

ATV Maine Annual Banquet
April 19, 2014
Hosted by: Jeff's Catering, Brewer, Maine

Call meeting to order @ 9:10 a.m.
Please turn off your cell phones
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of officers

Secretary's Report:

- Nadine Stover made a motion to accept Secretary's Report as posted on the website. Ken Snowdon 2nd the motion. All in favor - No opposed - Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report:

- Nadine Stover shared copies of financial information were on the back table. ATV Maine needs to vote to accept. A motion was made by Debbie Scates to table this vote to accept the report, until everyone in room had a chance to review this. Ed Fernald 2nd the motion. All in favor - No opposed.
- Tami asked the room before lunch if the Directors had a chance to review the Budget that was presented. Bev Sargent made a motion to accept the Budget as is. Ed Fernald 2nd the motion. All in favor - No opposed - Motion carries.

Vice President's Report:

- Real Deschaine shared with the group the E-Board had decided to do an electronic newsletter in the off months of the bi-monthly meetings. ATV Maine needs a volunteer to do the newsletter. Jim Butler shared when the VP's send in their reports, to have this added to the newsletter. Dan Parlin of the Topsham Trail Riders puts out the newsletter for his club each month. The biggest concern is not getting information from the clubs in ATV Maine. Support will be needed from the Directors and decision on how long the newsletter should be. Dan Parlin feels a newsletter is a good way to communicate. This is a big commitment. Danny Nicholas made a motion to nominate Dan Parlin to produce the newsletter as Dan said. Tom Sapp 2nd the motion. Dan Parlin said he would expect ATV Maine to relay the information to Dan Parlin and approve what should be published. All in favor - No opposed - Motion carries. The e-mail to send newsletter information to info@atvmaine.org

President's Report:

- 501(c)(3) update: With the help of Congressman Mike Michaud, we were able to get some answers of where ATV Maine was with the 501(c)(3) that was submitted in December 2012. The response was that ATV Maine's application was missing some information. This fell under Page 7 - under Part 3. The Articles of Incorporation needed to be amended regarding the education piece of what ATV Maine stands for. The current By-Laws were not sent in with the application. The Directors received a copy of this Exhibit A amendment at the meeting today. The bottom line is the Exhibit A was done professionally by the lawyer and this is the document needed to fulfill the 501(c)(3) application. ATV Maine wants to give the Directors time to review the amendment and a vote is needed before we break for lunch. If this is not voted on today, this application will be at a standstill. Danny Nicholas would like to make a motion to affirm the E-board's suggestion to accept the amendment. Dan Parlin 2nd the motion. All in favor - 1 opposed - Motion carries.

- **Unemployment:** With respect to communication for ATV Maine, Tami hopes the E-mails are getting out. April 8, 2014 was the back-to-back hearings for the Employer appeal and also the Unemployment appeal hearing. The result of the meeting was a decision would be made within 4-8 weeks but one of the subpoenaed witnesses had an issue with an incorrect phone number. An additional telephone hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2014. Tami is unsure if we will have to wait 4-8 weeks from this date.
- **Bill Lombard Memorial Trail donations:** Moose Alley ATV Riders has a trail they would like to use for the Memorial Trail. The club is waiting for approval from Plum Creek. ATV Maine has a donation bucket and so far there is \$123 donated to assist with the funding of the signs for this trail. Decision will have to be made on the type of sign. Tami shared Bill Lombard was the previous Trails Vice President who passed away.
- **ATV Maine ride/event:** Tami shared with the room ATV Maine is suffering financially. It was discussed at the E-board meeting to have an event to benefit ATV Maine. A suggestion box is in the back of the room for ideas or you can E-mail your suggestion to ATV Maine. Francis Smith shared when Pine Tree Camp is not in session, the camp would be open for ATV Maine use. There are a number of cabins that would be available and there is room for campers and tents as well. We would put together an ATV Maine ride to go from Pine Tree Camp to a select destination. Francis has also been told the Skowhegan Fairground area has shared that space is available as well.
- **Treasurer Nominations:** Tami shared Nadine Stover had resigned as of February 28th, 2014. In the February meeting, Nadine shared she would like to be reconsidered. Real Deschaine nominated Nora Foster as Treasurer, Doug Kane 2nd the motion - Nora accepted. Ed Coleman nominated Nadine Stover, Ken Snowdon 2nd the nomination - Nadine Stover accepted her nomination. This will require a ballot. These will be printed and vote will be done after lunch.
 - Mike Lee, Sue Lanouette and Dennis Moody counted the ballots for the Treasurer's position.
 - The numbers are as follows:
 - Nora Foster - 25
 - Nadine Stover - 8
 - Sue Lanouette wanted to express her gratitude for all that Nadine Stover has done for ATV Maine over the past 4 years.
- **Congressman Mike Michaud:**
 - Congressman Michaud shared with the group he was enjoying the meeting. He really enjoys riding snowmobiles or ATV's. He was once part owner of a sporting camp in northern Maine. He has a personal connection with the outdoors and will continue to fight for the issues for outdoors. ATV Maine has done a lot of good work for over 20 years. Congressman Michaud shared ATV Maine was formed to bring a statewide structure to riding. He shared ATV structure allows for mutual respect and cooperation between riders and land owners. Congressman Michaud stated this is where ATV Maine members all have excelled – we have built long-term relationships with landowners that have truly strengthened, not just the ATV Maine communities but our entire State's economy. These relationships have led to six-thousand miles of interconnected ATV trails in Maine - this is a great accomplishment. Mike Michaud wanted to say the work and our passion for the outdoors continues to inspire and this was one reminder of what makes Maine a great place. Congressman Mike Michaud thanked the Board of ATV Maine, Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DACF), and also Ed and

Cate Pineau for their work. He also thanked Dan Parlin for volunteering to do the newspaper for ATV Maine.

- **Ed and Cate Pineau, ATV Maine Lobbyists:**

- Cate Pineau shared it is always a pleasure to see all of her fellow ATV'ers at the State House. This year has been quiet. The bill to increase registration fee \$5 to go into the trail fund for last year - the Governor didn't like this increase and turned it down. Ed shared this is an election year and we are going to be dealing with a lot of new members. It's important to get to know those who are running in your area. Pick up the phone and ask where they stand on our issues. Ed Pineau believes the clubs strong relationship with landowners is the key. Now is the time to start speaking of what is needed so we can be ready in January.

- **High Mileage Awards:**

- This season begins May 15th and ends November 30th. We had more machines registered, but only 64 submitted the ending mileage. These 64 machines represented eight different ATV Maine clubs. These 64 machines rode a total of 94,036 miles during the riding season, for an average of 1,469 miles per machine. The machine mileages ranged from 15 miles to 3,498 miles.

In each mileage category, a winner was drawn at random.

- Less than 750 Miles - the winner was Bill Ward from Midcoast ATV Club in Searsmont.
- 751 to 1,250 Miles – the winner was Ray Taylor from Friends and Neighbors ATV Club in Liberty.
- 1,251 to 2,000 miles - the winner was Lloyd Goodwin from Acadia Area ATVer's in Trenton.
- Over 2,000 miles - the winner was Vaughn Leach from Acadia Area ATVer's.
- Over 3,000 miles - 4 entrants – the highest mileage was 3,498 miles, ridden by Doug Young of Acadia Area ATVer's.

- **Mick Rogers, Supervisor of Outdoor Recreation – RTP Grant (Recreational Trail Program)**

(Information taken from Mick's notes)

- Provides funds to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized trail uses
- Examples of Eligible Project and Project Costs;
 - Development and rehabilitation of trails and trailhead facilities: This includes parking lots
 - Maintenance of existing trails and building new trails
- Since 2008, Maine received \$8,447,000 and of that \$2,787,510 has been set aside just for motorized projects. \$1,840,393 has been used on ATV trails since then.
- \$ 35,000 (construction)
- \$100,000 (exception is a bridge/engineer stamped)
- \$5,000 (SEE/additional grant)
- Can only apply for one grant a year (can apply for an SEE and construction grant in same year)
- How can your club apply?
 - Applications generally on-line February/March. 2015 is on-line and found at (http://www.maine.gov/dacf/parks/grants/maine_trails_fund.shtml)
 - Pre-site visits recommended by July 25.
 - Application due November 14 (Funding is split 30% non-motorized projects, 30 motorized projects and 40% diverse projects which would include two different user groups i.e. ATV and Snowmobile, ATV and hikers etc.)

- Reviewed first of January (MTAC/categories/split of funds, Maine trails advisory council is made up of members from ATV Maine, Maine Snowmobile Association, Land Trust Network, Municipal parks and recreation, Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Maine Island Trail Association, Equestrian interests, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, New England Mountain Bike association and Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands)
 - Recommendations for funding made in January. Those who received top scoring with be funded first.
 - Funds are released in March
 - Project awards made in April/May (packet/FWHA/Project agreement)
 - Mick shared with the group he would be willing to travel and meet with any ATV club individually at any time to talk about the program in much more detail. That would include nights or weekends. From talking with the group, there are very few ATV clubs that have been successful or applied for these funds. Hopefully more clubs will take advantage of this opportunity.
- **Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF):**
 - Brian shared Grant Applications were mailed out on Thursday. If your club does not receive the application, please let them know. Brian also shared the Grant Applications are now available to be filled out online.
 - Brian shared he has a new person in his office helping him, Jasmine Greenman. Her contact information is 207-287-2751.
 - Trail Work Recognition:
 - Brian Bronson only read off clubs that were present for the banquet - 277 people who have volunteered 40 hours or more for Trail Work; 28,522.5 hours of volunteer hours. A lot of work gets done by a lot of people.

12:00 – Lunch and Social Hour

- **Recognition Committee:**
 - Carole Phillips shared with the members that in your Club Membership Packets you will find a balloon-decorated page. Carole asked if you could please bring this page back to your club and share.
 - Bev Sargent, Kate Coulters, Judy Butler, Faith Snowdon, Deb Willoughby and Carole Phillips make up the Recognition Committee.
 - Award presentations:
 - Dedication Award was presented to Dave Coulters, Aroostook Valley ATV Club
 - Challenge Award was awarded to 3 individuals:
 - Ed Coleman, Southern Maine ATV Club
 - Mike Lanouette, Southern Maine ATV Club
 - Bill Waters, Southern Maine ATV Club
 - Committee Choice Award was presented to Dave Phillips
- **ATV Maine Charity Team:**
 - Francis Smith spoke on behalf of the Charity Team.
 - June 28, 2014 is the Annual Chicken Barbeque Ride to benefit the Pine Tree Camp. The ride will be from Smithfield to Pine Tree Camp and back to Smithfield. This is to

expose you to what the camp is about. An e-mail will be sent to the clubs with more information. The plan is to build five new cabins at Pine Tree Camps. They have built one and two more are in the plans for next year. Francis has been associated with the Pine Tree Camp for the past 30 years.

- Richard and Deb Willoughby are working on the Calendar Raffle.
 - ATV Maine Jamboree is a possible plan for late fall. Francis is going to research a couple of places. Pine Tree Camp and the Skowhegan Fair Grounds are the two location available at this point.
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- **50/50:** Winner was Anne Deschaine in the amount of \$282.00
 - **Door Prizes were generously donated by Cabela's in Scarborough.**
 - **Helmet Award:** Helmet donated by Pushard's Powersports in Chelsea. The winner is Pauline Hughes of Central Maine Trail Blazers.
 - **Pot-of-Gold:** Winning club Borderline ATV Club – not present to win.
 - **Silent Auction:** Liane James gathered items for the silent auction to benefit the Al Langley Scholarship Fund. Liane announced the winners. A total of \$459 was raised by the Silent Auction and \$53 was received with donations.

Adjournment: Real Deschaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sue Lanouette 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherri Jordan, Secretary

Next ATV Maine meeting will be hosted by Northern Timber Cruisers