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**A.T.V. Maine Meeting Agenda**  
**February 19, 2011**  
**Hosting Club: Roxbury ATV Riders Club**

Call meeting to order at 9:26  
Please turn off your cell phones  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Introduction of officers

Dan Mitchell—President  
Real Deschaine—Vice President (not here this month)  
Nadine Stover—Treasurer  
Rose Sack-Secretary

- President's Report: Website—We are still working to get this updated. We have done much research on this issue and we are working on a solution. Our goal is to come up with a viable solution by the April meeting. We are constantly working on this issue.
- Directors & Officers policy has been purchased—Coverage for the officers for slander and liable. We had gotten a vote previously to cover this. It is \$535 for the year.
- Jim Brown will be here today to review more questions about our current insurance policy. Our policy has participant coverage, as long as folks sign in for the ride on the waiver form. It is very important to do the paperwork. Fundraisers and parades are definitely events. If you have a question on whether your happening is an event make sure you call the United insurance office at 364-3766.
- Follow-up to December ballots—oversight of one write-in—Dick Eastman received one write in vote for Vice President, 2 ballots postdated December 17<sup>th</sup> and those were not counted because of timeliness.
- Tiered membership costs- We have heard from some of the larger clubs that they pay a lot more than the smaller clubs. We are going to continue to look at this issue and to come up with incentives to make it desirable to be an ATV Maine member.
- We have started compiling a list of items of what ATV Maine currently does. Some of these items are the following:
  1. Better communication via e-newsletters, newspapers will be done in May and August.
  2. Ongoing relationship with DOC and Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

3. We have hired a lobbying outfit to represent us for the current year in Augusta. We have to have someone there to represent our interests.
  4. We have our Safety Trailers for youth training with an engineered course. We will have a Train the Trainer for setting up the engineered course at our April Banquet.
  5. We are working on becoming a 501 c (3) non-profit organization with the IRS. This will help with corporate sponsorships.
  6. We are well on our way to organizing a statewide trail system called the MATS system. This will be similar to the snowmobile trail system.
  7. We are doing a lot better job of paying attention to individual club needs. Clubs are going to have issues to deal with that are bigger than what they can deal with individually. We need this to get a Statewide interconnected trail system. We need to get what we are doing down to the club level.
  8. We are reinstating the newspaper and expect to have a May and August issue released.
  9. Participation in all of the committees in Augusta. These committees are important so folks can understand what we are trying to accomplish and how we can help them further their cause also. This is what will help make a Statewide Trail system so we can do destination riding. If we do not work with these groups we will not progress as we need to in our endeavors.
- Pot-of-Gold: Remove the need for permission slip. Needs to be a Primary member of that club. Motion made by Richard Barter and seconded by Mike Lee to revise the rules of the Pot of Gold qualifications and remove the need to have a written permission slip as long as the member is a primary member. Discussion was called for. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Eastern Regional VP appointment. Ray Archer has been appointed to replace Peter Poors who could no longer act in this capacity.
  - **Newspaper update**- First one coming out in May. **Start getting your articles to Tami to make sure they get into the paper.** Deadline for getting articles into the Newspaper will be April 18<sup>th</sup>. The newspaper will only be as good as we make it. We will probably be going with a magazine style and extras will be printed to get to dealers and interested parties etc.
  - ATV Maine Joins “SIC” for Sustainable Forestry Initiative. We are the second motorized group to join. This will be a big thing for ATV Maine to be a part of. Folks that buy paper want to buy paper from companies that practice sustainable forestry. They get good marks for quality trails and giving access on their land during their audits. ATV Maine participating will show that we want to help the clubs build quality trails according to the correct guidelines. We are helping to add to their bottom line without costing anything but our time. The first meeting will be March 2 that we will participate in. A suggestion was made that we should try to print our magazine on sustainable paper. It will be something to investigate.

- Landowner Relations Study final Presentation. This is now available. We are going to try to get a link on our website to this report. Part of the study included what the frequent complaints were. They included hunting, dumping and then ATV's came in third.
- Firefox-Website browser issues. As stated earlier we working on a solution to this problem.
- Vice President's Report: No report—Real not here today.
- Secretary's Report: Tax Status (501-C3) update—Bi-Laws committee has met and started the process of updating them to get them in compliance for the 501 ( c ) 3 submission. We worked with Accountant to get our annual tax return for the year ended June 30, 2010 filed. Nadine did a nice job in preparation for that meeting and basically the accountant just needed to do a quick review and file the return. Motion made by Bev Sargent and seconded by Mike Lee to accept minutes from last meeting as written. Motion carried and passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report:
  1. IRS update—Good news! Lawyer responded to the IRS letter and we received a favorable outcome.
  2. This same lawyer is the one doing the 501 c (3) application.
  3. We have received another IRS notice that the 2009 tax return was not filed on time. This is in the lawyer's hand to respond to also. Hopefully we will have another successful outcome.
  4. We have moved some of the funds from the checking account to a money market account to help us earn a little interest.
  5. Also clubs need to file their annual E-Postcard with the IRS.
  6. Annual Internal Audit was completed by Cindy Barter for the calendar year 2010.
  7. Motion made by Francis Smith and seconded by Brian Jordan that the treasurer's report will be held for the annual audit. Motion carried and passed unanimously.
- Business Manager's report:
  1. 2 more clubs have been added to the ranks.
  2. Insurance Update. 37 clubs have bought.
  3. Logo issues and delay in T-Shirts. We are working on updating the logo. We have received some samples but we need to make some adjustments.
  4. Update on Sportsman's Alliance of Maine committee. Tami went to the latest meeting.
  5. Update on American Income Life. They will be sponsoring our annual banquet which will be held April 16<sup>th</sup> and the fee is \$15.00 per member.
  6. Update on website Home Page ads, including Can-Am. We are cleaning up our advertisers—Many of these were old contracts. Those who are interested in advertising have updated their contracts and paid for the advertisements. If you have a business

that you know would be interested in advertising on our site have them get in touch with Tami.

7. Hosts for future Regional meetings. June—Southern, August—Eastern, October—Friends and Neighbors ATV Club, December—Northern.
8. Update on laptop purchase. \$839 final price.
9. Post Office Box and storage unit refunds. We got a rental refund on the box we are no longer using in South Portland. As well we got a refund of a security deposit and monthly rental fee portion that we did not use on the storage unit.
10. This is a reminder that if a club e-mail address changes to be sure to notify Tami so she can update the data base.
11. There will be a need to have as many folks as possible go to Augusta on March 7. Please contact Tami to let her know if you can go and she can give you directions to get there.

United Insurance: Jim Brown—14 offices in the State of Maine.

1. Feel free to get in touch with their office with any and all questions. The phone number and link are on the website.
2. If several clubs are sponsoring an event then all clubs need to have the insurance.
3. He held a question and answer session. He will be at the April meeting to answer more questions.
4. Those who have a policy that expires at the end of June and want to come back on board with ATV Maine insurance should get in touch with Tami for price quote and to get paperwork to apply for policy.
5. Make sure you get in touch with insurance company to determine if you have an event or just a club ride.

Trails Vice President: Trails Committee Contract proposal with D.O.C., MATS, Scholarship fund. Bill Lombard is sick. Dan Mitchell covered his report.

1. Contract with DOC has been done and signed. This will help fund the committee for the MATS system.
2. MATS trail signs have been ordered.
3. The Trail map will not be ready until next year so that we can contact landowners to get permission.
4. Even numbers are East and West and Odd numbers are North and South trails.
5. Each regional VP will do the initial signing.
6. We are incorporating a regional numbering system into the work of the MATS system. Ray Archer explained how this will work.
7. First Scholarship Award was made.

Lunch:

Pot of Gold Drawing—Sponsored by Can AM—China Four Seasons number was drawn but no one from this club was here to claim the prize. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle were drawn.

Steve Salisbury-Tread Lightly is a non-profit that teaches about outdoor ethics, trail responsibility, and keeping landowners happy. It is about multiple trails use and driving responsibly.

1. Tread trainer course will be held on Sunday April 10 is an 8 hour course. It is a very participatory course. It will be held at the Northern Timber Cruisers clubhouse in Millinocket, Me. He wants to encourage folks to register for the train the trainer. This teaches folks how to get the message out about treading lightly. There may be a scholarship available for the cost if you are interested.
2. There is a new magazine called Trail Rider.
3. He is newly appointed to NRTPGC (National Recreational Trails Program Grant committee.)

Brian Bronson--Department of Conservation:

1. Invite new commissioner William Beardsley to the April annual banquet.
2. \$1.4 million dollars in grant funds were distributed.
3. Trail BMP manual will be revised because of "SIC" initiative. Trying to hold 5 regional meetings this year.
4. Landowner relations program has been unfunded in the new governor's budget.
5. National Parks service no longer owns corridor between Phillips and Rangely so we can have a motorized connection. State of Maine now owns it.
6. Access Routes needs to be toted as to help the business owners.
7. Several bills in the legislature LD 616—Act to clarify landowner liability, LD 413—Act to clarify standards by which recreational vehicles may be stopped, LD 254—Act to amend standards by which game wardens can stop ATV, LD 223—Act to require written access to cropland, pastureland and orchards, will be applied to all recreational sports, LD 175—ATV Maine's limited period registration. There will be more bills coming this legislative season.
8. MATS signs have been ordered.

Legislation: Legislative update. There are two times during this legislative session that we will want to have as many folks as we can to show up in Augusta. You do not need to say anything—you need to just show up with your ATV T-shirt on and be a presence. The first one will be on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come to Augusta, Directions on website.

Lobbysits have been hired. The Pineau's have agreed to do this work for us again. We will pay them a monthly stipend.

Regional Vice Presidents and the Safety Officer:

- Northern – Real Deschaine
- Eastern – Ray Archer—newly appointed to take over for Peter Poors. Bridge issues to take care of. Airline ATV Club has returned to ATV Maine.

- Central – Ken Snowdon –Trying to get through Kokadjo. New town manager wants to talk with us.
- Western – Mike Worthley –Working on the MATS system trails. Would like to start a Regional Map.
- Southern – Ed Coleman—Outdoor Explorer Club now joined. Already has started planning meeting between snowmobile clubs and the ATV clubs.
- Safety Officer—Rick Sack--Train the Trainer event for Safety Trailers. Safety Training at The Gray Animal Farm in June. June 24-26 participate with the 4-H organization. Southern Maine has 6 safety classes set up. Working with 4-H club in Poland.

Friends & Neighbors Presentation – High Mileage Club—Fundraiser for ATV Maine. Encourage ATV Club members to get out there and ride more. By May 15<sup>th</sup> and register and give your starting mileage. By the end of November we will take your ending mileage. All entrants will be given a patch for high mileage and a certificate for participation. Individual registration costs are \$10.00. There are several different categories. Winners will be picked at end of season. There will also be a club challenge. Club Challenge will be \$20.00. Each registrant will be counted to get an average mileage per entrant. The winner of the club challenge will earn some funds to hopefully help offset the insurance costs for the next year. Dave and Carole Phillips are going to administer the program. Motion made by Mike Worthley seconded by Mike Lee to adopt this program which will be administered by Dave and Carole Phillips. Need to have 5 riders for the club challenge. Monies will come to ATV Maine and put it in a separate account. There will be a link on the website for the High Mileage Club forms. Discussion was had. Motion carried unanimously.

Let Tami know if you can volunteer to man the booths at the Sportsman's shows.

Adjournment-Motion made by Ed Coleman seconded by Claus True at 2:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rose I. Sack  
 Secretary