

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY



FRIDAY, September 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Transportation Safety Division

235 Union Street NE

Salem, Oregon

Members Present: Sally Boyd, Van Moore, Courtney Olive, David Peterson, Jim Wyffels, Iris Yeager. **Members Excused:** Jim Stewart

Staff: Troy Costales, Jessica Clark, Michele O'Leary

Guests: Steve Garets (TEAM OREGON), Mike Lavery (OTSC), Becky Renninger (Driver and Motor Vehicles Division), Panhead Ric (RBMC), Jim Wall (GWRRA), Mel Yeager (BikePAC of Oregon) Bret Barnum (Portland Police Bureau)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair David Peterson called the meeting to order.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Chair Peterson asked if there were any additions or changes to the July 9, 2010 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Jim Wyffles moved to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Sally Boyd seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS

Chair Report

David Peterson shared an article about cornering from Motorcycle Consumer News. Chair Peterson will share copies of the article via email with anyone who is interested.

DMV Report

Becky Renninger reported that she is finishing revisions to the Motorcycle Manual for the January 1st implementation of Senate Bill 546 (Mandatory rider education for all new applicants.)

Rider Education Report

Steve Garets distributed a report about motorcycle safety training courses and reviewed it with the Committee. Discussion ensued.

TSD Report

Michele O'Leary distributed a written report and reviewed it with the Committee. She shared that motorcycle related deaths are significantly down. Ms. O'Leary showed a power point presentation that portrayed a broad overview of many years of data concerning motorcycle safety. Oregon recently did an observational study on helmet use and the result was 100% compliance. A lane sharing survey

and a portable tabletop display for motorcycle rallies were brought up. Discussion ensued.

Motorcycle Organizations Report

Mel Yeager shared that Bike Pac has their summit meeting this weekend. The purpose of the meeting will be to get prepared for the upcoming legislative session.

Panhead Ric of Road Brother Motorcycle Club shared that on I-5 southbound at 405 near the Freemont Bridge the road surface seems to be causing motorcyclist accidents. The Transportation Safety Division will check on this issue and report back at the next meeting.

Brett Barnum of the Portland Police Bureau reported that the 2011 National Association for Motorcycle Officers of America (NAMOA) Convention will be held in May in Portland. For more information visit website NAMOA.org.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Approval Requests

- Idaho

Michele O'Leary reported that Idaho has requested that their curriculum be a part of an Oregon approved course. Mr. Costales will check to see if he has the authority to make that change. Discussion ensued.

- IRT/BRT

There was a request to clarify whether the IRT is an approved course for new riders age 21 – 30. After extensive discussion the group determined that nothing should change for individuals under 21 years of age and they should continue to have to take the BRT. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Iris Yeager motioned that as other laws change, the BRT should remain the only option for candidates under 21. Sally Boyd seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

- Remedial Course

Team Oregon asked about whether a three hour remedial course should be available to those students who are not eligible to re-test after failing a BRT or IRT. A handout was distributed. Mr. Costales brought up the concern that the revenue could be problematic or that other vendors may want to be able to teach the course. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that more information is needed before a recommendation can be made. The topic was tabled for a future meeting.

Motorcycle Curriculum Standards

Michele O'Leary reminded members that a document, "Motorcycle Standards" was distributed prior to meeting for review. Feedback is due to Ms. O'Leary by September 16, 2010.

Committee Outreach and Motorcycle Rallies

Chair Peterson shared the importance of the committee having a greater presence at select larger rallies and venues. Chair Peterson suggested that there be an easily portable table top display to take to motorcycle rallies. The current table top display is very dated and not capable of being transported by a motorcycle. Chair Peterson also suggested that there be a Sub Committee form that could decide which events would be beneficial to attend.

TSD Conference

Mr. Costales shared that the 2010 Oregon Transportation Safety Conference will be held in Salem, Oregon on October 12 – 14, 2010. Mr. Costales further shared that all members of the GAC on MCS are invited to the conference opening reception on Monday the 11th. Thursday will be a panel discussion “Tackling Tough Topics” with the Governors Advisory Committees. Chair Peterson asked for any additional insights from the committee that they might present on.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Legislative Concepts

Mr. Costales updated the committee on the progress of the GAC concept to exempt three wheel and sidecars from the mandatory training requirements. The Committee will know more in early February. Discussion ensued.

GAC Correspondence

All recent correspondence was made available by Michele O’Leary.

Motorcycle Instruction Permits

Ms. O’Leary distributed data from the DMV showing how long someone held an instruction permit before they obtain their endorsement. The majority happen in the zero to three month period. Discussion ensued.

Lane Sharing Report

This topic was tabled until 2011.

VI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2010, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Transportation Safety Division in Salem, Oregon.

VII. ADJOURN

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