

# NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

## Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area Authority



RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHV – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –  
CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

AGENDA 11/17/2014 – 6:30 pm.

- 1) **Chairman:** Call to order. Time: 6:30
- 2) **Chairman:** Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Chairman:** Moment of Silence
- 4) **Secretary:** Roll Call:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>
D. Crawl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

- 5) Public Comment – Agenda Items Only:

**Chairman:** Is there any public comment on agenda items only? **NONE**

- 6) Secretary’s Report / Minutes:

**Chairman:** I would ask for a Motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting?

Motion:	<u>MACK</u>	Second:	<u>YORWARTH</u>
On the question?	<u>NONE</u>		
Voice Vote			

All in Favor?	<u>YES</u>
Any Opposed?	<u>NONE</u>

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**.

- 7) Treasurer’s Report:

**Chairman:** I would ask for a Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report?

Motion:	<u>CROWL</u>	Second:	<u>MACK</u>
On the question?	<u>NONE</u>		
Roll Call Vote:			

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
D. Crawl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails **PASSES**.

8) Bills:

**Chairman:** I would ask for a Motion to approve the bills as presented.

^ See attached list

Motion: CROWL Second: SCHWARTZ

On the question? NONE

Roll Call Vote:

<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

9) Correspondence:

**Chairman:** The board would recognize the following correspondence:

- Letter from Ecology & Environment, Inc. of Lancaster, New York - Relative to the Atlantic Sunrise Project.

10) Reports / Public Announcements:

- Through Sunday November 9, we have sold 5,314 passes and received \$123,051 in pass sales.
- We are open on Fridays 8-4, Saturdays 8-4, and Sundays 8-4, and will be closed for riding on 12-6-2014 for Rifle Deer Hunting Season, we will be open on the Sunday 12-7-2014 during the Hunting Season.
- Monster Moto held an event on the property the weekend of Halloween with LARRC as its food vendor, general feedback is the event was a success.
- AOAA will hold a benefit on Black Friday, November 28, 2014 for riding from 8-4. If riders bring at least 2 non-perishable food items, to be donated to Manna for Many, they will receive a free AOAA sticker.
- The Proposals for the Side-By-Side are due by the end of the month. The Board will review for a decision to be made no later than the January meeting.

11) **Chairman:** I would like to thank the following for the donations to the project:

- Milton Steel for the donation of steel materials to the Northumberland County Career & Technical Center some of which will eventually become gates for use at the AOAA. Thank you to Barry Yorwarth for the transportation of these materials from Milton to Coal Township.

12) **Chairman:** I would ask for a motion to submit an application for Tourism Directional Signs to be placed at various locations along the State Routes leading to AOAA. Application fee, signs, and installation cost will not exceed \$3,000, depending on the number of signs approved for placement.

Motion: CROWL Second: YORWARTH

On the question? NONE

Voice Vote

All in Favor? YES

Any Opposed? NONE

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

13) **Chairman:** Motion to authorizing the Chairman to execute the Act 13 - Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant agreement in the amount of \$150,000. Contract # C000059561.

Motion: YORWARTH Second: SCHWARTZ

On the question? NONE

Voice Vote

All in Favor? YES

Any Opposed? NONE

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

14) **Chairman:** Motion to advertise the AOAA Authority Public meeting and Work Session dates for 2015.

Motion: CROWL Second: MACK

On the question? NONE

Voice Vote

All in Favor? YES

Any Opposed? NONE

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

15) **Chairman:** Motion to approve the AOAA 2015 Rate schedule as attached.

Motion: SCHWARTZ Second: MACK

On the question? NONE

Roll Call Vote:

YES YES YES YES YES

D. Crowl M. Schwartz J. Backes P. Mack B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

16) **Chairman:** Motion to donate \$4,000 to Coal Township and send a letter of thanks to them for their support in 2014

Motion: MACK Second: CROWL

On the question? NONE

Roll Call Vote:

YES YES YES YES YES

D. Crowl M. Schwartz J. Backes P. Mack B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

17) **Chairman:** Motion to donate \$2,000 to Zerbe Township and send a letter of thanks to them for their support in 2014

Motion: CROWL Second: YORWARTH

On the question? NONE

Roll Call Vote:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

18) **Chairman:** Motion to take \$10,000 from the AOAA General Fund, and apply it to the M&T - Line of Credit Balance.

Motion: SCHWARTZ Second: MACK

On the question? NONE

Roll Call Vote:

<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>YES</u>
D. Crowl	M. Schwartz	J. Backes	P. Mack	B. Yorwarth

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

19) **Chairman:** Motion to send a letter to Girard Estate, Philadelphia to memorialize conversations with their land manager over the past several months regarding their properties in Northumberland County.

Motion: YORWARTH Second: MACK

On the question? NONE

Voice Vote

All in Favor?	<u>YES</u>
Any Opposed?	<u>NONE</u>

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

20) **Chairman:** Motion to update the Existing Trail Maintenance Policy as per the recommendations of the Director during the November 2014 worksession.

Motion: CROWL Second: MACK

On the question? MR. MACK RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLKS RECEIVING PERMISSION SHOULD RECEIVE IT IN WRITING. THEY SUBMIT THE WORK REQUEST IS WRITING AND SHOULD RECEIVE A RESPONSE IN WRITING.

Voice Vote

All in Favor?	<u>YES</u>
Any Opposed?	<u>NONE</u>

The Motion passes / fails PASSES.

20) **Chairman:** Is there any old business?  
*ON AT LEAST 3 DAYS DURING THE CLOSED RIDING SEASON FOR HUNTING THERE WILL BE OPEN GATES FOR HUNTERS TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY FROM DESIGNATED AREAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EAST PROPERTY.*

*THE ARC TECHNOLOGY GRANT WAS RECENTLY EXTENDED AND IS PROGRESSING.*

21) **Chairman:** Is there any new business?  
*MR. MACK DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM BAKER WAS RECEIVED LATE FRIDAY FOR THE 3 CURRENT GRANT PROJECTS (DCNR, 2 - ACT 13). FOLLOWING EXPLANATION MR. MACK MADE A MOTION TO GRANT THE CHAIRMAN PERMISSION TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH BAKER CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE SOLICITOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. YORWARTH, AND PASSED VIA VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY, WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.*

*MR. MACK THEN DISCUSSED A NON-ACTION ITEM RELATED TO THE LATEST PROPOSAL FROM THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION RELATED TO SIDE-BY-SIDES. DIRECTOR PORZI EXPLAINED IN FURTHER DETAIL SOME OF THE ITEMS PROPOSED AND HOW SOME AFFECT THE INDUSTRY IN VERY POSITIVE WAYS, AND OTHERS COULD BE PROBLEMATIC FOR THE SPORT. THE AOAA, AND ITS AUTHORITY SHOULD BE A CONDUIT FOR OUR REPRESENTATIVES BOTH ON THE STATE, AND FEDERAL LEVEL FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE EFFECTS THESE PROPOSED CHANGES COULD HAVE ON THE SPORT AND THE AOAA. WE ALL WANT SAFE MACHINES AND PROTOCOLS, BUT SOME OF THE PROPOSED SAFETY MEASURES ARE NOT GOOD FOR THE INDUSTRY OR THE AOAA FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DETRACTING FROM THE USER EXPERIENCE.*

22) **Chairman:** Is there any public comment on items other than those on the agenda?  
*NONE*

23) **Chairman:** Is there a need for an executive session?  
*NONE*

24) **Chairman:** Is there a Motion to Adjourn?  
Motion:     **MACK**    

Meeting adjournment time: 7:00