

**CLHCC - Recreation Sub-Committee Notes**  
**September 27, 2022**  
**Pittsburg Ridge Runners Clubhouse**

CLHCC Sub-Committee Members in Attendance: Charlie Levesque, Dave Degruttola, Jill Kilborn, Darrin Jock, Eric Stohl, Harry Brown, and Matt Sampson (via Zoom link).

DNCR Staff in Attendance: Johanna Lyons, Clint Savage, Dwayne Covell, Pete Kenney and Maggie Machinist.

NHFG Staff in Attendance: Captain Michael Eastman

Other members of the public were also in attendance.

Charlie opened the meeting a little after 10:00am and asked committee members and the audience to introduce themselves.

Notes from 8/25/22 subcommittee meeting: Correct grant name from "Soundgarden" to "Stonegarden". This will be changed. No other comments on the notes.

Charlie reinforced that the new Public Access and Recreation Management Plan is due by the end of 2022. As agreed, upon at the last full Committee meeting the intent was to incorporate the 2012 & 2017 amendments into the 2007 plan to give a new plan for 2022. New proposals, like the ATV proposal we will discuss, will be included in the 2023 plan. Charlie asked Johanna to review changes she made to the 5/25/22 draft in response to comments from the last meeting.

- Reviewed action items and included some that were not accomplished such as the ATV trail connection to the First Lake businesses.
- Added an implementation plan which includes administrative tasks for the next year.
- Included a schedule for the development of the 2023 plan.

#### ATV Proposal

Prior to the meeting a handout of proposed ATV trails from Darrin Jock was distributed. The Trails Bureau Region 1 staff brought oversized maps to more clearly see the routes and connections. The proposal was sketched out on the oversized maps live by Trails Bureau staff live with the subcommittee members observing and commenting.

- Currently 11 miles of ATV use on roads permitted on the CLH property providing a connection to Perry Stream Land and Timber property.
- Proposal has approximately 70 additional miles highlighted providing loops and connections off-property to other systems.
- Darrin suggested that we shouldn't expect that more than 35 miles would be used at any one time, the full proposal is to take into account alternate routes if roads are closed.
- The club would prefer to be off the roads and on dedicated trails.

#### Discussion and Comments

- Matt/Dave committed to taking the proposal and transferring it on a large scale map to see details of the proposal.
- Matt is very concerned about mixing logging trucks and ATVs.

- Matt asked how road maintenance will be funded if the proposal moves ahead? DNCR is already struggling with road maintenance. Brainstormed responses included:
  - Club can apply for and receive GIA and RTP funds
  - Matt requests a proposal that includes management and maintenance along with the routes requested (including close out plan for roads used for temporary closure).
  - Liability needs to be addressed.
  - Harry suggested another endowment be created to support ATV use.
  - Human resources need to be included in the proposal; contractors, staff and volunteers.
  - Eric stated that the proposal should identify alternatives versus permanent routes.
  - Clint can come up with the cost of maintenance for the expanded network including department staff.
- Concern how new state contracting/procurement procedures will affect management and maintenance.
- Enforcement Options
  - County Sheriff's Office.
  - Trails Bureau.
  - What is the Town's plan to increasing enforcement?
- Enforcement Issues
  - After hours riding.
  - Riding in areas not permitted, off trail use.
  - Time to investigate accidents.
  - Speed (Captain Eastman has done several speed surveys and generally not speeding, loud tires make it seem they are going fast) – others disagreed.
  - Not just enforcement but education needed.
  - Captain Eastman can provide an enforcement plan cost for the proposed expanded network.

Harry and Eric said that this proposal is not ready for prime time – there is much work to be done before it should come to the full Committee. Harry motioned to recommend the recreation sub-committee continue the exploration of the ATV proposal to the CLHCC. Seconded by Eric

#### Discussion

- Report on progress of the sub-committee to full Committee in October but not the details.
- Include bullet items of issues such as crossing rights, use of roads not part of the State's designated road network, linkages.

The Motion passed unanimously.

Harry motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave. Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted, Johanna Lyons DNCR administrative clerk