

WOHVA Annual Membership Meeting Minutes - 8th Annual

November 10, 2013

Byron Stuck called the meeting to order at 9:27 AM at Clover Park Technical College.

1. Welcome/Introductions (Byron)

Attendee introductions

2. Approve 2012 Membership Meeting Summary (Willy)

The 2012 annual membership meeting minutes can be found in the "Downloads" section of the www.WOHVA.org website. They were accepted as posted.

3. Treasurers report (Willy)

- Beginning balance as of 9/13/2012* \$16,531.17
- Total income \$3,886.94
- Total expenses **\$3,731.36**
- Balance as of 11/08/2013 \$16,686.75

** Note: the beginning balance for this financial report is \$25 higher than the ending balance from last year due to a late-posted \$25 membership revenue entry. Since this is not material, the report will stand as entered and future reporting will plan to eliminate this type of discrepancy. Treasurer Willy Crawley*

- Committed funds
- Rally Fund \$3,293.38
- Legal Fund \$720.00

4. HB 1632 (Tod)

- The primary purpose of this bill was originally an ATV road-use bill
- Opens some roads under 35 MPH in the seven smallest counties
- Does not include non-highway roads
- Confusion exists regarding how this bill impacts the Hinkle bill
- To qualify, ATVs are now required to have a metal license plate, driver's license endorsed & pass inspection
- Creates a new restricted road use fund which can not be used for road maintenance
- Allows citations based on third parties reports, only applies to ATVs currently
- Removes the requirement to spend ORV gas tax on ORV facilities
- Provides some liability protection for ORV operators assisting in ORV related incidents
- Raises the age for adult supervision to 16 years old
- Exempts all ATVs from Discover Pass requirements
- WOHVA originally supported bill, support was withdrawn when anti-OHV amendments were added and the bill no longer supported the original objective

5. State of WOHVA Report (Byron)

- Where are we now?
 - Summarized various measures and indicators of the organizations vitality and success
- WOHVA board members – recognition for their contributions:
 - Norris Boyd - Eastern WA legislative and land use
 - Richard Elkins - WSSA connection, Charter board member
 - Dave Hiatt - Land use, political action, trail design, and more
 - Neil Stamp - Western WA land use, political action
 - Bryan Peterson - Communications, Facebook, forums, events
 - Paul Yelk - Where to Ride, webmaster, newsletter
 - Kevin McGrath - Membership, vice president, Olympia rallies
 - William Crawley - Treasurer, secretary
 - Tod Petersen - Not a board member, political action chair
 - Byron Stuck - President, keeps us organized

- Why do we exist? (Our organizational mission from our bylaws)
 - Work statewide to protect and enhance safe, responsible motorized OHV recreation
 - To pursue, promote, protect, and educate responsible OHV use
- Last year's strategy
 - Reviewed past years goals and their intent
- Past Year's report card
 - Gave the organization "grades" for the accomplishment of this past year's strategies
- Lessons learned
 - Shared what he and the Board had learned from the past year's strategy work and interactions
- 2014 draft vision
 - Shared a new approach for 2014 improving upon the prior year's work
 - Read from a letter from a long-time off road motorcyclist in the state; described the serious need for all OHV recreationalists to become active/to not sit back and expect the few to take care of all needs

6. Political Action Committee (Tod)

- HB 1755 – Clarified existing language that exempts ORVs at locations where ORVs are legal, did not pass
- HB 1954 – Would have raised gas tax and NOVA percentage of gas tax, did not pass
- HB 2001 – Would have lifted the gas tax lid, did not pass
- HB 2002 – Increase snowmobile fees, did not pass
- SB 5035 – Capital budget, properly appropriated NOVA funds, passed
- SB 5080 – Removed Discover Pass requirement for hunting and fishing license holders, did not pass
- SB 5084 – Lifetime Discover Pass for disabled veterans, did not pass
- SB 5097 – Allow spouses to combine volunteer hours towards Discover Pass, did not pass
- SB 5266 – Require vehicle registration renewals to actively opt-out of Discover Pass, did not pass
- SB 5289 – Allow purchase of discounted Discover Pass when purchasing a hunting or fishing license – did not pass
- SB 5319 – Lifetime Discover Pass for disabled veterans, did not pass
- SB 5391 – Clarified existing language that exempts ORVs at locations where ORVs are legal, did not pass
- SB 5868 – Would have lifted the gas tax lid, did not pass
- SB 5889 – Increase snowmobile fees, did not pass
- SB 5897 – Allows use of DNR and WDFW roads without Discover Pass, passed
- SB 5906 – Removed \$1 million from general fund and given to DNR for law enforcement, did not pass
- SB 5907 – Require no net loss of recreational opportunities on DNR lands, did not pass
- 2014 Legislative Session
 - NOVA funds may be at risk again
 - Possible gas tax lid lift at the expense of gas tax increase
 - Reduce the amount the DOL receives from ORV permit fees
 - Landowner liability protection
 - ORV road use, improvements on HB 1632
- NOVA lawsuit theft – case went before the supreme court and was lost

7. Land Use Committee (Neil/Norris)

- DNR has stopped allowing volunteers to use DNR or personal equipment for trail maintenance
- DNR volunteers with chainsaw certification are being told not to use their chainsaw
- DNR, DFW, and Forterra purchased land near Teanaway for preservation; part of Yakima Basin plan
- The final Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest Sustainable Roads meeting will be November 13th in Everett
- The travel management plan for the southern Colville National Forest has been approved adding over 200 miles of trails for ATV use!

8. Membership (Kevin)

- 17 club and organization members, three less than last year
- 2 business members, two less than last year
- Kevin proposed each board member take ownership of communicating with two or three organization and business members to assure communication and other tasks take place; he received support for this proposal and will bring it to the next Board meeting

9. Communications (Bryan)

- Get members to share newsletter
- Make OHV users aware of our Facebook page
- Get people more involved in our political and land action committees

10. WOHVA Where To Ride (Paul)

- What's new? (Many continued improvements):
 - Selectable markers – 4x4, ATV, MC
 - Works on mobile devices
 - New URL – where-to-ride.info
 - Additional OHV sites
 - Includes motocross parks
 - Includes local jurisdiction OHV ordinances
- Asked that user input be sent to the webmaster to continue to develop this great resource

11. New Website (Paul)

- Redesign of WOHVA.org
- New site and membership management will be through Wild Apricot
- Allows for implementation of Associate memberships; has been work in progress for most of this year

12. Board Elections (Kevin)

- Welcome and congratulations to new board member Steve Justham!
- Richard Elkins and Byron Stuck were re-elected as board members
- Standing ovation for Dave Hiatt after his return to the Board and recent retirement (again!); Dave thanked those present and offered that he will continue to support WOHVA in every way he can

13. Adjourn

With all agenda topics successfully completed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 PM.