



ATV Maine

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ATV Maine Meeting Agenda

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Hosted by: St. Agatha ATV Club

Call meeting to order-Meeting called to order at 9:00

Please turn off your cell phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of officers, Regional VP's and Business Manager—Dan Mitchell-President, Real Deschaine-Vice President, Nadine Stover-Treasurer, Rose Sack-Secretary, Tami Kane-Business Manager, Northern Region-Real Deschaine, Western Region-Mike Worthley, Central Region-Ken Snowdon, Eastern Region-Ray Archer

- **President's Report:**
 - Talk by Irving spokesperson—Ked Coffin, We are glad to help the local folks to cross and use trails while ATVing. Currently 19 clubs have a permit with Irving. We are requiring ATV Maine membership by the clubs and ATV Maine insurance. All riders need to have an ATV Maine sticker and a club sticker. This is partially because of the insurance availability and we want the funds to go to the local clubs who are currently working with us. Those clubs are the ones responsible for helping with issues. Environment, Safety and folks enjoying and having a good time are things we want to emphasize. We are a logging, woodlands and forestry operation. Irving is very pleased with the way things are going right now.
 - New insurance policy quote: Vote on the cost of insurance to each club.—Underwriter does a lot of work for NASCAR and they are beginning to understand their risk in investing in us. We are also fine tuning number of events we need to purchase. Based on clubs that purchased insurance last year we can reduce price to \$550. Richard Willoughby made motion seconded by Mike Worthley to accept reduced club price of \$550. If we sell beyond the amount we need to recover then we will come up with a system to return excess to clubs. Peer-to-peer insurance coverage forms need to be signed annually. Folks that participate consistently during the year should sign the waiver once a year to cover them during the year for any incidents. For policy next year, we are expecting the waiver policies will change. Looks like you will just need to have waivers for speed

events. Brian's program covers half up to \$300 per year on the grant. If the State does not have to cover any of the costs for the policy then the State will get to a point of covering costs for ATV clubs. We are looking to enhance our policy in some fashion to cover club equipment.

- Discuss and Vote on By-Laws and Rules & Guidelines—Dave Phillips, Dave Cloutiers and Maurice Sargent was introduced as committee members that participated in review. Work also includes a revamped Rules and Guidelines and a Conflict of Interest Policy for our organization. Last meeting these were presented for review. This meeting we are looking for a motion to accept these revisions. Carroll Phillips made motion and seconded by Ken Snowdan to accept the revised By-laws, Rules and Guidelines and Conflict of Interest as written. Discussion was called for. Motion carried unanimously.
- Plans for attending to Augusta legislation for 2012—We currently have the Pineau's as our lobbyist but they cannot be everywhere, everytime. If you are not at table you get left out. We need to make plans to protect our interests. We recently had a bill that we put together about exempting recreational trails from storm water management guidelines. During that vote we were not able to be there and the vote did not go our way even though we submitted bill. We need to get to a point where we have consistent representation in Augusta.
- Website: Facebook—we currently have 1,100 followers. Discussion on whether we want to control some of the postings and possibly put a disclaimer that we do not necessarily approve all comments on all pages. Much discussion was had in regards to Facebook. Whether to keep it up and running or not. We are getting good and bad news on Home Page. We are going to table the discussion of Facebook. Forum on website was hacked recently. It is up and running again now.
- Stipend to web master/safety officer and President—Discussion had about pros and cons of paying stipends. President does not want a stipend. Motion made by Richard Willoughby and seconded by Mike Worthley to pay \$100 to webmaster. Based on discussion motion was defeated. Motion made by Richard Willoughby and seconded by Ken Snowdan to pay \$150 the same as what we were paying the other company for the website administration.
- Vice President's Report: MATS signs are going up.
- Secretary's Report: Tax Status, 501C-3 update, --Motion made by Deb Willoughby and seconded by Bev Sargent to accept minutes from the June meeting as posted on the website. Discussion done and motion carried unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report: FY11 year-end finances and the FY12 budget was reviewed. Working on preparing 990 for year ended June 30, 2011 and the paperwork for the 501C-3. Discussion had about whether to solicit DOC for the insurance cost deficit endured last year. Motion made by Ken Snowdan and seconded by Carroll Phillips to solicit DOC to cover the loss ATV Maine had on the insurance policy during FY11. Discussion had. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bev Sargent seconded by Richard Willoughby to accept budget as presented including update for Webmaster stipend. Discussion done. Motion carried unanimously.

- Business Manager's Report: Currently there are 82 Clubs in good standing. Newspaper went out on Friday. Absolutely need to get current membership addresses to Tami so that you get your newspaper. The reason a lot of folks are not getting their newspaper is because ATV Maine does not have their current address. Purchase of new ATV has been done. This was done because we needed one larger ATV for some of the older, bigger kids who come to do the safety course. We are training kids between the ages of 10 to 16. Meeting for December is being hosted by Airline ATV Riders Club. Friends and Neighbors will host the October meeting. American Income Life—unanimously voted at last meeting to increase amount to \$3,000 should be on next contract. This should be in place by October ATV Maine meeting. We will be at the Kittery Tourism Location on September 17 from 9am to 5 pm and September 18 from 9am to noontime. ATV Maine does own 2 safety trailers and are available under certain conditions to use by ATV Maine affiliated clubs.

Department of Conservation: Brian Bronson—Next Friday is the ATV trails advisory committee. Coming from the Governor, The ATV program needs to live within their means. Trail connection all done in Millinocket and hopefully will be open by Labor Day.

Lunch: Great meal of ham, potatoes, wax beans, coleslaw and cake.....Yummy....

Trails Vice President: Bill Lombard—670 MATS signs have been put up to date on the trails. We are working on a MATS Trail map. This will be both in paper and electronic format. We are still in the process of getting special permission from some landowners for their trail to go under the MATS trail system. As part of the signing we will be adding trail information signs to show where the trail begins and ends. We are using some of the same numbers as the snowmobile system to avoid confusion on the numbering. The snowmobile system used a lot of two digit numbers and they have run out of numbers. We chose a three digit number so hopefully we will not get into the same issue. Discussion done about MATS system. Bill will take suggestions to Trails committee.

Al Langley Scholarship: Amount awarded \$500. Next year scholarship will be \$1,000. Dan reviewed who Al Langley was and what he did for this organization as we always have new members and they may not know who he is. Please, if you know of college age kids who have been a member of ATV Maine at least for the last two years, please encourage them to apply for the scholarship.

Regional Vice Presidents:

- Northern – Real Deschaine—He wants to thank Ked for coming to talk to group this morning. MATS trail system is getting up and running. Signs are going up.
- Eastern – Ray Archer—MATS trail currently has 400 miles numbered and hopes to have 1,000 miles signed by next month. Next week is the Camp Capella ride.
- Central – Ken Snowdon—We have been working on smoothing out the trails. Hosting Camp Capella ride in Greenville on the 27th. MATS signs are going up.
- Western – Mike Worthley –Christmas in July was successful. Aerial photo of ride available online. Had our 4th annual handicap ride. MATS signs are going up.
- Southern – Ed Coleman—not here today.

Pot-of-Gold –Can Am Corporation has partnered with ATV Maine in the hopes of gaining more participation. This month's award will be \$300. The winner is Topsham Trail Riders. No primary member was present from that club at meeting so the fund will roll over to the next meeting.

Helmet Award—Certificate will be given to winner. Motion made by Ray Archer seconded by Dave Kane that member needs to be present to win the helmet. Discussion had. Motion carried unanimously. Steve Lavertu is the winner from the Madawaska Club.

Door prizes and 50/50 drawn. 50/50 donated back to Al Langley scholarship fund.

Tread Lightly –Steve Salisbury spokesperson. October 23rd at Caribou Recreation center will be the next Tread Lightly Course. Further information is available on ATV Maine website. He has an article in the current ATV Maine newspaper.

Camp CaPella rides are happening on August 27. Enjoy and ride safe.

Adjournment—meeting adjourned at 1:09.