobb, Pat Headington, Tom Murphy

Members Present In-Person: Chuck Wood

Staff Present: Chief of Grants and Trails - Mickey Rogers, State OHV Coordinator - Matthew Eberhart

A. CALL TO ORDER

With the Chair absent and Vice Chair attending remotely, Vice Chair Holly Irwin requested that member Wood manage the meeting because he was in person. Member Wood called the meeting to order at 1:03p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Chuck Wood lead the Group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator Matthew Eberhart completed the member roll call.

D. AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the September 27, 2022, OHVAG Meeting.**
Member Irwin moved to approve the meeting minutes from the September 27, 2022 OHVAG Meeting. Member Cobb Seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.
- 2. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2023 Motorized Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**
State OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart provided an overview of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Meadow Valley Cattle Guard Project. OHVAG had no questions or concerns regarding the project. Member Wood moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Motorized Grant Applications as follows; Arizona Game and Fish Department, Meadow Valley Cattle Guard project in the amount of \$70,000.00. Member Headington Seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.
- 3. OHVAG Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2023 Supplemental Grant Application(s). (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)**
State OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart provided an overview of Tonto National Forest Mesa Ranger District, OHV Patrols Project. OHVAG had no questions or concerns regarding the project. Member Wood moved that OHVAG recommend that the Arizona State Parks Board approve funding for the Supplemental Grant Applications as follows; Tonto National Forest, Mesa Ranger District, OHV Patrols Project in the Amount of \$96,250.00. Member Irwin Seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

4. Arizona Game and Fish Department OHV Education Programs Update. (Presenter: Kim Jackson, AZGFD Boating and OHV Education Program Manager)

Boating and OHV Program Manager, Kim Jackson with the Arizona Game and Fish Department presented on the education programs their agency provides including, Quail Kids, OHV Range Courses, Show Me Rides in partnership with Arizona State Parks and Trails and a recent rental company education video the agency produced. Member Cobb expressed the appreciation for the video that was put together and that it is now a huge part of the pre-ride education program. He said he'd also like to see that the video be used more by dealerships when vehicles are sold. Courses offered by AZGFD will be recognized by ROHVA and will cost \$60 where ROHVA currently charges \$400. Those costs will basically be cost recovery for dust mitigation at the range and a hard driver's license style certification card. Member Murphy asked how information on the education programs is going to be distributed to the public. Kim informed members that the plan is to have a ribbon cutting at the end of January and to start a social media campaign in January. Member Murphy also wondered if classes would be offered for UTVs only and if youth education would be provided. Kim let everyone know that side by sides would be the primary focus and that the classes are for licensed drivers only. However, the Quail Kids program does focus on youth-based education. AZGFD is also focused on working with Phoenix Children's Hospital and a tentative agreement with Banner to do OHV education. Matthew Eberhart let members know that currently there are around 30 out of 50ish rental companies that have agreed to promote the video from AZGFD. Member Headington asked who would be providing the training. Kim said that herself and two ROHVA certified instructors would be teaching courses. The in person and online courses offered by AZGFD would fill any legislative requirements for education classes in the future. Member Cobb also shared his desire for these courses to have a heavy emphasis on ethics and not just how to operate. Kim ensured him and the members that courses do discuss riding ethics and responsible behavior as well as TREAD Lightly! Principles. Kim also highlighted the water catchment and scorpion hunt rides they offer to the public.

5. Great Sedona Recreation Collaborative Update (Presenter: Southwest Decision Resources)

Jessica Archibald and Mark Loseth from Southwest Decision Resources provided an update on the progress being made to date for the Greater Sedona Recreation Collaborative. The OHV Coordinator expressed his involvement in this group and a variety of others across the state. Member Headington asked if State Parks was working on a consensus of information from the various groups ASPT is involved in and if members for the state OHV Committee from SB1596 had been identified. Matthew Eberhart expressed that while ASPT is involved in a variety of groups focused on OHV recreation, they are not the lead in any of them but certainly have been sharing information with each collaborative and have utilized information gathered to help promote responsible recreation statewide through social media campaigns.

6. OHV Coordinator Updates. (Presenter: Matthew Eberhart, State Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

State OHV Coordinator, Matthew Eberhart provided members updates on the OHV Ambassador Program and the background check process, interviews, and orientation. The Dealership Backpack program has partnered with TREAD Lightly! to provide \$250 gift cards for providing feedback on the program's success. The hope is to have the first batch of backpacks distributed in January and the first drawing in July of 2023. Mr. Eberhart also provided an overview of the website updates that are on the horizon including new trailhead information for across the state. Matthew also updated members on the Natural Restorations, Tread Lightly, and Sand and Water events he recently attended. Members had no questions or concerns regarding the updates.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Cobb would like to see more discussion on the accountability and responsibility of mapping application providers for user created trails and how to educate the public on using privately uploaded trails to mapping applications. Member Wood would like to discuss the Utah education legislation change and how Arizona may follow in their footsteps.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Member Cobb shared that his team Trophy Lite won the Baja 1,000 and that he plans to do a non-stop Arizona Peace Trail Ride in April for those that are interested. No other members had updates.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Matt Caldwell with TREAD Lightly! expressed that the accountability for the public and mapping application providers is an extremely good idea as more folks get involved with OHV use and attempt to learn about where to ride.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next OHVAG meeting will be in late January or early February.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Member wood adjourned the meeting at 2:20p.m.