

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

**Friday, March 10, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Transportation Safety Division**

**4040 Fairview Industrial Drive SE**

**Salem, OR**



**Members Present:** Joe Elliott, Chris Henry, Van Moore, Graham Munsell, David Peterson, Bob Reichenberg, Debbie Weber

**Staff:** Troy Costales, Jeff Greiner, Rachelle Nelson

**Guests:** Timothy Bagley (Bikers for Christ), Ray Boring (Bikers for Christ), Pat Hahn (TEAM OREGON), Mike Laverty (Oregon Transportation Safety Committee), Jason Lindland (Oregon State Police), Peg Munsell (GWRRA), Becky Renninger (Driver and Motor Vehicle Services)

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Bob Reichenberg called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Chair Reichenberg asked if there were any additions or changes to the February 18, 2016 minutes.

**MOTION: Chris Henry moved to approve the February 18, 2016 minutes as submitted. Graham Munsell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**III. RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – PEGGY MUNSELL**

Chair Reichenberg presented a plaque to Peggy Munsell and thanked her for her service on the Committee.

**IV. REPORTS**

Chair Report

Chair Reichenberg extended a welcome to new members Mr. Munsell and Joe Elliott. He also alerted the Committee that he intends to appoint a legislative sub-committee during the April meeting. He would like to include some of the liaisons as well.

GAC on Motorcycle Safety Committee Member Reports

Mr. Munsell and Mr. Elliott shared their experience with the committee training they have completed. They were both impressed with the two classes in iLearn, but felt that the classroom training did not meet expectations.

Van Moore reported that his son and Al Ault manned a TEAM OREGON booth. They indicated that there was a lot of discussion that the helmet law will be repealed and that soon Oregon will be a mecca for motorcycle tourism.

### Rider Education Report

Pat Hahn reviewed his written report with the Committee. The report covered training data; recruitment of the new TEAM OREGON Director; operations, facilities and equipment; training department updates, and communications and outreach.

### OSP Report

Jason Lindland reported that it has been fairly quiet lately, though with the warm weather ahead, they are preparing for more motorcycles on the road.

### DMV Report

Becky Renninger brought year end stats on motorcycle instructions permits issued and current total; motorcycle endorsements issued and current total, and the number of registered motorcycles. She reviewed them with the Committee. Troy Costales showed some of the national numbers. There is a discrepancy in numbers due to a difference in the criteria that is used. He is trying to get this fixed as they may affect how the funds Oregon received for the motorcycle safety program can be used.

### TSD Report

Jeff Greiner reviewed his written report with the Committee. The report covered current motorcycle fatalities; a crash shared by the ODOT TSD Law Enforcement and Judicial Programs Manager; a link to the Committee webpage in order to prepare for the communications discussion; the 2014 Crash Summary Book; the 2015 Annual Report issued for the ODOT Research, Development and Technology Transfer Program; the ODOT Motorcycle Safety Program initial planning meeting conducted with Gard Communications for 2016, and the ODOT TSD 2015 Annual Report. He further shared that the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee approved the proclamation for May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The Committee discussed the proclamation.

**MOTION: David Peterson moved that the Committee endorse the proclamation for May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Debbie Weber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously, with six in favor (Mr. Henry, Mr. Moore, Mr. Munsell, David Peterson, Chair Reichenberg, Debbie Weber) and one abstention (Mr. Elliott).**

Mr. Costales reported that he has heard that the process for Committee meeting attendance is changing. It appears that the Governor's Office will be the point for determining if an absence is excused or not. Two unexcused absences in a row may initiate termination of membership. At this point, it is unclear what they will consider excused other than illness. More information will follow once he is informed by the Governor's Office. He also noted that Committee members are eligible to attend the State Motorcycle Safety Administrators National Training Summit. He just asks that they volunteer to help in some capacity while there on official Committee business.

Not on the Agenda – Oregon Transportation Safety Committee (OTSC)

Mike Lavery reported that this meeting may be his last or one of his last meetings as he expects to resign from his position in May. He encouraged the Committee to continue to be involved in the Transportation Safety Action Plan process.

**V. ONGOING BUSINESS/UPDATES**

Transportation Safety Action Plan

Mr. Henry reported that they reviewed and affirmed the prioritization of action items at the last meeting. They got through all four emphasis areas. One of the highest priority motorcycle safety items is to promote legislation to require motorcycle helmets to be consistent with the federal guidelines. Some that they suggested be removed from the plan were: 1) conduct education and outreach to increase motorcycle helmet use and 2) conduct training and education to reduce the number of unendorsed motorcyclists.

The remaining motorcycle safety items were: 1) increase awareness of motorcyclists among the general public through education and outreach and 2) adopt and implement road service maintenance across jurisdictions that reduce hazards for people operating motorcycles or riding bicycles. Another item that he mentioned with the hope that it will be added to the draft plan is to increase awareness amongst motorcyclists that the majority of crashes occur with speed, impairment and roadway departures when the motorcycle is the only vehicle involved.

Another item is to educate motorcyclists to encourage safe driving habits. Other comments were: 1) that while it is still important for people driving cars to be aware of people riding motorcycles, most of the fatalities occur when only the motorcyclists is involved and 2) we should prioritize education to address impaired operation of motorcyclists. Another item for all road users was to require more frequent retesting and re-certifications of drivers and motorcyclists.

Mr. Costales reported that the draft plan will have two vetting sessions, one which will be back and forth with hands on editing. These sessions will likely occur in May or June. After the OTSC and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) approval, the document will be “frozen” and posted electronically for 45 days where the public can send in formal comments. This will likely occur in July. In August, those comments will be reviewed. In September, the final copy should be ready for this Committee to determine if they wish to endorse it. Finally, in October the OTSC and the OTC will decide if they wish to give their formal approval of the document.

ODOT TSD 2017 Performance Plan Update

Mr. Greiner is working on the final draft of his pages for Mr. Costales’ review. Once the draft performance plan is created, this Committee will have the ability to provide input on the motorcycle safety pages.

2016 Legislative Session Summary

Mr. Costales reported that there were two segments of highway that were missed in the 2015 legislation for increasing speed limits. This clean-up legislative bill was passed.

There was an omnibus bill relating to marijuana. Two parts of it related to driving. One was to seek to fix the open container part of the law. The other was to elevate the use of medical marijuana to get closer to how a medical prescription is handled. This would seem to allow those using medical marijuana to continue to use it even if they have received a DUII related to their marijuana use. That is not the intent of the legislature, so they decided to make it known that this does not apply to driving offenses.

The final area of interest was that they were looking at modifying the cell phone law. Currently there is division of how the current law should be enforced. Courts believe citations should only be for talking or texting, but the Attorney General's ruling was that it is the act of being hand held that should be cited. This one will likely continue to be worked on in the 2017 legislative session.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### *Not on the Agenda – GWRRA Presentation Regarding Trikes*

Mr. Munsell reported that he gave a brief presentation regarding trikes at the last GWRRA meeting. He told them that the Committee needs to know how they feel about it and asked that they come to a meeting to give their thoughts. They indicated that in Salem alone there are thirteen to fifteen trikes in their club.

#### **VII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Transportation Safety Division (4040 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon).

#### **VIII. ADJOURN**

With no further business brought before the Committee, Chair Reichenberg officially adjourned the GAC on Motorcycle Safety meeting.