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THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS AND TRAILS
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A. CALL TO ORDER

Matt Eberhart called the meeting to order at 2:01p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

Members Present by Phone: Ben Alteneder, Geoff Chain, Jason Cobb, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy, Charles Wood

Staff Present by Phone: Matt Eberhart, Mickey Rogers

D. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Election of 2021 OHVAG Chair and Vice-Chair.

Geoff Chain Moved to nominate Todd Davis as OHVAG Chair. Ben Alteneder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Wood nominated himself as the OHVAG Vice Chair. Ben Alteneder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Introduction of new members. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matt Eberhart welcomed back Jason Cobb and Todd Davis for serving a second term. He also introduced Tom Murphy from the Arizona ATV Riders to the Group and allowed him time to introduce himself.

3. Presentation on Arizona Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Laws. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matt Eberhart provided an overview of open meeting policy and conflict of interest laws. Each member was provided a copy of the slides from the Attorney General's Office and the information was provided in the meeting packet for the public.

4. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2020, OHVAG Meeting

Ben Alteneder moved to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting. Chuck Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OHVAG will Consider and May Take Action to Recommend, Modify, or Deny Funding for the submitted amendment for the Town of Quartzsite Project 552008. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Ben Alteneder asked if the amendment to the project award would negatively impact the projects timeline. Mark Goldberg from the Town of Quartzsite informed members that once the amendment was approved the project was ready to go. The contractor has agreed to honor the pricing while the amendment is reviewed by the Board and its committees. Holly Irwin moved to approve the amendment for \$86,697. Chuck Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. OHVAG will Consider and May Take Action to Recommend, Modify, or Deny Funding for the submitted 2022 Safety and Environmental Education Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Tom Murphy asked how the helmets and PPE would be distributed. Shelli Whaley with the Arizona Game and Fish Department informed members that the helmets and PPE would be distributed at outreach events, trail side meet and greets, and as vouchers in place of tickets. Ben Alteneder moved to approve the Arizona Game and Fish Department: Region 3 Youth Helmet Grant in the amount of \$4,815. Jason Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. OHVAG will Consider and May Take Action to Recommend, Modify, or Deny Funding for the submitted 2021 Supplemental Motorized Grant Applications. (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator)

Matt Eberhart Presented information on all of the Supplemental Grant Applications to Group members. Tom Murphy asked about the reporting process for grants and when OHV patrols would be taking place for Law Enforcement Applications. Matt informed members that the OHV Law Enforcement grantees are required to report bi-monthly for 2 years from the date of award. Micah White from the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Ken MacFarland from La Paz County both mentioned that patrols typically take place on weekends and holidays to provide the highest number of contacts with the OHV community. Todd Davis moved to approve Arizona Game and Fish Department Region 2 for \$30,000, Arizona Game and Fish Region 6 for \$30,000 and La Paz County for \$27,331. Holly Irwin Seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously. Todd Davis moved to approve the Wickenburg Cultural and Conservation Foundation for \$27,675. Ben Alteneder seconded the motion. Jason Cobb abstained. Ben Alteneder, Geoff Chain, Todd Davis, Holly Irwin, Tom Murphy, and Charles Wood voted in favor.

8. State OHV Coordinator Updates: (Presenter: Matt Eberhart, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator).

Matt Eberhart provided updates on the Arizona State Trust Land Non-Urban Plan grant, the Great Western Trail grant, Arizona State Parks and Trails Dealership program and the Waterfall Trail Emergency and Mitigation grant. Members were eager to assist with the dealership program and are looking to help distribute materials to other dealerships and rental companies statewide. Matt Eberhart informed members that he would be taking inventory of the materials available and would work to get them distributed to members for packing and distribution.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members expressed an interest in hearing more about the dealership program and the grant used to fund the materials. They would also like to review any new grants that have been submitted. Members would like a presentation on the OHV budget and where the program currently stands on available funding and current obligations. Lastly, the Group would like to have an update from the Arizona Game and Fish Department on their projects and education and law enforcement updates.

F. CURRENT EVENTS

Ben Alteneder has a legislative bill moving forward from the Arizona Wildlife Federation that will require any agency that receives funding from the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund to post their annual budget report on ADOT's website. Geoff Chain has a NOHVCC Trails Workshop coming up in March. Jason Cobb continues to host operator training courses as the industry continues to boom. Todd Davis and

the Trail Riders of Southern Arizona will be working with Geoff and NOHVCC to host the Trail Workshop at the newly designed Red Springs Trail System. In addition, TRS has their annual San Manuel race coming up. Holly Irwin had no updates. Tom Murphy is excited to be part of OHVAG and is looking forward to assisting with the dealership program. Chuck Wood is also eager to assist with the dealership program and is happy to announce that several local clubs and organizations are working together to establish a connectivity plan for the Alpine, Show Low, Eager, and Springerville areas.

G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Micah White from the Arizona Game and Fish Department provided input regarding agenda item D8 OHV Coordinator Updates. He expressed that his department should have a draft of the OHV Laws and Places to Ride Brochure re-design by the end of the month. He also shared that he was happy to provide an OHV laws hand out for the dealership/rental program.

H. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The Group agreed to look into dates for April to host the next OHVAG meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:42p.m.