

ATV Maine Meeting
December 13, 2014
Hosted by: Airline ATV Riders Club

Call meeting to order @ 9:11 a.m.

Please turn off cell phones

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers – Ray Archer, Richard Willoughby, Mike Lee, Ken Snowdon, Maurice Sargent, Doug Kane, Real Deschaine, Sherri Jordan and Tami Kane

Count of Directors 11 Directors – 1 Alternate – Someone from each region for the purpose of voting.

Reminder of Appropriate Meeting Conduct

Secretary's Report: Bev Sargent made a motion to accept as written, Ken Snowdon 2nd the motion – Carole Phillips has an issue because the minutes are not signed. All minutes need to be signed, i.e. “Respectfully Submitted” by whoever submits the minutes because they are a legal document. With the addition of the signature, all in favor ~ no opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Nora Foster is absent today.

Rick LaFlamme – Maine Warden Service – recently took over Landowner Relations. Rick started with thanking the room. Mentioning 6,000 miles of approved ATV trails in Maine – none of this could be done without ATV Maine. Rick also thanked Tami Kane for all she has done and will stand beside her. Rick can see the passion in Tami’s eyes in regards to Landowner Relations. Rick also thanked Brian Bronson personally for everything Brian has done as well. Rick recognizes he cannot change the past. He shared what we could do right now and where we can go in the future. We all need to be working with each other because we have the same goal in mind. Rick’s focus is to bring everyone together and work together. Top 3 issues are trash getting dumped on property, destruction of property, and lack of respect for the land owners. Rick’s big vision is to have someone in each district to work directly with the ATV clubs and landowners in their district. Rick has given out 33 kits since September across the state, from Kittery to Fort Kent. Two kits were issued to each district. When they respond to a landowner complaint, they will now be able to hand something to the landowner. The top of the bag has the Maine Landowners Land Users handshake logo so when the warden puts this on his/her tailgate, the landowner would see the logo. The bag contains signs and various items including proper tools to enable the warden to attach signs, paint and caution tape, hatchet, saw, garbage bags to pick up items that were dumped, disposable work gloves, safety zone signs, chain, padlocks, game camera to install for a landowner to catch the violators, Liability Land Owner Law pamphlets, pens, etc. Wardens also have baseball caps with the landowner handshake logo on them to give to the landowners. They just had an issue with a pickup truck of kids who were skipping school and thought it would be okay to go out in the field on the fresh snow with their truck. The landowner immediately put the blame on ATV’ers and hunters. The wardens went back to share with the landowner it was neither an ATV nor hunter. Rick shared other stories of instances where the bag/kit has been put into use since September. As a department, they do not promote closing land. They want to work with landowner to keep land open for use. Another 33 bags were put out 2 weeks ago and Rick has another 45 to get out there. Debbie Scates asked where the monies came from to fill these bags. Rick shared Cabela’s donated 111 bags, Brian Bronson gave him the signs for the bags. Brian Bronson shared if clubs are interested in getting the “No Dumping” signs, you need to contact Rick LaFlamme to get these signs. Ron Green, Endless Season Riders, shared a story thanking the warden service for helping out with an issue they had in his area during the snowmobile season. Someone went through a Christmas tree farm and destroyed 100 small Christmas trees. The warden service did a great job. Rick shared today, in 2014, the warden service has a great team. The game cameras in the warden bag are from Cabela’s and if your club is looking for a game camera – Rick believes he can get one for about \$150.00. Tami Kane has the contact information for the contact at Cabela’s and will send this out to clubs if interested. Brian Bronson mentioned this cost could be included in the \$500 reimbursement for Landowner Relations through the grant from the State of Maine. Many clubs do not utilize these monies. Rick’s vision for Landowners – there is no reason in his mind we could not fill the Civic Center with clubs from

MSA, ATV Maine Clubs and landowners who deserve appreciation. Rick wants us all to be on one “island” and work together. Rick spoke about the trash bag program and shared he is in hopes to have ATV Maine join in for the next time the bags are printed. Rick is promoting being an Outdoor Partner. For more information on this program, contact Christine at his office. Ron Green shared there are savings from becoming an Outdoor Partner. Debbie Scates asked about the Access by Permission signs. If you are out riding and come across this sign with no contact information, the only thing you can do is go to the local town office about the land in question on file to find out who the landowner is. It is not required for the landowner to fill out the information on the sign. Liane James asked how we could put this out to ATV riders from out of state that come to ride in Maine. Rick LaFlamme mentioned maybe Brian Bronson and Rick LaFlamme could work with Maine Tourism to get this information out. Brian Bronson mentioned Maine Tourism publishes a magazine and there hasn’t been any mention of ATV’s in these publications. Brian mentioned a membership fee would have to be paid to enable ATV Maine to be at the table. Terry Sinclair shared for years he has asked to go to the Big E to promote ATV Maine and has been told he could not. Dave Phillips asked Tami Kane if Rick LaFlamme could attend our annual meeting in April. Carole Phillips asked if we could get Outdoor Partner information for the April banquet. Rick shared any licensed agency in the state will be equipped with this information as well.

Rick’s e-mail address is Rick.Laflamme@maine.gov

Tami called a short break

Vice President's Report: Real Deschaine mentioned the need for people to help set up at the banquet and asked for ideas for the banquet. Room asked Liane James if she had plans to do the silent auction because many enjoyed it. Mike Lee made a suggestion of having a live auction if there was no plan of having the silent auction the day of the banquet. Tami Kane asked Judy Butler if she was interested in helping and Judy shared she would see how spring goes. Ed Coleman mentioned when the Ossipee club became 501(c)(3) – Cabela’s really opened up for them. Tami is going to check with United and also TD Bank again for sponsoring. Earl Oak mentioned he would step up with his club, Airline ATV Riders, and will get in early and set up. High Mileage will need a table for presentations. Carole Phillips mentioned reaching out to the ATV manufacturers – Can-Am, Polaris, etc. to see what they could do. Tami asked if anyone else had any suggestions for speakers other than Rick LaFlamme. Maine Tourism was suggested for the April meeting or even the February meeting. The Commissioner was also a suggestion.

President’s Report: Tami Kane –

- Financial follow up regarding the amount of \$402 which was questioned on the print out that was unaccounted for under Business Manager at the August meeting. The information was not available for the October meeting as Nora was absent but the \$402 is for mileage for meetings for Nora Foster of \$127, Ken Snowdon of \$94 and \$16, Mike Lee of \$165 totaling the \$402.
- Nora Foster will work on completing the 990EZ.
- Liability policy – Policy first purchased in 2010. Complete understanding was long overdue to have the clubs know exactly what the policy consists of and covers. The communications for this began October 28, 2014. Tami went back and forth many times with emails and phone calls with Naughton Insurance and United Insurance. Once Tami had a better understanding, she included Scott Ramsay, Brian Bronson, Jim Caron, and Real Deschaine in the emails and Ked Coffin (Irving Land) in a phone call, and a letter went out dated December 6, 2014 with great explanation. Some insurances that are offered to clubs are event only. Ked Coffin of Irving Land is going to revise his permit for 2015 to reflect the wording “Motorsports Commercial General Liability” (CGL). A revised certificate has been issued for each club who has purchased the insurance to date. The revised certificates have been sent to the clubs and an email went out to the clubs as well with the letter. Tami summarized the letter and it has been approved by Naughton Insurance. This policy is not an event only policy – this policy covers activities and events held by the club,

covers Executive Officers and Directors. One change is the event form will only need to be submitted if you are hosting a competitive event such as the Mud Rodeo Turner Timberland has had in the past. Approved by ATV Maine means events are free of Alcohol use. Clubs can now have members sign a waiver once a year. The policy is a \$3,000,000 aggregate. Tami was pleased with the information gathered because we now have a thorough explanation of the policy and moving forward we all are aware of what the policy consists of, including Brian Bronson and Ked Coffin. Dave Phillips thanked Tami Kane for getting this taken care of. Tami also shared the clubs can reach out to United Insurance with any further questions.

Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DACF) - Brian Bronson spoke regarding MATS & the Trails contract with State. ATV Maine has been basically inactive with this for the past 3 years. December 31, 2014 is the date the contract needs to be submitted to Brian Bronson. Tami e-mailed Brian to ask where we have been inactive if ATV Maine should complete this contact proposal. The response was, unless ATV Maine has the man power and a plan – Brian Bronson said ATV Maine is not making any headway on MATS. This is disappointing. Brian has recently received paperwork from a club stating they have a MATS trail that Brian has not been made aware of. Brian is at the point now when he is asked about MATS he is embarrassed because he has said for 5 years we would have a MATS trail and here we are not moving forward. Tami asked if ATV Maine chooses to not submit the paperwork for 2015, will ATV Maine be able to submit the paperwork for 2016. Brian said we need to figure this out or give up on it. When paperwork is submitted, ATV Maine needs to submit what has been completed in the previous year. Brian has not received any MATS information from ATV Maine since 2011. Brian says this is unfortunate and is not pointing fingers. A viable plan needs to be in place to move forward with everyone on board. Brian believes the MATS program needs to happen but there are some disconnects. Brian shared communication with landowners needs to be on a regular basis. By doing so, landowners will have contact information for the club and the club would be aware of any changes in ownership of property with club trails on it. Carole Phillips asked if this was no longer an ATV Maine contract, could Brian contract with another group. Brian shared that is possible but would not look good for ATV Maine. Richard Willoughby asked if ATV Maine started by trying to do too much? Would it be better to concentrate on one area at a time? Brian shared mileage would be an issue to pay. Each area should have a group to work on trails in that area to complete this. Results need to happen. ATV Maine needs to pick goals and stick to them. The room thanked Brian Bronson. Brian also wanted to make the room aware he is without a secretary right now.

Dave Coulter was presented with a pin given by the Veterans Administration as the oldest member in the room.

Nominations

Treasurer: Tami asked the room 3 times if we had any nominations for Treasurer with no response from room.

Secretary - as Sherri Jordan is stepping down. Sherri shared with the room she could not handle all she had this summer again. Sherri appreciated the help people have offered in entering membership information but unfortunately the database is in one computer, the Secretary computer at the moment, and this cannot be a shared responsibility. Sherri has a full time job, very busy lifestyle along with her husband Matt is the President of their ATV Club and Sherri is the Treasurer. At this point, there are changes in responsibilities and adding responsibilities of the club database is too much for Sherri to do. Sherri apologized to the room for her decision but with conflicts this isn't fun anymore. Tami asked the room 3 times if we had any nominations for Secretary with no response from room.

Central Region VP needs to be opened – Francis Smith was not a member of ATV Maine in October when nominated. Mike Lee nominated Doug Kane. Tami asked the room 3 times if there were any other nominations. With only one nomination being Doug Kane, Tami Kane asked Doug if he would accept the nomination. Doug said he would think about it over lunch.

Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator - Richard Willoughby asked if Dave Phillips would be interested. Dave shared with the room he does not have time. Tami asked the room 3 times if there were

any other nominations with no response.

- Mike Lee also shared with Tami Kane we need to ask the room for Western Maine VP because at the time of nomination in October 2014, Mike was not an active member in an ATV Maine affiliated club. This has since been rectified.
 - Deb Willoughby nominated Mike Lee for Western Maine VP. Mike Lee shared he would think about it over lunch because what needs to be done cannot be done alone. Tami asked the room 3 times if there were any other nominations with no response from the room.

Lunch Break was called at 12:17 p.m.

Meeting back in session at 12:57 p.m.

Tami called the staff out from the kitchen and thanked them for a great meal.

Newsletter deadline – January 3, 2015 and information can be sent to info@atvmaine.org Bev Sargent asked the question of how the ATV Maine Newsletter is sent to members who do not have an e-mail address. The newsletter is sent out electronically to the 2 contacts for the club and the clubs distribute to those who need it printed out. Tami also shared with the room she has been working on getting e-mail addresses for people/businesses such as Westport Motorsports to enable them to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter. Ed Coleman shared with the room we may want to consider looking into how many ATV Maine members do not have an e-mail address.

Old Business:

- Budget Committee: Tami shared at the October 2014 meeting a third person was needed for this committee. Liane James and Ron Green are on the committee. Sue Lanouette stepped down from the committee in October 2014. Tami asked if there was any other interest in becoming a budget committee member. To date – no meeting has been made and there is no Treasurer at this time. Budget Committee will be on hold until ATV Maine has a Treasurer.
- Recognition Committee: Deb Willoughby and Judy Butler are members of the committee at this time. Carole Phillips shared she would help out but would have to do so from her house. The committee is in need of 3 more members. Recognition Committee is on hold until more members have joined.

New Business:

- Facebook – Tami reminded we had a discussion on Facebook in October. This information was added to the newsletter as well. Shane Brown from the Airline ATV Riders Club is the only person who has expressed interest in managing Facebook. This page needs to be set up as a Business instead of a personal page. Tom Sapp made a motion if all who listened to the presentation from Shane Brown last night to nominate Shane Brown to be Administrator of ATV Maine's Facebook Page and Tami Kane to be a co-administrator for the page as well.
- Tom Sapp amended his motion – Tom Sapp made a motion to nominate Shane Brown to create a Facebook page, with Shane Brown as the primary Admin and the Web Master or one of the ATV Maine Officers as co-administrator. Mike Lee 2nd the motion. All in favor no opposed. Tami Kane shared with the room Shane said he could have the page up and running in 2 weeks. Shane@bangormotorsports.net is Shane's email. Many questions were asked regarding Facebook & ATV Maine. Ed Coleman asked the room if ATV Maine should gather questions and meet with Shane Brown to go over the items in question. Liane James asked what our goal would be having an ATV Maine Facebook Page. The goal should be to increase ATV Maine membership and enable ATV Maine to have better communication. Bev Sargent shared Ed Coleman's idea of submitting our questions to one person and have someone go over the questions with Shane. E-mail Tami Kane with any questions we can come up with. Liane James,

Debbie Scates, Sherri Jordan, Danielle Barcelou and Tami Kane will get together and meet with Shane Brown.

- **Meeting locations:** Tami sent out an e-mail regarding meeting locations. The question has come up to have meetings in one location throughout the year to try and get better attendance. Example of a location is in the Bangor/Brewer area. Tami has received responses from the e-mail sent from having meetings centralized and having meetings available to do over conference calls. Tom Sapp asked if this would require a change in the By-Laws. This would create a need to change the Rules and Guidelines not By-Laws. Debbie Scates asked if we could take this information back to our own clubs to get their feedback. Jim Butler shared to have October, December and February in the same place and the remaining meetings throughout the state. Tami wanted the room to know this was an open discussion.

Tami Kane shared with the room there are issues of why ATV Maine is where it is today. Currently, the Secretary and Treasurer Position will be vacant in 2015.

- Nominations:
 - Tami Kane asked Doug Kane if he would accept the nomination for Central Maine VP and he accepted.
 - Mike Lee accepted the nomination for the Western Maine VP.
- **Elections**
 - Results of the voting is as follows:
 - President: Tami Kane
 - Vice President: Real Deschaine
 - Treasurer: Vacant
 - Secretary: Vacant
 - Western VP: Vacant
 - Northern VP: Real Deschaine
 - Central VP: Vacant
 - Southern VP: Richard Willoughby
 - Trails VP: Ray Archer
 - Eastern VP: Ray Archer
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There were 2 write-ins on the ballot but we are unable to do write-ins. These three below are null and void.

- Treasurer: Liane James
- Secretary: Sherri Jordan
- Central VP: Ken Snowdon
- Western VP and Central VP cannot be voted on today because the nomination needs to be brought to the next meeting for voting. The E-board can appoint someone temporarily until the next meeting. Tami called a vote from the E-board to appoint someone to Central and Western VP temporarily. Richard Willoughby made a motion to temporarily appoint Doug Kane to Central VP. Ed Coleman 2nd the motion. 6 members of the E-Board were in favor.
- Ed Coleman made a motion to temporarily appoint Mike Lee for Western VP. Richard Willoughby 2nd the motion. 6 members of the E-Board were in favor.

Al Langley Scholarship Fund: Liane James shared at the August meeting the Scholarship bank account was transferred to the Scholarship Fund Committee, \$7641.84 was the opening balance. The balance to date is \$7780.95. The 2015-2016 applications are welcome at this time -Deadline is April 30, 2015. Applications are

available on the website or you can contact Liane James. Liane James will take responsibility for the Silent Auction at the banquet. Liane James would like to request the \$100 donation from ATV Maine.

Richard Willoughby shared with the room that Tami Kane has put in a lot of time for ATV Maine due to ATV Maine not having a Business Manager. For the last year, Tami has saved ATV Maine over \$14,000 and has done all the work for us in several different areas and wondered if ATV Maine would be interested in giving her a one-time \$1,000 for doing this work. Richard Willoughby made a motion to give Tami Kane a one-time thank you donation of \$1,000 for all she has done for ATV Maine. Mike Lee 2nd the motion. 6 in favor 1 opposed.

Safety Officer's Report: Doug Kane shared the trailer went out a few times this summer and Real's went out 3 times. Doug has been in contact with Ron Fournier. Ron is putting together the Moose Lottery Drawing for 2015 and would like ATV Maine present at this event. Doug would like to ask for help for June 13th for this event. Doug believes this is going to be a great opportunity. Doug is looking to purchase 4 new tires and rims for Real's trailer in the spring. Mike Lee asked if we could look into getting tires/wheels donated. Doug is going to start in January for advertising on the trailer. Depending on how the solicitation goes, he is looking to purchase a bigger ATV than the 90cc for the trailer Real has. Matt Jordan suggested ATV Maine pay for a spot at the Sportsmen Show in Augusta. Earl Oak mentioned his club does 2 booths at the Bangor Sportsman Show and maybe ATV Maine could be a part of those.

Regional Vice Presidents Reports:

- Northern Region - Real Deschaine: Nothing to report.
- Eastern Region - Ray Archer: Snowed in. Rail bed will be done by next fall extended into Ellsworth.
- Central Region - Ken Snowdon – Trail to Kokadjo has been done.
- Western Region - Mike Lee has a couple individuals in Western Maine that make it impossible for Mike to do his job. Mike Lee believes it is time for ATV Maine to have each other's back.
- Southern Region - Richard Willoughby – got snow on the ground. Ed Coleman announced the boardwalk (540 feet long) is now complete and trail is open with 25 miles of trail. Ed Coleman also wanted to make sure they thanked Brian Bronson.

Hosting Club 50-50: Mike Lee was the winner of \$45 and donated \$23 back to the ATV Maine's General Fund and \$22 back to Airline ATV Riders.

**Liane James was the winner of the picture donated by Ray Archer
Francis Smith won candle holders
Faith Snowdon won a cargo net**

Helmet Award – Barb Oak

Pot-of-Gold Drawing – Acadia was the winner with Bev Sargent present to win.

Adjournment ~ Richard Willoughby made a motion to adjourn. Bev Sargent 2nd the motion. All in favor with no opposed.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherri Jordan, Secretary

Next ATV Maine meeting – February 21, 2015 – Northern Region
Hosted by: TBD