

ATV Maine Meeting
August 16, 2014
Hosted by: Temple Trail Riders

Call meeting to order by Tami Kane @ 9AM
Please turn off cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of Officers
Count of Directors – 12 in attendance.

Secretary's Report: - Sherri Jordan: Minutes from June: Beverly Sargent made a motion to accept as read. Ken Snowdon 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ no opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Financial update: Balances as of August 14, 2014 – checking \$49,288.98; Pot-of-Gold \$300.00; safety trailers \$3,365.29; Liability Insurance \$4,488.76 (remaining balance from last year) plus \$10,450 received from clubs to date; High Mileage as of January 2014 was \$934.07, minus banquet expenses of \$506.46, minus 2014 Acadia membership of \$50.00, with a balance of \$377.61, and pending deducting \$100.00 awarded to Acadia Area ATV'ers if they purchase the liability insurance, which would then leave an ending balance of \$277.61. Calendar Raffle \$890.00 – with additional calendar sales received which have not been deposited as of today.

- **Al Langley Scholarship Fund** - \$7,321.84 balance given in June – Today's balance \$6,527.51 from QuickBooks as of August 14, 2014. The balance should be \$7,641.84 as of July 31st, 2014 which is the same figure from the bank statement. Nora will be checking on the QuickBooks for discrepancies. Ed made a motion not to accept until these figures have been corrected – 2nd by Debbie Scates. All in favor ~ no opposed.
 - TD Bank shared with Nora and Tami this should be a checking account instead of a savings account - this will allow for a paper trail. By-Laws for this scholarship account were brought to Nora's and Tami's attention by Liane James – documentation TD Bank did not have on file. The By-Laws state this should be a Savings Account. Not knowing these were in place – the change was made. Nora has the paperwork to enable Francis, Liane, and Hazel to sign checks if we choose. We now know this account should not be under ATV Maine's EIN number and should be separate from ATV Maine's accounts. The plan going forward is a savings account for the Al Langley Scholarship Fund under the guidance of the Trustees only - separate from ATV Maine's accounts. Richard Willoughby made a motion to have a check written to the Al Langley Scholarship Fund for the Trustees to open up a new savings account, with the intention of this being separate from ATV Maine, in the amount of \$7,641.84. Mike Lee 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ no opposed. The check was written by Nora and handed to Liane James.

Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DACF) - Brian Bronson:
Brian made copies of ATV Recreation Management Fund for the Fiscal Year 2014 – through June 30, 2014. He also shared snowmobile information as well. Close to getting

the ATV Advisory Committee going. There was \$105,041.87 left over from last year for club grants that was not submitted - spending more than taking in. Fastest growth of registration is out-of-state registrations. There is a 68-inch bridge in Rockwood on Plum Creek Land – machines are going around and Plum Creek is not happy. This is jeopardizing the use of this land. The biggest complaint Brian receives is from side-by-side owners who have damaged their machine on the trail system and want to know where to send the bill. The DACF is out of “No Motorcycles” signs. Brian is asking for any clubs who have a stockpile of these signs to please get them back to him. Game Wardens will now be keeping a few of each sign in their vehicles for Land Owner Relation purposes - all ATV Clubs work with them to be part of the solution. DACF’s basic approach has been to try to have as much of the trails opened to all dirt bikes, ATV’s, and side by sides. There are gates and bridges that will not accommodate larger side by sides and limits the use. Reality is, there are some trails not open to motorcycles or side by sides. Clubs will not be allowed to close trails to one particular vehicle unless requested by landowner. All State land in Maine is open to all – motorcycles, ATV’s and UTV’s. Trails are maintained for up to 60” wide. The State ATV Map provides that information.

Francis Smith shared this is his year to rotate off the Al Langley Scholarship Committee.

Maine Dual Sport and Dirt Bike Association (MDSDBA) -- Brian Pratt, President was not present to speak. Scott Hatch, Safety and Ethics Officers, spoke in his place. They are not an ATV Club and do not manage trails. One primary focus is working with ATV Clubs to resolve motorcycle issues. They set up a survey of their members – American Motorcycles Association – they want to share we are all in this together. For this survey conducted - 75 responded - 12% response rate; 74.6% own land. Largest land owner was 1,300 acres, smallest land owner was .25 acres; average acreage was 56.36 acres. Eighty-four percent would allow ATV trails to be expanded on their land; 6% have ATV trails on their land currently. Scott believes moving forward, MDSDBA, ATV Maine and DACF need to get together to go over this information. Motorcycles are leaving the showroom floor out of compliance for noise. This is why noise complaints come from motorcycles. Scott has had questions on why ATV Maine doesn’t have mini-bikes in their Safety Trailers. MDSDBA has a website with contact information to reach the Association for any questions or assistance. He would like to see a letter sent to each ATV Club for next season with the contact information enclosed. This association does not have many members – 60-70 Facebook followers.

Vice President's Report: Real Deschaine - not present

President's Report: Tami Kane

Unemployment – last update sent to the E-board on July 8, 2014. Below is the copy of the update sent to the E-Board via E-mail:

Here's what I know as of 4:43 p.m. today --

A decision has been made but cannot be given over the phone -- it will come by mail only.

This decision, however, now lies within the hands of their Legal Department. In summarizing this - they have a "shortage of decision drafters" and it could take another 4 - 6 weeks before we have their decision.

If there is still no answer at the end of the 6 weeks, I was informed I can call back at any time and I may very well be told the same thing, another 4 - 6 weeks.

United Insurance – liability policy:

Going into this year – ultimate goal was to be strong enough financially to have the insurance premium covered. With the figures of over \$14,850 estimated for liability insurance, our policy premium in the past couple of years has been \$32,805.50 - Estimated amount of \$17,955.50 missing to pay in full. Question now is “do we go with a financial agreement and pay interest or with the figures we have in checking account to date and borrow the remaining balance from the checking account to pay the policy in full?” Richard Willoughby made a motion to borrow from the general funds checking account of the remaining balance up to a max of \$18,000. Richard Willoughby amended the motion to a maximum of \$22,000 which would allow keeping the current balance in the Liability Account of \$4,490.43. Mike Lee 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ with one opposed.

September 3rd to September 3rd is the calendar year for the insurance.

Richard Willoughby has asked if United could come back and speak on exactly what the insurance covers. New flyers are available for anyone who needs them. Flyers were sent out with the invoices that went out in July. Liane James asked if it would be possible to get the exact information of exactly what this covers with a question and answer fact sheet to be able to share.

American Income Life - Employees of business members/sponsors of the clubs - Question of the \$3,500.00 coverage for all employees. Shane had shared there is no cap on the number of employees but certainly AIL would not reach out to an entire branch of a bank, for example. Tami asked if ATV Maine wanted to pursue this or not. Communication would be between Shane, from American Income Life, and the business itself. Vicki Eastman believes we should leave as is which would be to cover no employees of business sponsors. Ed Coleman 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ no opposed.

Blue Ribbon Coalition - Mike Lee made a motion to join the Blue Ribbon Coalition for another year, paying the cost of \$100. Richard Willoughby 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ with one opposed. Ed Zilinsky made the suggestion to move to the AMA.

Inappropriate conduct follow up: Facebook issue, letter was sent to Jeff Ireland. ATV Maine also sent a copy to Glen Dow, Director of ATV Maine for Moose Alley. Glen’s letter was signed for. Jeff has not signed for his letter. Letter to Mike Worthley was not sent, as he currently is not a member.

Tami also shared inappropriate conduct applies to meetings; i.e. heckling. We need to move in a direction to make this organization stronger. It has been reported this is one reason why ATV Maine members are not attending the meetings, because they feel

uncomfortable. From this meeting forward, meetings will come to a stop for any inappropriate conduct and addressed.

Newsletter deadline – September 6, 2014 – out to the clubs by September 20th

November 1, 2014 – out to the clubs by November 15th

Please send any information for the newsletter to Tami, info@atvmaine.org, and she will forward to Dan Parlin

LUNCH BREAK - Noon

Meeting back in order at 12:34pm

Room sang Happy Birthday to Genoria Bergeron from Temple Trail Riders.

Old Business:

- Position Responsibilities - Dave Phillips: Tami has requested to have this tabled until the lawyer has a chance to review them, specifically the Business Manager, stipend positions (Secretary, Treasurer and Web Masters) and Executive Board.
- Non-elected positions: This takes place in June. Positions were filled in June 2014 for the year, except the Budget Committee. We now have confirmation Liane James, Ron Green and Sue Lanouette are interested. Ed Coleman made a motion to form the Budget Committee with Liane James, Ron Green, and Sue Lanouette. Richard Willoughby 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ no opposed.
- RTP Grant update -- Ed Coleman: Ed shared that he didn't see any motorized grants put in at all. Grant money is available for clubs to utilize but the club needs someone willing to fill out the grant application. Mick Rogers from the State of Maine is willing to visit any prospective site you are thinking of.

Landowner Relations: Rick Laflamme contacted Tami to share they were partnering with SWOAM, Farm Bureau, MSA, LL Bean, Kittery Trading Post and Cabela's on a trash bag program to show landowner appreciation - \$1,500.00 to buy in for your logo on the bag per outfit. These bags will be promoted statewide and on PSA announcements on the major networks this fall. The logo on the bags would be:

LIKE TO RECREATE IN MAINE?
THANK A LANDOWNER AND PICK IT UP!

Tami asked if ATV Maine had any interest in participating in this by donating \$1,500 towards the project and provided the information of the tentative plan for this project. Landowner Appreciation Day is September 13, 2014. The question came up of how these bags would be distributed. Mike Lee believes this will be a good idea for ATV Maine to be part of this partnering group. Mike Lanouette shared we ride on 90% of SWOAMs land. Scott Hatch made the comment we would be paying \$1,500 for a logo on a trash bag that will end up in the dump. Vicki Eastman made a motion to table this until we find out how many bags would be distributed and how they would be distributed.

Ken Snowdon 2nd the motion: 5 in favor – 5 opposed – one undecided. Tami Kane voted and opposed tabling the bags. Matthew Jordan made a motion to purchase the bags by paying \$1,500 for the logo. Mike Lee 2nd the motion: 5 in favor - 5 opposed - one undecided. Ed Coleman stated because we speak of a deficit with the insurance, we need to think of this instead of paying the \$1,500 for logo/bags. Tami again had to break the tie – Tami voted opposed. ATV Maine will not purchase the logo/bags.

Regional Vice President's Reports:

Northern Region - Real Deschaine not present. Terry Sinclair spoke. He wanted to share information on the trail between Monticello Station and South Oakfield Road in Oakfield which he and Real had GPS'd.

Eastern Region - Ray Archer had to leave early. Ride on October 5th from Ellsworth to Cherryfield or Machias to Cherryfield.

Central Region - Ken Snowdon: Trails are open – working on more trails with town and also the town of Blanchard. New trail to B52 Loss Link Trail is closing November 15, 2014. The club spent \$11,000 in the past to fix this trail. Plum Creek gave them another stretch of road and should be open next season.

Western Region - Mike Lee: Mike has been working on a new MATS trail. He has also been speaking with someone about the Western District Rep Position - Ed Zilinsky, Temple Trail Riders. Ed has accepted the position.

Southern Region - Richard Willoughby: Richard has been out to a few different clubs. He hears the same from the clubs of how to get people to join their clubs. People are stealing the ATV Access signs in the Southern Region. August 30th, Pig Roast and Ride at Standish Gorham. September 13th the Southern Maine ATV Club is hosting the night ride to benefit the food pantry in Berwick. Ed Coleman shared the possibility of 300-400 acres of land in Sanford may be opening for trail use.

Dave Phillips shared a letter from Carole Phillips, resigning from the Recognition Committee. Mike Lee made a motion to send a Thank You letter to Carole Phillips for her service with ATV Maine. Liane James 2nd the motion - 10 in favor ~ one opposed.

Committee Reports: Calendar Raffle, Richard Willoughby: Richard wanted to clarify from the June meeting that this raffle was to be 100% for the Youth Safety Program. If ATV Maine needed to borrow the money ATV Maine could with the exception of 10%. Ninety-four calendars were sold; 41 sold by ATV Maine, 17 sold by Grand Lake Stream, and 16 sold by the Madawaska club. First Place will be awarded to ATV Maine and \$200 will be deposited into the Liability Insurance, \$100 will be awarded to Grand Lake Stream to go towards Liability Insurance and \$50 will be awarded to Madawaska to go towards Liability Insurance as well.

President Emeritus responsibilities: With all positions in ATV Maine being revised, Tami feels the organization should have a better understanding of this position as well – this position should not have been brought to the group and voted for on the same day without clear

explanation at the October 2012 meeting, other than the definition of “President Emeritus”, as to what they were voting for. It’s our responsibility now to clarify and provide the organization with the understanding that this position is a title only with mileage paid for attending meetings, without responsibilities as the other mileage-paid positions. There was discussion to explain that the webmaster and safety officer, for example, have responsibilities but are not paid mileage to attend meetings.

Debbie Scates shared she doesn’t believe there is any issue with paying mileage and doesn’t need to have anything else attached to this position. Debbie Scates made a motion that no responsibilities should be added to the position of President Emeritus and keep paying mileage. Ed Zilinsky 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ no opposed.

Al Langley Scholarship Fund -

Moriah Corriveau – St Agatha’s ATV Club – awarded \$1,000 Scholarship for Nursing
Shawnie Ellis – Sandy River Riders Club - awarded \$1,000 Scholarship for Nursing

Hosting Club 50-50 –Faith Snowdon

Central Maine Power Sports \$25 Gift Certificate – Ed Coleman

Helmet Award donated by Reggie’s and the winner was Michelle Clark.

Pot-of-Gold Drawing - Van Buren ATV Club - not present to win

Adjournment: Richard Willoughby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22, Walter LaRoux 2nd the motion. All in favor ~ no opposed.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherri Jordan, Secretary

Next ATV Maine meeting – October 18, 2014 – Southern Region Hosted by Southern Maine ATV Club
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